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- **Saturday, March 4, Preschool Registration Fair, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Orange Early Childhood Center, 397 Park Avenue**
- **Wednesday, March 8, Oakwood Avenue Community School, Board of Education Lobby Art Show, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., 451 Lincoln Avenue**
- **Saturday, March 11, District Spelling Bee, 9:00 a.m., Orange Preparatory Academy**
- **Tuesday, March 14, Monthly Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Orange Preparatory Academy**
- **March 23 - 25, Disney's Jungle Book Kids at Forest Street School and March 30 - April 1, Sister Act at Orange Prep Academy (See flyers below)**

Heywood Avenue "Color Me for Technology" School Fundraiser

Submitted by Mrs. Mary Beth Barrios, 1st Grade Teacher and My School Color Run Coordinator, Heywood Avenue School

Heywood Avenue School's *My School Color Run Kick-Off* event, "Color Me for Technology" was held on Friday, February 17. Students were gathered in the auditorium for a brief PowerPoint presentation, giving an overview of "School Color Run." A promotional video was shown after which all students, K - 4, moved out to the blacktop area, cheered on by the Heywood Wildcat Cheerleaders and Heywood Drum line. Once outside, select students from grades 3 and 4 were able to "color" PE teacher, Mr. Fannell, and Principal, Ms. Alcantara, with various hues. Students were excited to do so! Our students, in grades 5 - 7, were also shown the PowerPoint presentation and Mr. Fannell and Ms. Alcantara came in at the end to show them what they would look like at the conclusion of the "color run."



Pictured: Scenes from Heywood Avenue School's My School Color Run Kick-Off event.

What is a School Color Run (from the PowerPoint slide presentation):

- A “FUN”, family and fitness oriented school FUNdraising activity.
- Participants can run, walk or jog around a defined area. Our school run will be approximately 1 mile.
- There will be a “STARTING” point and a “FINISH LINE”. It is not a competition . . . it is a fun fitness activity that can be enjoyed by your entire family!
- You will be SPRAYED with different (wash-off) colors as you move through the defined run area.
- At the end of the race, you will look like a “colorful rainbow of colors”, have fun, enjoy music, participate in “end of activity” games and enjoy refreshments. **GOAL: To raise money to help us purchase more technology for student use in school.**

Blazing the Trail of Our Ancestors

Submitted by Mrs. Gloria Stewart, Paraprofessional, Heywood Avenue School (with reflections on Black History Month)

On February 14, in honor of Black History Month, students in Ms. Stewart’s Kindergarten class were read the life story of Ruby Bridges. As it was read, the story reminded me of my history, being a native of the South and attending public school during that era. I was reminded of how I could not attend my neighborhood (secondary) schools because I was black. I was bused to school. This served as a reminder of my experience of our racial divide.



Pictured: the "McDonald's Faces of Black History" performers, one of Heywood’s 1st grade classes, Ms. Shaila and Principal Faith Alcantara.

personalities and history makers, with an entertaining and educational presentation for all ages. From Negro spirituals to rap music and everything in between, the talented four-member cast takes the audience on a high-energy excursion through African American culture.

The audience consisted of Kindergarten students through 4th grade, with innocence about the racial divide, learning about Black history. The presentation was done in a musical style, which kept students and teachers engaged. The McDonald’s performers, two young ladies and two young men, were awesome, enacting the contributions of pioneers who have paved the way for others. The students really enjoyed the program!

In honor of Black History Month, Heywood Avenue School also received a wonderful Black History program, coordinated by radio personality, Ms. Shaila, from 107.5 WBLS, who connected us with Mr. Terry Gadson of the Irving Street Group and his "McDonald's Faces of Black History Tour." "The Faces of Black History Tour" acknowledges the contributions of African Americans from slavery to the present. This live musical show salutes many well-known celebrities,

“The highlight of the presentation was the appearance of "Shaila", the radio and television personality from 107.5 WBLS! She was my favorite. I listened to her daily when she was on 98.7 KISS sharing her wisdom.”



I especially loved how she spoke to the students about her humble beginnings, how she became interested in being a radio host and what was needed to become a radio personality, emphasizing education, determination and the desire, as common denominators.

I was impressed, because she took the time from her busy schedule to give back, with a visit to Heywood Avenue School. She gave our school a "shout out" during her radio broadcast.

The program really hit home, remembering all of the pioneers that have gone on, leaving a wonderful legacy for our young people...Phyllis Wheatley, George Washington Carver, Shirley Chisholm, Maya Angelou, many entertainers, sportsmen and yes, our first African American President.

What will you do? No Limits!

Orange Visual and Performing Arts Department Presents *Sister Act -- The Musical*

Reprint of Sister Act Production Team's Press Release

SISTER ACT

It's time to rejoice and join the very talented performers of the Orange Visual and Performing Arts Department, as they get 'back in the habit' for a joyous performance of "Sister Act -- The Musical." Sister Act tells the story of Deloris Van Cartier, (Abigail Charles), an aspiring disco diva whose life takes a surprising turn when she witnesses a crime and the cops hide her in the last

place anyone would look - a convent! Under the watchful eye of Mother Superior, (Bernide Voltaire) Deloris helps her fellow sisters find their voices as she rediscovers her own. Directed by Dana Levin, "Sister Act" will make its Orange debut on stage at the Orange Preparatory Academy on Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Additional shows will be performed Friday, March 31, at 7:00 p.m., Saturday April 1, at 2:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.

The musical also stars Danae Green as Sister Mary Robert, Shannon Lake as Sister Mary Patrick, Tyra Crespo as Sister Mary Lazarus, Jon James as Monsignor O'Hara, Andrew Coates as Curtis, Alrick Codner as Eddie Souther, Zamar Lake as TJ, Ryan Hinton as Joey, Ny-Juneck McRae as Pablo, Joshua Fields as Ernie, Edith Rodriguez as Mary Martin-of-Tours, Katiana Isaac as Sister Mary Teresa, Kayla Wade as Michelle, and Mushirah Muhammad as Tina. Understudies are played by Cassandra Dawson (Sister Mary Robert), Alice Agyekum (Sister Mary Patrick), Selena Jean Piere (Sister Mary Lazarus) and Hannah Nzedinma (Sister Mary Teresa).

Orange Preparatory Academy, is located at 400 Central Ave, Orange, NJ 07050. Presale tickets can be purchased for \$5.00 each from any cast member, by emailing the Production Manager at Donohupa@orange.k12.nj.us or by calling 908-285-3139. Tickets sold at the door are \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children and seniors.

Montclair States University Dance Students Perform for Heywood Avenue School

Submitted by Ms. Theresa Jones, Dance Teacher, Forest/Heywood Avenue Schools



Pictured: Montclair State University and Heywood Avenue School dance students

Montclair State University's Dance Department came to perform for dance students at Heywood on February 17. Students viewed two modern dance pieces and then participated in a Q&A session with the performers. They answered questions about acceptance into college and career choices for dance.

Lincoln Avenue School Celebrates 100 Days

Submitted by Ms. Faye Coward, Kindergarten Teacher, Lincoln Avenue School

On February 13, Lincoln Avenue's Kindergarten celebrated the 100th day of school. Ms. Coward began her day with a "Silver Dollar" pancake and milk breakfast. Her class parents cooked all the pancakes for the children in the classroom, so they were nice and hot. Lincoln's students participated in math activities such as sorting 100 objects, counting to 100 by 2s, 5s and 10s, going on a 100 word hunt, stringing 100 fruit loops, making trail mix, stacking 100 cups, the 100 Hershey Kiss Hunt, the 100 Second Olympics, and so much more. Some students dressed to look 100 years old. Some students decorated their clothes with 100 objects. Many family members came out to lend a helping hand throughout the entire day. Way to go family!

Pictured (right): Scenes from Ms. Coward's Kindergarten student's celebrating the 100th day of school.





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Oakwood Avenue Community School Students Visit Lincoln University

Submitted by Ms. Pamela Venable, School Counselor, Oakwood Avenue Community School

One of the culminating activities for Oakwood Avenue Community School (OACS), during Black History Month, is to study Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Each student is assigned a project that highlights: facts, notable alumni, and the contributions that HBCU'S have made to society.

This February, the students at Oakwood Avenue learned about several HBCU's and their "roots in the past, while also building the future." They learned that most African Americans were not allowed to attend school until after the Civil War. On February 16, a group of OACS students were delighted with a personal tour of the first HBCU, Lincoln University. The students were able to see the different lecture halls, the student center, and they even had the opportunity to receive a mini lecture by one of the Biology Professors!



Pictured: Scenes from OACS's Lincoln University visit.

NJSIAA - Assistant Coach of the Year Nominee- Region 3

Reprinted from OHS Assistant Principal Mohammed Abdelaziz's message to staff

Congratulations to Wrestling Coach Anthony Dietrick who has been named Region 3 Assistant Coach of the Year. Coach Dietrick was named District Assistant Coach of the year and his work continued to flourish at the Regions where coaches from across the state noticed his energy and love for his student-athletes. Coach Dietrick has made Orange HS and the city of Orange proud for his efforts with the wrestling program. He will be honored at the NJSIAA State Wrestling Tournament this weekend. Please congratulate him when you see him, as this is a great honor!



Pictured: Wrestlers and coaches at February 22 Regionals (Courtesy of Dr. Terri Russo)

Essex County Education Association Essay Contest Winners

Reprinted from announcement message by Ms. Karen Harris, Director of English Language Arts

Orange Public Schools submitted the following students' essays to the Essex County Education Association. The students below were selected from numerous entries to represent the district in the county contest.

Grade	Student	Teacher	School
K	Malachi Mayes	Sarah Hanson	Forest Street
1	Jaliyah McCalla	Lakenya Griffin-Francis	Oakwood Avenue
2	Elle Scott	Mr. Willis	Oakwood Avenue
3	Jordyn Green	Ms. Conner	Lincoln Avenue
4	Nicole Laracuente	Ms. Donnerstag	Forest Street
5	Yanni Halstead	Erin Scott	RPCS
6	Oviany Philizaire	Ms. Jones	Lincoln Avenue
7	Brandon Cameron	Ms. Walker	Forest Street
8	Andrea Puerto Villaneuva	Vanessa Astore	Orange Prep Academy
11	Kenia Luna	Bermude Jules	Orange High School

The results are back and the winners have been selected.

First place Winners:

- Kindergarten: Malachi Mayes - Forest Street School
- 7th Grade: Brandon Cameron - Forest Street School
- 8th Grade: Andrea Puerto Villanaeuva - Orange Preparatory Academy

Second place Winners:

- 1st Grade: Jaliyah McCalla - Oakwood Avenue School
- 2nd Grade: Elle Scott - Oakwood Avenue School
- 4th Grade: Desarae Hall - Forest Street School
- 5th Grade: Yanni Halstead - Rosa Parks Central Community School

Third place Winners:

- 3rd Grade: Jordyn Green - Lincoln Avenue School
- 6th Grade: Ovianny Philizaire - Lincoln Avenue School
- 11th Grade: Kenia Luna - Orange High School

CONGRATULATIONS to ALL of our WINNERS!

FYI

Orange Adult School Spring Session



The Adult School began March 2 and will end on May 2, 2017. There are a series of diverse course offerings, including meditation, Website design, and entrepreneurship available for free to Orange residents. If anyone is interested in receiving a course catalog, contact the Orange Public School District, Office of Community Engagement at (973) 677-4000 ext. 6064. See the flyers below, in English, Spanish and Creole for details.

Orange Page Turners Reading Challenge: 504,402 Pages to Date!

Reprinted from update message by Ms. Karen Harris, Director of English Language Arts

The Orange Page Turners have passed the half million mark. Participants have read **504,402 pages towards the 1 million page objective!** Schools are competing for the most pages read and a few schools are leading the way:

Group I Standings (does not include adult contributions)

School	Page Totals
Career and Innovation Academy	164
Cleveland Street School	37,044
Forest Street School	60,410
Heywood Avenue School	47,927
Oakwood Avenue Community School	18,486

Group II Standings (does not include adult contributions)

School	Page totals
Oakwood Avenue Community School	18,486
Lincoln Avenue Elementary	66,376
Orange High School	8,140
Orange Preparatory Academy	96,693
Park Avenue School	36,887
Rosa Parks Community School	86,387

Ms. Jones 6th graders at Lincoln Avenue School have over **20,000** pages logged in Reading Rewards. Because of their efforts to read, read, read, an NBA Referee will visit them in the month of March. He will read with them and share stories about working with Carmelo Anthony, LeBron James, and many other NBA athletes. **YEAH for the READERS!!!**

Teachers are asked to keep encouraging reading in Reading Plus. Over 100 students have been identified and received NJ Devils paraphernalia. Will the students at your school get a visit from NJ Devils Hockey Players? The only way to guarantee it is if they keep reading!

“Let's make a *big* push in the month of March. We have to read 500,000 more pages before Spring Break. I hope we make it. Keep logging in those pages.”

Karen Harris, Director of English Language Arts

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**

March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 OEA/OASA General Meeting 2:30 ^{PM} Dismissal for Students -- OACS BOE Lobby Art Exhibit 6:00 ^{PM}	9	10	11
12 	13	14 Monthly Board of Education Meeting 7:00 ^{PM} at Orange Prep Academy	15	16	17 	18
19	20 	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 SISTER ACT Sister Act at Orange Prep, 7:00 ^{PM}	31 SISTER ACT Sister Act at Orange Prep, 7:00 ^{PM}	April 1 SISTER ACT Sister Act at Orange Prep, 2:00 ^{PM} & 7:00 ^{PM}

Check the district [Web Site calendar](#) for March events.



See Below For Important Flyers

- *Preschool Registration Fair*
 - *District Spelling Bee*
- *The Jungle Book Kids at Forest Street School*
 - *Orange Adult School*
 - *Parent Academy Workshops*

PRESCHOOL

"Bright from the start"

Free Preschool

Orange School District Registration Fair

Saturday, March 4, 2017

10:00am to 2:00pm

Orange Early Childhood Center

397 Park Avenue

Orange, NJ 07050

*On-site Registration
Please bring all
required
documentation*

Requirements:

***3 or 4 years old by 10/1/17**

***Must be a resident of Orange Township**

***Original Birth Certificate**

***Child's Immunization Record**

***Current Lease or Mortgage Statement**

***2 Proof of Residency (PSE&G, telephone, or cable bill)**

***Picture ID**

Evening Registrations:

March 13th, 15th, 16th

3pm-7pm

LAST SIGN IN AT 6PM



Orange School District
ELA Department
Presents

SPELLING BEE



Saturday

March 11, 2017

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

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

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

The students of
Forest Street School

in cooperation with **NJPAC**
proudly present



Disney's
The Jungle Book **KIDS**

**NEW
SHOW
DATES**

March <u>23</u> , 2017	6:00 pm
March <u>24</u> , 2017	6:00 pm
March <u>25</u> , 2017	2:00 pm

TICKETS

- Go on sale March 1, 2017
- Sold **ONLY** in advance
- Children & Students: \$3 Adults: \$7
- **NO TICKETS** will be sold at the door
- **LIMIT**—Only 100 seats for each show!

Show location: Forest Multi-purpose room
Drinks and snacks will be available



Forest Street
School

Yancisca Cooke
Principal



SPRING 2017

A PLACE FOR LIFE-LONG LEARNERS

FREE CLASSES (Spring 2017):

- HomeCorp (Financial Literacy)
- Meditation & Power of Breath
- English Language for Adults
- Coding for Websites & More
- Entrepreneurship
- Wordpress and Blogging for Beginners
- Media Lab and Design
- English with Your Children
- This is How I Feel - Spoken Word Poetry
- Technology Basics

REGISTER NOW!

For more information and to register for Orange Adult School contact:
Orangeadultschool@gmail.com
(973) 763-9961 Ext: 207

Please provide the following information:

Name, home address (city, zip code), home phone number, cell phone number and selected courses





Primavera 2017

A PLACE FOR LIFE-LONG LEARNERS

CLASES GRATIS (de marzo a mayo de 2017):

- Educación Financiera (HomeCorp)
- Meditación y el poder de la respiración
- Clases de Inglés para adultos
- Codificación de Sitios web y más
- Emprendimiento
- Wordpress y blogging para principiantes
- Laboratorio de medios y design
- Clases de Inglés con sus hijos
- Así es cómo me siento Palabra hablada - Poesía
- Conceptos básicos de la tecnología



¡Inscripciones abiertas!

ORANGE ADULT SCHOOL



Para más información y para inscribirse en la Escuela para Adultos de Orange, comuníquese con:
 orangeadultschool@gmail.com
 (973) 763-9961 Ext: 207

Por favor provea la siguiente información:
 Nombre, Dirección (ciudad, código postal), Número de teléfono y cursos seleccionados





PRENTAN 2017

YONKOTEPOUSILAYOKAPAPRANNPOU
LAVI

KLAS GRATIS (pou Prentan 2017 la):

- HomeCorp (Konesans sou finans)
- Meditasyon & Pouwa respirasyon
- Anglè pou granmoun
- Kode pou sit entènèt & plis ankò
- Antreprenarya
- Wòdprès ak kri Blog pou legoche
- Laboratwa Medya ak Dizay
- Anglè ak pitit ou
- Pwezi
- Baz nan teknoloji

ENSKRIKOUNYE!



Pou plis enfòmasyon epi pou ou ka enskri pou klas sa yo kontakte:
Orangeadultschool@gmail.com
(973) 763-9961 Ext: 207

Silv ou plè bay enfòmasyon sa yo:

Non ou, adrès akay ou (vil, kòd postal), telefòn akay ou byen selilè epi chwazi ou du vle



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. By attending the workshops, or school related events/programs you can earn 1 point toward a Special Graduation Ceremony. Board Meetings (2 points) are held on the second Tuesday of each month.

EACH WORKSHOP IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO WIN FREE GIFTS!

March

Date	Time	Location	Topic	Facilitator
Tuesday 3/13/17	6:00pm	Board of Education 451 Lincoln Ave.	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 3/23/17	6:00pm	Orange Prep 400 Central Ave.	EPIC Facilitators Training	Carole O'Brien
Tuesday 3/28/17	6:00pm	Board of Education 451 Lincoln Ave.	PARCC Training	Dr. Russo
Thursday 3/30/17	6:00pm- 8:00pm	Orange Prep 400 Central Ave.	EPIC Facilitators Training	Carole O'Brien

**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

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April

Date	Time	Location	Topic	Facilitator
Wednesday 4/12/17	6:00pm	Board of Education 451 Lincoln Ave.	Stress Management Workshop	Coach Kumari
Thursday 4/27/17	5:30pm	Orange Prep 451 Central Ave.	ELL/Bilingual Parent Workshop	Ms. Onyesonwu

June

Date	Time	Location	Topic
Saturday 6/3/17	9:00am- 12:00pm	Lincoln Avenue School	Bilingual ESL Fair
Wednesday 6/14/17	6:00pm	Lincoln Avenue School	Parent Academy Recognition Ceremony

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