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Contact Information: Orange Board of Education 451 Lincoln Avenue Orange, NJ 07050 Send Us An Email



- Monday, February 6, Parent Conference Grades PreK-7, 6:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 7, 12:30 p.m. Dismissal, Grades PreK-7 and Parent Conference 1:15 p.m. 4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 8, 12:30 p.m. Dismissal, Grades 8-12 and Parent Conference 1:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.; CTE Fair at Orange High School
- Wednesday, February 8, 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m., Board of Education Lobby Art Exhibit: Lincoln Avenue School
- Thursday, February 9, Parent Conference Grades 8-12, 6:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.; CTE Fair at Orange High School
- Friday, February 10, Celebrity Read, 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m., at Orange Early Childhood Center

The Zone Opens at Orange Preparatory Academy



The Zone at Orange Preparatory Academy officially opened on January 27 with an inaugural celebration and ribbon cutting ceremony hosted by Family Connections in partnership with the Department of Children and Families and Orange Preparatory Academy. The Zone is a School-

Based Youth Services Program (SBYSP) for students in Grades 8 and 9 and is managed by Family Connections, in collaboration with school staff and community partners. All students are eligible to participate in the program which provides on-site mental health counseling, life skills training, prevention curriculum, academic and employment support, after-school enrichment, and recreation.







Pictured (right to left): Addressing the guests are Orange Preparatory Academy Co-Principals Aretha Malloy and Dana Gaines; Executive Director, Family Connections, Inc. Mr. Jacques Hryshko; NJ Department of Children and Families Commissioner Dr. Allison Blake.

The opening was celebratory with guest speakers, including the Executive Director of Family Connections, Mr. Jacques Hryshko, who spoke of the organization's roots in Orange and NJ Department of Children and Families Commissioner (NJ DCF) Dr. Allison Blake. Dr. Blake, whose department funded The Zone, quoted FDR, saying, "We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future." She mentioned the 93 SBYSP in 67 high schools across the state that provide much-needed services. Ms. Shondell Wills-Bryce, program administrator, NJ DCF Office of School Linked Services said that The Zone was an oasis within the school for students. She introduced Ms. Charmaine Thomas, Assistant Commissioner, Family and Community Partnerships and Division on Women, who expressed similar views of program necessity, support, and success.

The Manager of The Zone is Ms. Joy Simeon. She also manages the SBYSP The Space @ Orange High School. Ms. Simeon is a graduate of the former Orange Middle School and Orange High School. A speaker at the opening, she provided the following reflection:

"School based program is tradition that stands strong in the state of NJ for over 25 years. The Department of Children and Families, Office of School Linked Services & Family Connections are elated to bring prevention and enrichment services to the middle school population of Orange. It is our goal to collaboratively work with the Orange School District, the community and students to support their needs."

Ms. Simeon introduced the staff for The Zone, Program Coordinator, Ms. Shalice Culbreath and the Youth Development Specialist, Mr. Sebastien Apollon.

Amanda Santana, who served as mistress of ceremony, is the Director of Programs for Family Connections. Also addressing the audience was parent Ms. Tonya Roberson who spoke of the value of the program for her sons, one a recent graduate, another who is currently participating in The Space @ Orange High School. Student Andrew Coates said he was excited to see the commitment to Orange Preparatory Academy, with the opening of the facility. This sentiment was also expressed by Co-Principals Aretha Malloy and Dana Gaines. They were both pleased to participate in the grant opportunity that provided this program to support struggling students.

Entertainment was provided by stellar singers, eighth grade student Cassandra Dawson, backed-up by Teika and Neika Brown, before cutting the ribbon and touring The Zone at Orange Preparatory Academy.







Pictures (left to right): Manager of The Zone Joy Simeon; Director of Programs for Family Connections Amanda Santana; group photo.







Pictures (left to right): Ms. Shondell Wills-Bryce, Program Administrator, NJ DCF Office of School Linked Services; Orange Prep students.









Pictured: Scenes from The Zone Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.







Pictured: Scenes from The Zone.

Heywood Avenue School Celebrates College and Career Day

Submitted by Ms. Faith Alcantara, Principal, Heywood Avenue School

Friday, January 27 was a great day at Heywood! There were over 40 participants for College and Career Day. Students from Kean University, Bloomfield College and Montclair State visited classes in grades K - 7. As did professionals from Amtrak, Transportation Security Administration, Orange Police and Fire Departments, along with many others, including those in Martial Arts, Information Technology, Insurance, Real Estate, Pharmaceuticals, Medicine, Cosmetology and Mentoring organizations. They informed students of possible careers and encouraged them to continue to focus, study hard, earn top grades and believe in their ability to achieve.

Heywood even received a live "shout-out" on 107.5 WBLS from radio personality, Shaila, who was scheduled to participate in the event, but could not join make it. However, she sent a video that was shown to all students and she promised to visit Heywood soon.

Four of the professionals who participated in career day were Heywood "alum" and five were Heywood parents.

Principal Faith Alcantara enjoyed the successful event, stating, "We could not have done it without the support of all involved, led by our School Social Worker, Mrs. Scott."

She also said, "Special thanks to our student leaders of Boys to Men, Helping Hands, Heywood Wildcat Cheerleaders and the Heywood Drumline for their support and participation in making the activities run smoothly and for entertaining during our school assembly."



Pictured: Principal Alcantara (center) with college sorority and fraternity students.











Pictured: Scenes from College and Career Day at Heywood Avenue School.







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This event culminates Heywood's school wide focus on College and Career Readiness during the month of January.

Celebrity Read at Orange Early Childhood Center

Orange Early Childhood Center will be hosting "Celebrity Read," in conjunction with the United Way of Essex and West Hudson, at the Orange Early Childhood Center on February 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., as announced by Principal Jacquelyn Blanton. "We are the very first preschool to take part in the program," she exclaimed. The event kick off will begin at 8:30 a.m. Celebrities will read in the various classrooms from 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Ms. Julia Jasper is the OECC Celebrity Read coordinator. She invited readers, include board members,



district administrators, town representatives, community leaders/workers and high school students to participate.



Other Orange Schools participating in this year's Celebrity Read event include:

- Forest Street School February 17
- Park Avenue Elementary School February 17

What is Celebrity Read?

Celebrity Read is a long-standing literacy initiative created by United Way of Essex and West Hudson in 1990, with a primary goal of recruiting volunteers to model their love for reading from pre-k to 4th grade elementary classrooms in its service area. In recognition of the program's unique service to the community, it has been designated as a "Local Legacy" by the Library of Congress in 2001. http://www.uwewh.org/celebrity-read-2017/

Scholars Academy Gifted and Talented Students Represent Orange in Essex County Competitions

Submitted by Mrs. Karen Machuca, Principal, Scholars Academy

To kick off the 2017 new year, the students in the Scholars Academy Gifted and Talented (GT) program participated in two events in the Essex County Gifted and Talented Consortium in January. The first event was hosted at Scholars Academy on January 6, called Interpretive Forensics, under the teaching leadership of Mr. Terrance Brooks, ELA teacher. Seven districts participated which included Livingston, Bloomfield, Caldwell/West Caldwell, Nutley, Montclair, East Orange, and Orange.

Students were judged on their public speaking skills from a piece of literature of their choice within a 4-4 ½ minute range. There were over 60 students participating which fostered interactions with other peers, outside of Orange, and the teamwork from the GT students provided invaluable experience that will strengthen the team for next year.

The second event happened on January 24 in Essex Fells with the *Totally Global Competition*. The 5th grade GT students represented the district well with their cooperative leadership skills and world knowledge. The activities included US and World Geography, Artists, Public Figures, Math Computation, and State Capitals. The day concluded with a biomes collaborative activity in which students worked in teams to create the biomes that they thought were the best ones to live in. Questions from the audience required the teams to defend their biome selection. The Scholars Academy students represented the Orange School District well!



Pictured (left): Collaborating with four other districts in Essex Fells for the Totally Global Competition.



Pictured: Standing room only at Scholars Academy as the winners were announced for the Interpretive Forensics Competition!



Pictured (left to right): JV and Varsity
Teams from 5th-8th grades; Jade Mitchell
(HAS), Brianna Stephens (OPA), Yasheka
Smith (HAS), Jeanne Exantus (RPCS),
Aliyah Mustafa (HAS), Cassandra Dawson
(OPA), Jada Howell (PAS), Brenda Palencia
(RPCS), Mayc Watts (OAS), Ebony
Nkrumah (HAS), and Martha Simon
(RPCS).



Pictured (clockwise): Totally Global Team
- Arielle Hamiliton (CSS), Om-Ashi Jackson
(CSS), Lily Rose Agueste (LAS), Mia
Gourdet (FSS), Jose Pavia (RP CS) and
Dakauri Pinckney (LAS).

OHS College Recognized for Football Achievement

Submitted by Mr. Mohammed Abdelaziz, Assistant Principal - Athletics, Orange High School

On January 30, nj.com shared a slideshow of the top schools sending football players to Division 1 teams in the past 10 years.

Orange High School was recognized for having 4 athletes in this category.

Congratulations to Head Coach Randy Daniel and the Orange HS football staff for making the list.

"Your hard work and dedication to our student-athletes is greatly appreciated!" Mohammed Abdelaziz

Shown right is a link that provides a slideshow of all the schools whose football programs have developed the most Division 1 athletes in the past ten years.



Orange: 4

Connecticut: Jamar Summers, CB; Temple: Marquise Goods, CB; Rutgers: Willington Previlon (pictured), DL; Massachusetts: Kassan Messiah, TE. Photo by John Munson, NJ Advance Media for NJ.com.

Which N.J. high school has produced the most college football recruits since '07? (nj.com)

FYI

Parent Academy 2017 Workshops



All parents and staff members are welcome to attend the Parent Academy workshops. The 2017 schedule offers a variety of learning opportunities, free to participants. For additional information on the Parent Academy 2017 Workshops, program or events, please contact Mr. Barry Devone, community engagement officer at 973 677-4000, x 6064. See workshop schedule below.

TVS to Offer Citizenship Class



The JVS (Jewish Vocational Service) will offer a Citizenship Class at the Orange Public Library. The class is free of charge and will meet on Monday and Wednesday evenings, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., for 10 weeks. The registration date and the first session are February 15 at 6:00 p.m. Interested participants must bring their green card to register. Please see flyer below for more details.

Orange Page Turners Reading Challenge

ORANGE PAGE TURNERS READING CHALLENGE

The Director of English Language Arts, Ms. Karen Harris, has provided the following update:

- 461,245 pages read and recorded, to date
- Group I Schools: Cleveland, Forest, Heywood, Oakwood Avenue Community School, Orange Early Childhood Center, Scholars Academy and Career and Innovation Academy of Orange
 - Forest Street School is leading with close to 50,000 pages read
- Group II Schools: Lincoln, Park, Rosa Parks Community School, Orange Preparatory Academy, and Orange High School
 - Orange Prep and Rosa Parks are close with an edge going to Orange Prep with close to 75,000 pages read

More adults are needed to sign-up and record pages. The Orange Board of Education and the Orange Public Library are battling for top readers in the community category. Click here to register.

Let's do as the song says and just READ, READ, READ, READ!!! Don't Stop the READING!!!

Special thanks to Voices in Harmony for the **Orange Page Turner's Reading Challenge Song**.

The Orange Page Turners Reading Challenge

Presented by the Orange Board of Education in partnership with Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq., the Orange Municipal Council, the Orange Housing Authority, Scholastic Inc., Reading Plus and the Orange Education Foundation

JOIN US IN OUR QUEST TO READ ONE MILLION PAGES

November 25, 2016 - April 16, 2017

Register today at www.orange.k12.nj.us. Registration forms will also be available at the library and local and school events. Once you are registered you will receive a welcome email and the following link to log the number of pages you have read: Orange Page Turners' Reading Challenge Tracker

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		BLACK HISTORY MONTH	1	2 GROUND HOG DAY	3 Red	4
5	A Parent Conference PreK-7 6:00-8:00 PM	7 PreK-7 12:30 Dismissal Parent Conference 1:15-4:00 ^{PM}	8 Grades 8-12 12:30 Dismissal Parent Conference 1:15-4:00 ^{PM} Lincoln Lobby Art Show 6:00 ^{PM} Board Office	Parent Conference Grades 8-12 6:00-8:00 ^{PM}	10	11
12	13	Monthly Board of Education Meeting, 7:00°M at OPA	15	16	17	18
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Check the district Web Site calendar for February events.



See Below For Important Flyers

- CTE Fair
- JVS Citizenship Class
- Parent Academy Workshops
 - Preschool Registration
 - District Spelling Bee



Digital Media: Collaboration with Drew University and Montclair State University. Learn to create your own films, write your own scripts, produce news shows, and learn technical editing skills. **OHS has its own studio!** Spend time on MSU's campus and compete for a **full college scholarship!**

Health Sciences: Collaboration with Rutgers University. **Earn college credits while still in high school.** Prepare for a career in medicine, health, or biological sciences. Compete with other schools from around the United States through HOSA projects.

Graphic Design: Design and produce posters, public service announcements, flyers, tee shirts, and 3D designs utilizing **the latest technology**.

Graphic Communication: Earn Xerox certification through editing and printing in Orange High School's own print shop!

Cisco: Earn Cisco certification and have a jump start on a career in computer technology and increase your chances at being accepted into highly competitive universities.

Culinary: Earn ServSafe certification while still in high school. Work in a state-of-the-art industrial kitchen. Have the potential to earn money preparing and serving meals as part of the Culinary Arts Club.

SMART Lab and Computer Applications: Explore STEM and media arts through applied technology and project-based learning. OHS and OPA have a complete **STEM labs. Earn Microsoft Certification**.

Business Management and Accounting: Collaboration with Seton Hall University through the Junior MBA Program, **earning college credits** while still in high school. Participate in competitions with other schools in New Jersey, creating your own company!

All pathways have structured learning experiences during senior year—job shadowing, internships, apprenticeships.

Come learn more about starting a path to success!

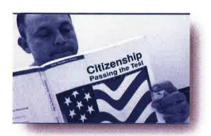
Orange High School Gymnasium

February 8 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. February 9 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.











for

Citizenship Exam Preparation

- N400
- American History
- Civics

Classes at Orange Public Library

348 Main St, City of Orange, NJ 07050

Monday and Wednesday, 6:00pm – 8:00pm for 10 weeks

Registration and first class: February 15 at 6:00pm MUST bring <u>Green Card</u> to register

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL INNA KRAMERS AT: 862-704-2283

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Orange Township Public Schools



Parent Academy 2017 Workshops



FREE PARENT WORKSHOPS

Parent Academy is a District Wide Initiative to support overall student achievement by providing families with learning opportunities and resources that will enable them to become more involved in our students success.

January

Date	Time	Location	Topic	Facilitator
Monday 1/23/17	6:00pm	Board of Education 451 Lincoln Ave.	Intro. to Common Sense Media	Ms. Epps
Tuesday 1/24/17	6:00pm	Board of Education 451 Lincoln Ave.	Raising Successful Minds	Coach Kumari
Tuesday 1/31/17	6:00pm	Board of Education 451 Lincoln Ave.	Couponing Workshop	Sharonn Maney

February

Date	Time	Location	Topic	Facilitator
Thursday 2/2/17	5:30pm	Board of Education 451 Lincoln Ave.	EPIC Facilitators Training	Carole O'Brien
Saturday 2/11/17	9:00am- 1:00pm	Scholars Academy	EPIC Facilitators Training	Carole O'Brien
Monday 2/13/17	6:00pm	Board of Education 451 Lincoln Ave.	Technology Workshop	Ms. Epps
Tuesday 2/28/17	6: 00pm	Board of Education	Effects of Bullying	Coach Kumari

For Information on Parent Academy Workshops/Programs/Events please contact:
Barry Devone, Office of Community Engagement
973-677-4000 ext. 6064

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FREE PARENT WORKSHOPS

March

Date	Time	Location	Topic	Facilitator
Thursday 3/2/17	5:30pm	Board of Education 451 Lincoln Ave.	EPIC Facilitators Training	Carole O'Brien
Tuesday 3/13/17	6:00pm	Scholars Academy	Technology Workshop	Ms. Epps
Saturday 3/18/17	9:00am- 1:00pm	Scholars Academy 268 Capuchin Way	EPIC Facilitators Training	Carole O'Brien
Tuesday 3/21/17	6:00pm	Board of Education 451 Lincoln Ave.	Communication	Coach Kumari
Thursday 3/30/17	6:00pm- 8:00pm	Board of Education 451 Lincoln Ave.	EPIC Facilitators Training	Carole O'Brien

April

Date	Time	Location	Topic	Facilitator
Wednesday 4/12/17	20	Board of Education 451 Lincoln Ave.	Stress Management Workshop	Coach Kumari

<u>June</u>

Date	Time	Location	Topic
Wednesday	6:00pm	Lincoln Avenue	Parent Academy Recognition
6/14/17		School	Ceremony

For Information on Parent Academy Workshops/Programs/Events please contact:
Barry Devone, Office of Community Engagement
973-677-4000 ext. 6064



ORANGE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS EARLY CHILDHOOD DEPARTMENT



PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2016-2017

REQUIREMENTS:

3 years old by 10/01/16

4 years old by 10/01/16

Must be resident of Orange Township

Original Birth Certificate

Child's Immunization record

Current lease or Mortgage Statement

2 Proofs of Residency (PSE&G bill, telephone or cable bill,

No cellphone bills, please

Picture ID

If you are living with a friend or relative, you must be included in their lease agreement. Notarized letters stating you rent a room/apartment/house will not be accepted.

DATES: DECEMBER 2016

6th, 13th, and 20th

JANUARY 2017

10th, 17th, 24th and 31st

FEBRUARY 2016

7th, 14th, and 28th

TIME - 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Last sign in: 12:30 pm.

PLACE: ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
397 PARK AVE, ORANGE, NJ 07050
973-677-4000 ext. 1922

IF YOU ARE CONCERNED YOUR PRESCHOOL CHILD IS DEVELOPING OR LEARNING DIFFERENTLY, YOU CAN CALL THE DISTRICT TO REQUEST AN EVALUATION FOR PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES.



REGISTRACIÓN PREESCOLAR

REOUISITOS:

3 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/16

- 4 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/16
- DEBE SER RESIDENTE DEL MUNICIPIO DE ORANGE
- PARTIDA DE NACIMIENTO ORIGINAL
- EXPEDIENTE DE INMUNIZACIÓNES DEL NIÑO/NIÑA
- DECLARACIÓN ACTUAL DEL ARRIENDO O DE LA HIPOTECA.
- Identificación de fotos
- o 2 Pruebas de Residencia (recibo de PSE&G, teléfono o recibo del cable, NO CELLPHONE!) deben ser actual.
- SI USTED ESTA VIVIENDO CON UN FAMILIAR O AMIGO TIENE QUE ESTAR INSCRITO EN EL CONTRACTO DE ARRENDAMIENTO. NO SE **ACEPTARA CARTAS NOTARIZADA.**

REGISTRACIÓN:

DECIEMBRE 2016 - 6, 13, y 20

ENERO 2017 - 10, 17, 24, y 31

FEBRERO 2017 - 7, 14, y 28

10:00am-1:00pm

Tiene que firmer antes de las 12:30pm

LUGAR: ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER 397 PARK AVE, ORANGE, NJ 07050 (973) 677-4000 ext 1922

SI USTED ESTA PREOCUPADO POR QUE SU HIJO/HIJA ESTA DESAROLLANDO ALGUN PROBLEMA DE APRENDISAJE O APRENDIENDO DIFERENTE FAVOR DE CONTACTAR AL DEPARTAMENTO DE SERVICIOS ESPECIALES EN EL DISRITO.







Orange School District ELA Department Presents

SPELLION Saturday

March 11, 2017

DOORS OPEN AT 8:00AM, STARTS AT 9:00AM

Orange Prepartory Academy 400 Central Avenue Orange, NJ 07050 Phone: (973) 677-4135

> For additional information contact ELA Department (973) 677-4000