A Message from the Superintendent

I could not be more proud of our Cape community. Because of our continued desire to be the best and your support of our schools, we can offer so many quality learning opportunities for our students. I believe our increased enrollment is in large part a result of our ongoing improvement efforts and District accomplishments in our academic and extracurricular programs. As of today, our district enrollment is 5527. This is 76 more students than were enrolled at the beginning of the school year.

Our increases in enrollment and data to support future increases have made it necessary for us to have a Referendum (Vote for Tax Increase) on March 20, 2018, to build a third middle school and add 20 classrooms to Cape Henlopen High School. Additional details regarding the Referendum are available on our District website capehenlopenschools.com/referendum2018. All votes on March 20 are extremely important. Please take time during the day to vote at Cape Henlopen High School, Mariner Middle School, or Rehoboth Elementary School between 10:00am and 8:00pm. We encourage everyone to take a family member or two and remind as many friends as possible.

During the past several weeks we have many reasons to celebrate as a District. Several academic teams have won state-wide competitions and schools have been recognized for various accomplishments.

• 10 out of 17 of Cape’s Odyssey of the Mind Teams Qualified for the state finals.
• Mariner Middle School has been named an AVID School-Wide Site of Distinction. This is the highest rating on the certification continuum.
• Mariner Middle School participated in the middle level Business Professionals of America (BPA) Leadership Conference for the first time. Two students were named “Officers for a Day” and one student earned an invitation to nationals.
• Our Cape Robotics team won the Delaware State VEX Robotics championships. We finished 1st out of 24 teams from all over the state which qualifies us for our 3rd straight VEX World Championship held in Louisville, KY.
• HOB was one of 15 schools in the state named by the Department of Education as a Recognition School.
• 39 Cape Henlopen Middle and High School students were selected for All-State distinction in the following categories: Junior Chorus, Senior Choir, Senior Mixed Choir, Jazz Ensemble, Orchestra, Junior Band and Senior Band. The number of students selected to represent Cape was one of the highest in the state and the most for Sussex County.

As always, thank you so much for allowing me to serve the District as your Superintendent. We have accomplished so much with so much more to do for our students and community in the future.

Cape PROUD

Sincerely,
Robert S. Fulton, M.S. Ed.
Superintendent

BPA Students, Austin and Camauri

Senior Robotics Team Members

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Fourth and Fifth Graders at Love Creek Bring Blankets of Hope to Delaware

Over the holidays students at Love Creek Elementary School teamed up with two brothers, Nick and Mike Fiorito, from Brooklyn, NY. The two refer to themselves as the “happyFreaks” and are the founders of a non-profit called Blankets of Hope. The idea behind Blankets of Hope is to provide warm blankets to the hundreds of homeless folks throughout the city. In addition to the blankets, the Fiorito’s also include short notes of encouragement, reminding people that someone cares about them, and that they wish the best for their future. Although Brooklyn may seem far away to some, the connection to the Fiorito brothers is actually quite close. Kelly Hynes is in her first-year teaching at Love Creek, and she also happened to be Nick Fiorito’s teacher in Brooklyn a number of years ago. “When I first saw the Blankets of Hope story, I thought ‘Oh wow! I know them,’” said Hynes. “I was so proud to see what they were doing in the city, I knew immediately I wanted to help them expand their program by bringing it to my new home in Delaware.”

Hynes reached out to the brothers who were more than willing to help her accomplish that goal. The Fiorito’s sent 250 purple blankets to Love Creek in early December, and the fourth and fifth grade students began writing notes for each blanket. “When Mrs. Hynes told me what she wanted to do, I was both excited and impressed,” said Trish Mumford, Principal at Love Creek Elementary. “If our students at Love Creek can touch the lives of 250 people during the holidays, I would say that’s one of the best gifts we could ask for as educators.”

Hynes delivered the blankets to local shelters shortly before Christmas.

Spanish Immersion Expansion

In early December, the Delaware Department of Education granted the Cape Henlopen School District the funds to expand the Spanish Immersion Program into the remaining three elementary schools.

During the 2017/2018 school year, the Spanish Immersion Program launched at both Milton Elementary and H.O. Brittingham Elementary. Beginning in the 2018/2019 school year, the program will be available to incoming kindergarteners at Love Creek Elementary, Shields Elementary, and Rehoboth Elementary.

Parents will have the opportunity to enroll their child in the program when they register them for kindergarten. More information on the Spanish Immersion Program, and the dates and times for kindergarten registration can be found on the District website and calendar at capehenlopen schools.com.
Successful CHEF Winter Jam Event
Thanks from CHEF to the Cape Community!

The Cape Henlopen Educational Foundation (CHEF) is extremely grateful to the Cape community for its generous support of our annual fundraiser, Winter Jam, held January 19th at the Rusty Rudder in Dewey Beach. Over 500 attendees, 38 business sponsors, many area restaurants, 21 talented local artists (who contributed silent auction items), local bands, Love Seed Mama Jump and The Stims, and dozens of volunteers contributed their time and talents to underscore the theme of our event: “It Takes A Village”.

To all whose efforts contributed to a great success: Bravo! You deserve a standing ovation. Over $65,000 was raised by Winter Jam to support K-12 educational programs for the Cape Henlopen School District—CHEF’s strategic partner since our creation in 2007. These programs include: teacher grants for exceptional classroom projects and resources; STEM initiatives; performing arts education and training; programs to promote diversity and inclusion; and support for limited income students and students with disabilities. Winter Jam has become an annual reunion for Cape grads, teachers and community friends. It is also an expression of support from our businesses and individual contributors, who are providing Cape students with the tools they need to excel in school and life.

Thanks for being part of our “Village”!

Sincerely,
Jeff Gordon, CHEF President, Dr. Eileen Baker, CHEF Vice President, Bob Fulton, Superintendent, Gail Mack, CHEF Board Winter Jam Chair, Ashley Reynolds, Make My Day Events

Communication Audit 2017-2018

In the November issue of the Viking Review, CHSD announced it would be participating in a Communications Audit with the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA). The audit took place over a three day period on December 6-8, 2017. The goal behind conducting the audit was to formally review the current communication tactics and strategies and to evaluate the District’s strengths, challenges and areas for improvement. Throughout the three days, a third party auditor met with focus groups made up of the District’s target audiences. The groups were asked a series of questions relevant to their audience. The auditor then created a formal report of his collective findings from each group session. The report contains specific recommendations and action steps to take in order to accomplish these recommendations. “We are confident this was a great step in identifying some areas in which we need to focus. One of the biggest recommendations the auditor gave us was to create a strategic communication plan that could be shared with all of our District stakeholders,” said Robert Fulton, Superintendent of Cape Henlopen School District. “We knew a strategic communications plan was something we wanted to do, but to have it identified in the audit confirmed its necessity. With these recommendations we’ll be able to continue strengthening our communication efforts and put into place new and improved methods that will benefit our stakeholders and Cape Henlopen School District as a whole.”
March 2018

Mar. 2-3  MMS Play
Mar. 6  K-5 Evening Conferences
Mar. 7  6-8 Evening Conferences
Mar. 8  9-12 and SC Evening Conferences
Board of Education Workshop Meeting

Mar. 9  **Professional Development - Students: No School**
Mar. 9-11  BMS: Spring Musical
Mar. 11  Daylight Savings Time
Mar. 12  MES: Kindergarten Registration
Mar. 13  RES: Kindergarten Registration
RSE: Distinguished Student Awards
Mar. 14  HOB: Kindergarten Registration
CHHS: Sophomore & Freshman Info Night
Mar. 15  LCE: Kindergarten Registration
MMS: Arts Celebration
Mar. 16-18  CHHS: Spring Musical
Mar. 20  LCE: Picture Make-Up Day
Mar. 22  MMS: All State Band
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Mar. 23-25  RES: Countrymania Performance
Mar. 23  CHHS: AP Test Registration Deadline
MMS: All State Band
Mar. 24  RSE: Spring Play
Mar. 27  MES: Distinguished Student Awards
Mar. 28-29  HOB: After School Program Performance
Mar. 28  Third Marking Period Ends
BMS: Picture Day
RES: Distinguished Student Awards
Mar. 29  MMS: Lucky Number Auction

Mar. 30-April 6  **Spring Break**

April 2018

April 11  MMS: Broadway Trip
BMS: Distinguished Student Awards
April 12  Board of Education Workshop Meeting
April 17  Report Cards Sent Home
LCE: Picture Make-Up Day
LCE: Distinguished Student Awards
BMS: NJHS Induction
April 18  RSE: Picture Day
HOB: Distinguished Student Awards
April 25  MES: Grade 5 Honor Roll Recognition
April 26  Board of Education Regular Meeting
April 29  MMS/HOB: Color Run and Spring Festival
April 30  Retirement/Recognition Dinner at Atlantic Sands

May 2018

May 3  BMS: Spring Choir Concert
May 5  CHHS: Prom, FFA Plant Sale, and Off-Site SAT Testing
May 7-15  CHHS: AP Testing (Please see website for the days when individual tests will be held)
May 8  Fourth Marking Period Mid-Point
   BMS: Spring Concert
May 9  CHHS: NHS Induction Ceremony
May 10  Board of Education Workshop Meeting
May 11  SC: Blockhouse Pond Walk
May 14  MMS: Spring Band Concert
May 15  LCE: Picture Make-Up Day
   BMS: 8th Grade Chorus Showcase
May 16  CHHS: Choir Concert
May 17  CHHS: Academic Awards
May 18  BMS: NJHS Dance
May 18-19  CHHS: Student Showcase
May 21  RSE: Spring Concert
   MMS: Spring Chorus Concert
May 22  CHHS: Band Concert
May 23  CHHS: JROTC Ceremony
May 24  Board of Education Regular Meeting

May 25  **Professional Development, Students: No School**
MMS: Semi-Formal

May 28  **Memorial Day - No School**
May 29-31  CHHS: Senior Exams
May 29  RES: Spring Concert and Art Show
May 30  LCE: Spring Concert
May 31  CHHS: Senior Awards
   MES: Spring Concert

June 2018

June 1  MMS: Band Trip to Hershey Park
   CHHS: Senior Contingency Day
   SC: Graduation at Lewes School
June 2  CHHS: SAT Testing Off-Site
June 4  CHHS: Senior Contingency Day
   CHHS: Senior Service
June 5  CHHS: Graduation
June 6  BMS: AVID End of the Year Celebration
   HOB: Spring Concert
June 7  LCE: 5th Grade Celebration
   MES: 5th Grade Recognition Ceremony
   SC: Pre-K Graduation at Lewes School
June 7-8  CHHS: Grades 9-11 Exams - Half Days
June 8  MMS: 8th Grade Transition Ceremony
   Last Student Day, Marking Period Ends, Report Cards Sent Home
June 9  CHHS: ACT Testing Day at CHHS
June 11-14  MMS: Florida Science Trip
June 14  Board of Education Workshop Meeting

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