



# Chesterfield Township School District

## Office of the Superintendent

### Scott Heino

## Superintendent Update

December 1, 2022

### Parent – Teacher Conferences

Our annual November parent-teacher conferences were held on November 17<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> and I am pleased to share that we had a great turnout! On behalf of the entire staff, thank you to all parents for attending parent-teacher conferences and showing that you value this experience. The parent-teacher conference is an important meeting each year that enables teachers and parents to bond through a discussion of student growth. This year we had 99% of our parents participate in parent-teacher conferences - THANK YOU!

### SAFETY AND SECURITY

As a reminder, the District contracted with a security consultant this past summer to audit our safety and security practices and procedures. As a District we continue to refine our safety and security measures to keep all students and staff safe while here in the building and outside on our playground.

Some changes are visible, such as procedures in the main office that limit entry to visitors. Other changes are not necessarily visible to the public such as changes made to secure internal doors.

We appreciate your cooperation and ask you to continue to work with us to keep our building secure.

And remember, if you plan to visit the school, please have a photo ID ready!



### ELECTION DAY AT CES

As we were involved in elections on November 7, so were our students! All students had the opportunity to participate in Election Day activities. Students in grades K-3 made their way to our voting booths and voted for a theme day. Students in grades 4-6 also voted for theme day, but additionally voted for the officers in our student government. Congratulations to the newly elected members of our student government:

**President:** Joe L. 6A  
**Vice President:** Sanjay R. 5C  
**Secretary:** Ryan K. 6SS  
**Publicists:** Zoe S. 6A  
Cori T. 5C

**5th Grade Class Representatives:**  
Iris L. 5C ~ Farrah B. 5A ~ Paarnika P. 5B

**6th Grade Class Representatives:**  
Shresta T. 6J ~ Riddhi K. 6BC ~ Kalian R. 6J

A special thank you to our Student Government Supervisors, Ms. Boyle and Ms. Holloway!



Students Vote on Election Day

## SUPERINTENDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

I invite you to join a new parent advisory committee that will provide an opportunity for parents to engage in an open discussion with me regarding district initiatives and allow them to share their perspective on our school. This will ensure that not only will parents have a clearer understanding of the district's current initiatives, but also have a voice regarding what will help shape our future.

The goal is to create a group of approximately 10 members representing a cross section of our community who will gather 3 – 4 times per school year. While not a seemingly huge commitment, parents who are dedicated to engaging in these planned discussions with a focus on open, productive dialogue are encouraged to join me in this endeavour.

If you are interested in participating on the Superintendent Advisory Committee, please email my administrative assistant Lorraine Jordan at [ljordan@chesterfieldschool.com](mailto:ljordan@chesterfieldschool.com) by Thursday, December 15th.

I look forward to sharing what's happening right now at CES, building parent partnerships, and shaping Chesterfield's future!

## REVISED HPE CURRICULUM UPDATE

With the exception of one unit at the 6th grade level, the revised HPE curriculum has been Board approved and is being taught in our classrooms. Health and PE lessons are taught by our certified HPE teachers. Our HPE teachers are assigned to classrooms as follows:

- Mr. Hickey - Grades Pre-K, K, 1
- Mrs. Dowling - Grades 2, 3, 4F, 4H, 4L
- Mr. Gray - Grades 4M, 4S, 5, 6

Please remember, if you wish to opt your child out of lessons within the HPE curriculum, please follow the steps below:

1. Parent notifies the principal in writing.
2. The principal contacts the parent to provide information and/or to address any questions.
3. Parent works collaboratively with the principal to identify the specific lessons that the parent is requesting their child opt out.
4. Principal identifies the alternate activities the student will be involved in while the lesson is being taught to the class.

If you have any questions about the new Health and Physical Education curriculum, please contact our Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction, Mrs. Jeanine May-Sivieri, at [jmay@chesterfieldschool.com](mailto:jmay@chesterfieldschool.com).

## VETERANS DAY 2022

We began a tradition several years ago to hold an assembly on Veterans Day where we recognize members of the Chesterfield Elementary School family who served in the military or who are currently serving. Each veteran is introduced by members of our Safety Patrol and a short description about that person's service experience is presented. We hold the assembly in the cafeteria where the families of the veterans join them while simultaneously livestreaming the event to our classrooms. Light refreshments are provided for our veterans and their families following the assembly. This year we recognized 32 veterans/active military personnel!

Following the introductions, we ask if any veteran would like to share a few words with the audience. It is truly heartwarming to hear how proud they are of our country, their service, and their fellow members of the military.

Thank you to our school counselors Mrs. Christiansen and Mrs. Feder for organizing the event. Most importantly..... **THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VETERANS AND ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO BRAVELY SERVE OUR COUNTRY!**

During the ceremony, our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade chorus honoured our veterans by performing *The Star-Spangled Banner* and *On Veterans Day*.

### **THE CHORUS WAS AWESOME!**

We have 45 students who participate in our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade chorus under the direction of Mrs. Jennifer O'Brien. The group has been rehearsing in small groups since the end of September. They joined as a full group for the first time on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Next Mrs. O'Brien will invite 4<sup>th</sup> grade students to join the chorus and work will begin to prepare for the Spring concert (Fine Arts Night).



## CROSSING GUARDS – Partners in Safety

The crossing guards our students encounter on their walk to and from school each day are important partners with a focus on student safety. Did you know that the crossing guards are actually employed by Chesterfield Township? That's right, in addition to the uniform police who visit our school each day, Chesterfield Township is also responsible for our crossing guards. Currently the Township has a need for additional crossing guards. If you are interested, please open the link below for more information on how to apply for a position.

The Chesterfield Township Police Department is currently seeking a part-time crossing guard to assist the children crossing roadways leading to the Chesterfield Township Elementary School. The position will consist of two separate shifts per day, one AM shift and one PM shift, each lasting approximately 45 minutes. Each shift will be paid at a flat rate of \$17.50.

If interested, please print and complete the application at the link below:

<https://www.chesterfieldtwpnj.gov/images/clerk/employment-application.pdf>

Please send completed applications by email to:  
[chesterfieldpolice@chesterfieldtwp.com](mailto:chesterfieldpolice@chesterfieldtwp.com)

Or by regular mail to:            Chesterfield Police Department  
   295 Bordentown Chesterfield Rd  
   Chesterfield NJ 08515 Attention: A Napoleon

For questions or inquires please contact the CTPD at (609) 291-0912.  
The Township of Chesterfield is an equal opportunity employer.



## Hunger Stops Here

We are so excited to share that on December 9<sup>th</sup> Chesterfield Elementary will be hosting an event in collaboration with an organization called *Hunger Stops with Us*. During this event our school will be packing thousands of meals, with a goal to pack 30,000 meals! The meals will be shipped to Colinas De Ceibo, Ecuador to help children suffering from malnutrition. All students will be participating in some capacity whether it is weighing out ingredients, packing the meals, or placing stickers on the finished meal packs. We are very excited about the students participating in this wonderful event and feel the students will learn a lot including how their help has a global impact. Thank you to our school counselors Mrs. Christiansen and Mrs. Feder for organizing this event!