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- **Saturday, March 25, at 2:00 p.m., Disney's Jungle Book Kids at Forest Street School *POSTPONED, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE***
- **Thursday and Friday, March 30 and 31, 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 1, 2:00 p.m., at Orange Preparatory Academy, *Sister Act - The Musical* at Orange Prep Academy**

FilmBoot24 Red Carpet Screening

On March 19, a Red Carpet Screening was held for [FilmBoot24](#), a 24-hour filmmaking bootcamp where films produced by six teams were judged by [professional filmmakers](#), as part of an impressive pilot program engineered by educational filmmaking non-profit [Cinema Ed](#), in collaboration with Drew University's Center for Civic Engagement, ValleyArts and the Orange Public Schools.

The program, made possible in part by funds from the New Jersey Council of the Arts/Department of State, launched FilmBoot24, brought together six groups of students from Drew University and Orange High School. They were teamed with [experienced mentors](#) and spent 24 hours producing an original film short. Each team had to use a deck of cards as a prop and were randomly assigned the following themes:

- Put literature in your story! Is your main character a Hamlet or a Huckleberry Finn?
- Taking a Stand
- Math - is there mystery, murder, mirth and mayhem in Math?

Four students from Orange High School, seniors Shannon Lake and Ryazia King and sophomores Kadin Cook and Xyon Lucas, completed films that were judged. The Grand Jury Prize Film selected was [The Game of Life](#). Team members were Alysha Pamphile, mentor, and an Orange High School alumni, Xyon Lucas, OHS, and Drew University students Maddie Emile, Jennifer Rose and Hassan Saeed. The theme of their film was "Taking a Stand."



[The Game of Life](#)



[My Bloody Juliet](#)



[A New Kind of Game](#)



[All In](#)

Pictured: FilmBoot24 films.

Richard Stephen Bell, Executive Director and Kathleen Milburn, Chief Operating Officer and co-founders of Cinema Ed officiated the Red Carpet event, with introductions from Orange School District Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Professional Development, and Data Assessment Dr. Terri Russo and remarks from Amy Koritz, Director, of Drew's Center for Civic Engagement. Each film was premiered and each team was announced and presented with certificates. The teams were congratulated for the awe-inspiring work they produced.

The runner-up film was *My Bloody Juliet*. The team members were Janice C. Molinari, mentor, with Orange High student Ryazia King and Drew students, Seaton Crossman, Savannah Hill and Kenna Jackson. The film's theme was "Put literature in your story! Is your main character a Hamlet or a Huckleberry Finn?"

Students, families and friends enjoyed the event with photo ops and refreshments. They commiserated on the angst of working through technical difficulties and marveled at the fine results. The Cinema Ed team captured the success of FilmBoot24 in the event's program, *"The creativity and collaboration from the teams as inspiring as the final cut films."* They thanked everyone, from volunteers, to the Orange Prep Stage Crew, for their assistance.

Launched in 2014, Cinema Ed® is a 501 c-3 non-profit organization dedicated to using independent film as a teaching tool for all students, especially those at-risk. To expand the reach of its innovative programs aimed at helping secondary school students connect with their curriculum, Cinema Ed collaborates with leaders across school districts, higher education institutions and the film industry. Its goals are to help students harness the storytelling power of today's technologies and engage in filmmaking techniques and methods, and to share the creative results with the world.

To view all of the films shown at the Red Carpet Screening, <http://www.cinemaed.org/filmboot24-films>.



Pictured: OHS FilmBoot24 participants.



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Pictured: Dr. Russo and Ms. Amy Koritz.



Pictured: The Grand Jury Prize winning team, *The Game of Life*, with Richard Stephen Bell and Kathleen Milburn.



Pictured (left to right): FilmBoot24 Teams, *A New Kind of Game*, *My Bloody Juliet* and *All In*.

Disney's Aladdin Kids, "A Whole New World"

While one performance was eliminated from the schedule, due to the snowstorm that occurred days before, the Rosa Parks Community School's production of Disney's Aladdin Kids, on March 17 and 18, was outstanding. The lead actors and supporting cast members were well prepared to tell the tale of the lovable street urchin, Aladdin who wins the hand in marriage of princess Jasmine over the Royal Vizier, Jafar who plots to marry her with the help of the sly Genie. The tale based on "Arabian Nights" opens in the marketplace of Agrabah and is introduced by the Lamp Vendor. The student assistants complemented the fine acting, singing and dance performances, with the inventive scenery changes and adaptations that made the audience enjoy a magic carpet ride, along with Aladdin and princess Jasmine, as they sang one of the production's iconic tunes, "A Whole New World."



Pictured: Scenes from Disney's Aladdin Kids.

Principal Debra Joseph Charles congratulated the entire production team, at the end of the opening performance, for a stellar presentation. Rosa Parks Community School is a participant in Disney's Musical in Schools that helps to build sustainable theatre programs in urban elementary schools. Last school year, RPCS was one of the 5 schools selected in the Newark area to participate in the program that partnered with teaching artists from NJPAC. The school successfully presented Disney's Lion King Kids.

The Production Team:

Producer	Sonya Tynes
Director/Choreographer	Nadiyah Smith-McCoy
Production Manager	Keva Holman
Music Director	Mariel Johnson
Art Directors	Agnieszka Wszolkowski/Veronica Barahona
Stage Manager	Jules McFarlane
Lighting Director	V.J. Meyers-Ryans
Publicity Coordinator	Tamica Miller
Sound Technician	Scott Clark
Costume Production	Acela Barahona/Maria Barahona



Pictured: Production team.

Student Assistants	Art Club
Marcus Jean	Sara Mayembo
Elliott Holmes	Amanda Desir
Martha Simon	Emely Falcon
Gloria Noel	Brenda Palencia
Markisha Noelvil	Rebecka Francois
Anai Pabon Sanango	Dylan Brooks
Nely Gualpa	Najhera Walker
	Leslie Correa



Pictured: Disney's Aladdin Kids team members.

Cast	
Lamp Vendor	Yanni Halstead
Aladdin	Roland Octavius
Jasmine	Mya Williams
Genie	Rubi Sanchez
Jafar	Therry Francois
Sultan	Goodwin Ekeh
Iago	Guilbes Jules
Tiger God	Saviour Ayim
Head Guard	Miller Hyppolite
Chorus	Dancers
Makaya Mcdonald	Elen Antwi
Marenissa Bariffe	Keinia Booker
Melanie Arrojo	Angela Davis
Klhoi Louis	Amanda Desir
Jaell Isreal	Kevin Jones
Priceyda Gualpa	Zyiah Jones
Natalie Rodriguez	Lidia Roca
Serena Hargrove	Sashell Romeus
Fabrico Fleitas	
Vanessa Odunsi	



Pictured: Scenes from Disney's Aladdin Kids.

HOSA State Competition

Submitted by Denise DePalma, Orange High School HOSA Advisor



stage and given an award.

The mission of HOSA is to enhance the delivery of compassionate, quality health care by providing opportunities for knowledge, skill and leadership development of all health science education students, helping the student meet the needs of the health care community. The purpose of the HOSA organization is to develop leadership and technical HOSA skill competencies through a program of motivation, awareness and recognition, which is an integral part of the Health Science Education instructional program here at Orange High School.

On March 18, 2017, three Orange High School Health Profession students attended the New Jersey Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) State Leadership Competition. The students competed with over 500 students from high schools throughout New Jersey. The students competing in this state level contest included: Yasmine Cole, Victoria Charles and Drew Ann McPherson. The young ladies competed in the event titled "Medical Innovation." The topic that they researched and presented on was Ectogenesis, the artificial womb. They took 5th place in the event! They were honored with being brought on



Juilliard Sextet Performs for Students at Orange Preparatory Academy



A Juilliard sextet performed at Orange Preparatory Academy, thanks to the efforts of Linda Beard, South Orange Performing Arts Center (SOPAC) Director of Community Engagement & Education. SOPAC has partnered with the Juilliard School of Performing Arts to present rising young musicians. The sextet performed during school hours in front of instrumental and vocal students from the following schools: Lincoln Avenue,

Forest Street, Oakwood Avenue Community, Orange Prep Academy and Orange High. The musicians were extremely talented and interacted with the students. "It was fun and informative for the students," stated Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, Donna Sinisgalli.

The ensemble included Ariadne Greif, Soprano, Brendan Speltz, Violin, Moran Katz, Clarinet, Sofia Nowik, Cello, Hassan Anderson, Oboe, and Eliran Avni, Piano.



Orange's Lincoln Avenue Elementary School Panthers take part in Jr. NBA Skills and Drills Event

By *Kerry E. Porter* on March 16, 2017

ORANGE, NJ – The Lincoln Avenue Elementary School Panthers, headed by Shaif Williams, took part in an annual Jr. NBA Skills and Drills Event produced by LGT Sports Management. This is an annual event that sends winning student-athletes from ages 10U to 13U to compete for an all-expense paid trip to New York City and be a part of the 2017 NBA Draft which will be held after the 2017 NBA Championship has been completed.

The event took place on Saturday, February 4. "I was inspired to do this when my son participated in a similar event at the JCC in West Orange," said Williams, "so I felt it would be a fun way to get our community involved as well."



Pictured: Coach Shaif Williams takes a moment to congratulate all the participants who will be moving on to the next rounds which will be announced at a later date.

This article is reprinted from Essex News Daily and can be found online at: <http://essexnewsdaily.com/sports/sports-orange/33464>.

The Mighty Marching Tornadoes Represents Orange at the St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City

On March 17, the Mighty Marching Tornadoes, led by Dr. Steven Reeves, Orange High School's band director, guided the skilled ensemble up Fifth Avenue, past St. Patrick's Cathedral at 50th Street, all the way to 79th Street. The group, joined by Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, Donna Sinisgalli, and other supporting staff and family members enjoyed the thrill of a New York City parade, which kicked off at 44th Street.



Pictured: The Might Marching Tornadoes at the St. Patrick's Day Parade (photos by Donna Sinisgalli).



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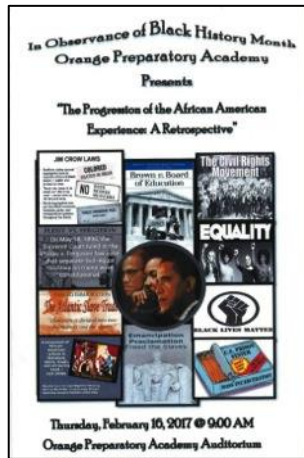


See the parade, in the following live streaming link, as shared by Ms. Sinisgalli, "Go to 05:11:16 in the link below and watch the OHS Mighty Marching Tornadoes in the St. Patrick's Day parade in NYC!"

<https://livestream.com/accounts/16944724/events/7145438/videos/151982947>

A Look Back on Orange Preparatory Academy's Black History Month Program

Photos submitted by Ms. Tera Phipps, Technology Coordinator, Orange Preparatory Academy



On February 16, in observance of Black History Month, Orange Preparatory Academy presented "The Progression of the African American Experiences: A Retrospective." The school program was a

collaboration between staff and students, incorporating key African American figures, from past to present, and enlightening the audience with current events and entertaining them with talent and selected music and dance.

The program included solo performances by Ms. Charlene Gilliam, staff member, Mr. Dennis Peterson, science teacher, and student Cassandra Dawson. Dance performances including African/Hip Hop genres, were enjoyed, and Mr. Jonathan Clerie, music teacher and Mr. Alonzo Hall, dance teacher, presented a music and dance collaboration. There were musical selections by the chorus and the jazz and concert bands, directed by Mr. Peter Abazia. Poetry recitations, film clips of the Civil Rights Movement and a trailer for the documentary *13th* and the personification of various wax figures. The event, guided by the Mistress of Ceremony, student Katiana Issac was uplifting and well supported by Co-Principals Aretha Malloy and Dana Gaines.

The planning committee is thanked for their support and effort.

Pictured (right): Performers at Orange Prep's Black History Month Celebration.



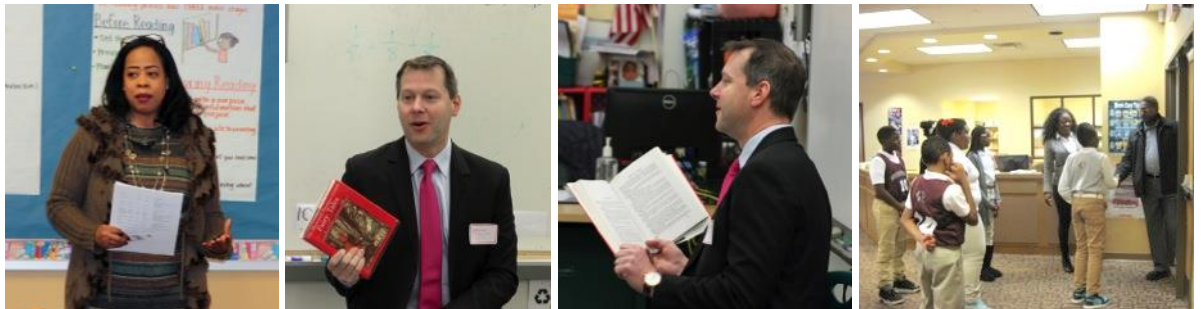


Pictured: Performers at Orange Prep's Black History Month Celebration.

A Look Back at Celebrity Read Moments

Celebrity Read attracted many readers to several of the Orange Public Schools during the month of February. Celebrity Read, the well established literacy initiative created by United Way of Essex and West Hudson in 1990, attracted many familiar faces and new friends to volunteer their time to read to students, in support of the United Way's "Local Legacy" program instilling the love of reading in students from pre-K through Grade 4.

Below are some of the images capturing the reading events at Park Avenue and Forest Street Schools. Media Specialists Linda Martelli and Rebecca Kenyon, hosted the readers who were ushered to classrooms by student ambassadors. Some of the readers included United Way representatives, an NJPAC executive, former Board of Education members, retired administrators, current teachers, entertainers, city officials, and students.



Pictured (left to right): Celebrity readers from the United Way; NJPAC executive; Orange City Councilman Kerry Coley being greeted at Park Avenue School.



Pictured: Tech coordinator Dr. Denise Harlem reading to students at Park Avenue School; former district administrator Ms. Kathrine Carter reading to students at Forest Street School.

Orange Prep Students Visit Drew University

Submitted by Ms. Stephanie Desanges, Community School Coordinator, Orange Prep Academy

On February 23, the Community Room staff at Orange Prep Academy, Ms. Stephanie Desanges and Ms. Fatima Hubbard, along with Ms. Malika Berry, the school social worker, visited Drew University in Madison, New Jersey, with 22 Orange Prep students. The day started with the students arriving on campus at the EC Crawford Center, and receiving a welcome introduction from current Drew students and staff.



Pictured: Orange Prep students at Drew University.

The students received campus tours in their small break out groups and visited Baldwin Honors, Theatre, EOS Building and various campus centers and classrooms. On the first tour to a Biology lab, students were greeted at a welcome table where they had to guess the correct elements of the atomic table to win a free cupcake. Students then toured other buildings on campus where they were informed of the buildings usage and learned fun facts about the Campus.

To end the visit, students arrived to the Crawford Center for a panel discussion. The panelists consisted of Admissions Counselor, Financial Aid Counselor, Student Life representatives, EOS staff, students and two Drew Professors. The panelists introduced themselves and provided useful advice, financial aid information and career options. The Financial Aid Counselors offered data about the FAFSA and its qualifications. They mentioned the Merit money, federal work study, and EOS and EOF programs for NJ residents.



Pictured: Orange Prep Academy students at Drew University.

After the Panel Q &A, Drew University surprised our students with a pizza party where the student panelist sat among the OPA students and engaged in conversation. Overall, The students enjoyed themselves and had many questions for the representatives.



Pictured: Orange Prep Academy students at Drew University.

Advice from the Panel:

- Start early with the college process
- Establish what activities and programs you are interested in studying
- Don't get stressed out
- Get your grades up and apply early

Fun Facts:

- The Application process is very selective. The University receives over 4000 student applications; 30 % are actually accepted.
- While all the academic programs are considered good, the popular majors are Theatre, Psychology Business and English.
- Roommates are chosen in the first year by choice, years after they are randomly selected.

Perks of Drew:

- Level of attention they give to the students
- Smaller campus and classroom size
- Better opportunity to gain a great experience

FYI

Orange Page Turners Reading Challenge Awards Readers with a NJ Devils Game

A message from Ms. Karen Harris, Director of English Language Arts:

Great news, the Orange Page Turners Reading Challenge will be extended until the end of April. We are certain to meet our goal of 1 million pages. As of March 15, we have collectively read **603,244** pages. WOW!

Congratulations to our top readers thus far. They have been invited to attend the NJ Devils vs. Carolina Hurricanes Hockey Game this Saturday, March 25.

The New Jersey Devils is honoring Orange Township students for their academic achievement during the team's March 25th game against the Carolina Hurricanes. These students, participants in the district-wide Reading Plus All Stars competition, completed the most Reading Plus lessons as compared to all other students in the district.



Orange Page Turner's Challenge

Let's show our support for the readers via the link below. The Orange Page Turners Go Fund Me page.

<https://www.gofundme.com/pcvx4-orange-page-turners-challenge>

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 Monthly Board of Education Meeting 7:00 ^{PM} at Orange Prep Academy	14 	15 	16	17 	18 
19 FilmBoot24 - Red Carpet Film Screening at Orange Prep - doors open at 3:30	20 	21	22	23 	24 	25 
26	27	28	29	30  Sister Act at Orange Prep, 7:00 ^{PM}	31  Sister Act at Orange Prep, 7:00 ^{PM}	April 1  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

- Sister Act at Orange Preparatory Academy
- Heywood Avenue School Color Me For Technology Fundraiser
 - Parent Academy Workshops

OHS First Annual
Week of Events
March 27-April 1

Raffles
Games
Scavengers Hunts
Prizes
FOOD

Monday O-Fit Night 6-8pm
Tuesday "Lit" Night 6-8pm
Wednesday Math Night 6-8pm
Thursday Sister Act 7pm
Friday Sister Act 7pm
Saturday Sister Act 2pm & 7pm

Visit www.orange.k12.nj.us or Call (973)-677-4050 for info

ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL & ORANGE PREPARTORY ACADEMY
 THE VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT
 DIRECTED BY DANA LEVIN

Proudly Presents

SISTER ACT

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2017 - 7PM
 FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2017 - 7PM
 SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017 - 2PM AND 7 PM
 ADULTS: \$7.00
 SENIORS & CHILDREN: \$5.00

ORANGE PREPARTORY ACADEMY
 400 CENTRAL AVENUE
 ORANGE, NJ 07050
 PHOTO BY JOAN MARCUS

Heywood Avenue School

Invites you to join our event
"Color Me for Technology"

join the fun!
April 29, 2017

Registration: 8:30-9:15am

Race starts @ 9:15am

Orange Park

S. Harrison Street
Orange, NJ 07050

a color run for all

run, jog, or walk at your own pace!

Registration fee: \$20 (before
4/12; \$25 after 4/12)

**All race participants must
register by **4/12/17**

A great new
fundraising event

This year, we will be hosting our own school color run! This is an exciting way to promote awareness for healthy living and raise funds!

This event is
co-sponsored by:

Councilwoman
Summers-Johnson
and
21st Century
Community
Learning Centers



Register Online!
www.heywoodMSCR.eventbrite.com



PLEASE POST



HELP US CELEBRATE REDSKIN FAN

***ERVENIA BENSON'S
RETIREMENT***

ON

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2017

6:30 PM

AT

THE APPIAN WAY

LANGDON STREET, ORANGE, NJ

R.S.V.P. By May 1, 2017

\$75.00 per person (Includes Gift)

No Payments Accepted at Door



CONTACT SHANA BLAIR, H.R. SECRETARY

(EXT. 6020)

FOR TICKETS AND PAYMENT

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:
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973-677-4000 ext. 6064**



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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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