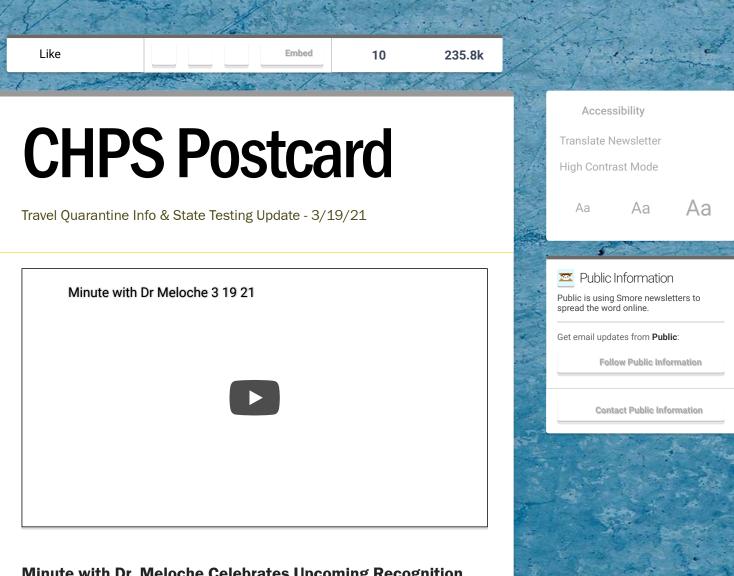
CHPS Postcard



Minute with Dr. Meloche Celebrates Upcoming Recognition Day

WE bring you the latest Minute with Dr. Meloche, above, from the school we call "the happiest place in education." Find out why Dr. Meloche is there, and what <u>significant day</u> is recognized on March 21!

Travel Quarantine Information Available Online



Maintaining the health and safety of our school community is of utmost importance, particularly during this unprecedented pandemic situation.

Providing a safe environment is a partnership between parents/guardians and the school district. **Please note that the state of New Jersey strongly discourages all non-essential, out-of-state travel at this time.** If you have traveled or travel during Spring Break, please follow the applicable <u>travel</u> <u>guidelines for students</u> and <u>travel guidelines for staff</u> available on our website.

The CHPS has put into place many measures to keep our students and staff safe while they are in school. We ask that our parents and guardians help to prevent the spread of COVID, as well as other illnesses by:

- Following the COVID-19 checklist guidelines
- Reporting to the nurse if your child or any household member tests positive for COVID, or if they have an actual or suspected COVID exposure
- Keeping your child home when they are sick,

- · Promptly picking your child up if they become sick at school,
- Alerting the school nurse about any planned travel to discuss the required post-quarantine guideline, prior to sending your child back to school

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your school nurse for guidance.

State Testing Date Updates

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has recently released updated information pertaining to spring 2021 State Testing.

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) recognizes the disruption to education as the COVID19 pandemic persists for schools and districts and therefore has requested a waiver to the United States Department of Education (USED) for spring 2021 State Testing. While the USED is currently maintaining the requirement that all states administer statewide assessments, the NJDOE will continue to pursue additional assessment flexibility.

Meanwhile, our school community must prepare for all contingencies. Under federal law, the USED has 120 days from submission (3/19/21) to respond to the NJDOE's waiver request. If the waiver is denied or is still pending as of the scheduled assessment dates, spring assessment administration will move forward as required by federal law. For this reason, the NJDOE plans a significantly amended statewide assessment administration this spring:

Statewide Assessment	Original Start Date	New Testing Window
ACCESS for ELLs	February 16, 2021	April 5, 2021 to June 11, 2021
DLM	March 8, 2021	April 5, 2021 to June 11, 2021
NJSLA Math, ELA, Science	March 15, 2021	May 3, 2021 to June 11, 2021

We will continue to communicate with you as we are provided with further information from the NJDOE.

Summer 2021 Updates

Thanks to an extension of federal funds, WE will continue to distribute 7 free breakfasts, 7 free lunches, and 10 free snacks per week to EACH student in Cherry Hill – public, private or home schooled – through this summer. No income threshold is necessary to receive meals/snacks.

Also through the summer of 2021: Any family currently receiving free wifi from the District will automatically keep it through the summer, unless their youngest/only child is a high school senior (Class of 2021).

Snacks Added to Meal Distribution Each Monday

Snacks are now a part of our distribution of FREE meals to ALL CHERRY HILL STUDENTS (public, private and home-schooled). Come pick up 7 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 5 days' worth of snacks (dry & nut-free and refrigerated items) each Monday at High Schools East or West from noon-2 pm or 4-6 pm. Academic enrichment worksheets about health and nutrition will now be included, too.

Meal distribution during Spring Break will be on Monday, March 29, 2021.





Mask Up to Pick Up!

Friendly reminder: Please mask up when picking up FREE meals/snacks! WE want to keep you & our Aramark team safe & healthy as they hand out meals to 1,000+ cars each Monday while being unable to maintain 6 feet of distance. These are state, Cherry Hill, Aramark & CDC guidelines.

Reminder: 2021-2022 Kindergarten Registration Is Ongoing

Registration for kindergarten and 1st grade for the 2021-2022 school year is underway! Because of COVID restrictions, parents are asked to register their children online. <u>Full details are available on our website.</u>

2021-2022 Barclay Early Childhood Center Waiting List Applications Available

The enrollment period for inclusion preschool classes at the Barclay Early Childhood Center has ended. At this time, we are accepting Waiting List Applications. We keep the waiting list rolling until March 1 of the specific school year (March 2022). The <u>2021-2022 Waiting List Application</u> is now available online.

SACC Registration Opens May 3, 2021

School Age Child Care (SACC) registration for the 2021-2022 school year begins May 3, 2021. Full information is available on the <u>School Age Child Care & STEP page</u> of the District website.

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