

# CHPS WEEKLY

*A weekly update from the Cherry Hill Public Schools*

Beck Middle School's Holiday Concert at the Lewis Administration Building 12.21.23



## **A Message from the Acting Superintendent**

Greetings!

As Winter Break is upon us, I'd like to offer my best wishes to everyone in the CHPS community for the happiest of holidays.

This week was filled with special events in and outside of our schools. I was fortunate enough to attend a few, including the return of the Cherry Hill Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Holiday Party on Monday at the Doubletree Hotel in Cherry Hill. After a three-year absence, this incredible event for special needs students throughout the Camden/Burlington

County area did not disappoint! Student volunteers from High Schools East and West served as pre-party decorators, waiters, dance partners and more for the hundreds of guests. Cherry Hill High School East's Mime Company provided roving entertainment, and even the Phillie Phanatic made an appearance!

Back at the administration building on Thursday, I had the privilege of joining the central office staff as we were treated to the annual holiday concert by the student musicians of the Beck Middle School Homeroom Band and the Beck vocal musical group, Hot Harmony. This tradition is always a treat for the folks at the Lewis Administration Building, many of whom don't get to interact with students as part of their jobs. The concert is a good reminder of "the why" of the behind-the-scenes jobs in our district: It's all about the students and their success! A sample of one of Hot Harmony's beautiful holiday song choices is in the video above.

Please be kind to yourselves and others during our break. As our students at Carusi Middle School sang at their recent vocal concert, "WE are how we treat each other!"

You can find the clip from that Carusi concert, and many other wonderful glimpses into what's happening in our schools, on our [Facebook](#), [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts. Be sure to follow us there!

May your week off be filled with peace and happiness. We look forward to seeing everyone on January 2, 2024!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Kwame Morton  
Acting Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools

## **Kindergarten & 1st Grade In-Person Registration Begins 1/16/24**



For your planning purposes: In-person kindergarten and 1st grade registration, for children entering public or private school for the first time, begins January 16, 2024 at the Lewis Administration Building, 45 Ranoldo Terrace. Dates and times are as follows: January 16-19, 8:30 am-2 pm; January 23, 25, 26 and 31, 8:30 am-2pm; January 30, noon-7 pm; and January 31, 8:30 am-2 pm. Students must be five years old on or before October 1, 2024, to be eligible for kindergarten. Beginning January 1, 2024, please go on the [District website](#) to begin the online pre-registration process for the 2024-2025 school year. Detailed registration [information and the pre-registration link can be found directly on the District website](#) or by calling (856) 429-5600, x4429. Only the student's legal guardian may register a student for school. It is not necessary to bring your child with you to registration. Please allow one hour to complete the process and bring ALL required documentation with you for registration.

## **Preschool Expansion Quick Question Page Now Available**

New! [The Malberg Early Childhood Center website](#) now includes a [Preschool Expansion Quick Question page](#). Have a preschool-related question that's of interest to the larger community? Submit it via the portal on the page for a public answer! Also available on the page: the [Preschool FAQ](#).



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## Black History Month Essay/Poster/Video Contest Now Accepting Entries

The Cherry Hill African American Civic Association and the Cherry Hill Public Library announce the 2024 Reverend Ivan George Essay/Poster/Video Contest for Black History Month. The contest is open to ALL public school students in Cherry Hill in grades K through 12. The theme for this year is "Their Stories Matter: African Americans in our Schools and Community." Entry deadline is January 29, 2024.



[Full information, including contest rules, rubric, and submission links, is available online.](#)



## Superintendent Search Community Engagement Reports Now Available

WE thank the community for their engagement in focus groups and surveys earlier this fall in our superintendent search process! Contracted search firm [Hazard, Young, Atea & Associates \(HYA\)](#)

has released the resulting Desired Leadership Characteristics and Qualifications, the Survey Report and the Leadership Profile Report, all available on the [Superintendent Search page](#) of the District website. We encourage all community members to read these important documents.

## Upcoming Events

**December 23, 2023-January 1, 2024** - SCHOOLS CLOSED - Winter Break

**January 2, 2024** - SCHOOL RESUMES

**January 2, 2024** - Board of Education Reorganization Meeting, Arthur Lewis Administration Building, 45 Ranoldo Terrace, 6 pm. This meeting will also be live streamed.

Join the meeting via a computer or mobile device at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81694410918>

*Join the meeting by phone:*

646-558-8656 or 301-715-8592

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**January 2, 2024** - Board of Education Committee Meetings, Arthur Lewis Administration Building, 45 Ranoldo Terrace.

CANCELED: Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting - 6:20 pm (START TIME IS APPROXIMATE. This meeting will begin immediately following the BOE Reorganization Meeting.)

**January 3, 2024** - Board of Education Committee Meetings, Arthur Lewis Administration Building, 45 Ranoldo Terrace.

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting - 5 pm

Business & Facilities Committee Meeting - 6 pm

**January 9, 2024** - Board of Education Work Session, Arthur Lewis Administration Building, 45 Ranoldo Terrace, 6:30 pm. This meeting will also be live streamed.

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**January 15, 2024** - SCHOOLS CLOSED - Martin Luther King Day of Service

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