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Orange Board of Education
451 Lincoln Avenue
Orange, NJ 07050
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- **Monday, November 28, Special Public Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Administrative Building, 451 Lincoln Avenue**
- **Thursday, December 1, Heywood Avenue School Winter Concert, 6:00 p.m.**
- **Thursday, December 1, Remembering Rosa: A Concert for Peace, 6:00 p.m., Rosa Parks Community School (Central Auditorium)**
- **Saturday, December 3, Parent Academy – Town Hall Meeting, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Scholars Academy**

The Orange Page Turners Reading Challenge Register Today November 25, 2016 – April 16, 2017

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

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To register for the reading challenge, individuals can find the form link on the district's website at www.orange.k12.nj.us. Once you register, you will receive a welcome email and a link to the form for tracking the number of pages you have read. Register today!

Orange Teen Summit 2016

Submitted by Ms. Laura Sacks, School Nurse/Teen Summit Organizer, Orange Prep Academy

The Teen Summit 2016, sponsored by the Orange Public School district, was held on Saturday, November 19, with approximately 400 registrants. With dedicated staff from the district and numerous student volunteers to facilitate the event, students in grades 7 to 12, parents and guardians, participated in a summit that inspired everyone to realize, "Together, We Can Make a Difference!"

The students and adults first strategized how to make the community in Orange healthier, as part of the district's grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, which challenges communities across New Jersey to make changes and create long-term solutions for better living. Students and adults were divided into groups, and each group was given three questions. All the groups answered the same first two questions:

1. What does health mean to you? What do you need to be healthy?
2. What needs to be done to have Orange be the place people want to stay and live and also come back to after college, and how can we change the perception of what people think of Orange?

The third questions were different for each group; they included:

1. What can be done to make it safer in the community?
2. What would you need to be physically healthier?
3. Which activities would you like to participate in at the REC Center on Main Street?
4. What are some ways we could encourage teens to want to be successful in school?
5. How can we inspire our teens?

Adults were asked about the educational programs going on in Orange and how to get adults involved. They were also asked what can be done to get students engaged and off the streets. The groups discussed the questions and then reported their ideas to Mr. Lee and the Healthy Orange Coalition members.

The day started with a welcome from Mr. Ronald C. Lee, Superintendent of Schools, afterwards Nichelle "Brown Eyes" Brown did a short opening rap. Long time resident and doctoral student, Khemani Gibson presented a keynote address. Other highlights of the day included a flash mob and dance performance, choreographed by Debbie Rembert. The life workshops in the morning included a joint workshop on 'Family Concerns' and 'Living in the Hood' with school board member, Kyleesha Hill and college student, Rahmel Johnson.



Pictured: Scenes from Teen Summit 2016.

There were two new workshops – "A Personal Trainer's Guide for Getting Healthier" and "Move Yo Mind" for girls only that shared how to reduce stress, improves concentration, and learn meditation. There was an adult workshop led by Healthy Orange Coalition members, University of Orange members, and Parent Academy members. Seton Hall athletes discussed the importance of grades and academic requirements. Lenny Williams, a professor and youth activist, led an inspiring talk on students' journeys toward academic transformation and future success. Dawan Alford, from Hands, Inc, organized a panel, "Bloom Where You're Planted: - Shifting the Narrative of Success from Escaping to Investing - A Comprehensive Strategy of Community Building and Cultivating Positive Leadership." He and his participants encouraged the students to find a mentor. Marcus Lawson, PharmD, discussed health-related careers. ShopRite's Dietitian, Sally Hammer, RD, shared information about nutrition. Sue-Anne Alonso, from Orange High School, introduced hydroponics (information about the high school greenhouse), and she shared lettuce that was grown in the greenhouse with participants.

There was an informative women's workshop entitled "Spiritual Surgery." At the same time, there was a men's workshop on "Investing in Real Estate in the Community" with James Hughes, a local real estate broker/sales person.

The afternoon workshops included: Dance! Zumba, acting, makeovers, Boot Camp, Finding Your Passion, and a discussion about medical careers with our school physician, Dr. Rosario Zambrano. Attendees finished the day with a dance competition and raffle prizes. Students also painted banners in English, Creole, and Spanish that stated, "Education Builds a Stronger and Healthier Community." The day concluded with raffle prizes.

Student comments have been numerous, including a request to do a summit every month. It was a day of truly inspiring and motivating workshops, presentations and activities. Laura Sacks, the summit organizer, was pleased with the event, as was Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee. They both exclaimed, "We hope everyone realized that, *Together, We Really Can Make a Difference!*"



Pictured: Scenes from Teen Summit 2016.

The following contributors are thanked for their generous donations:

Students

- **Taco Bell – gift cards**
- **Eagle Rock Bowling – free games**
- **CMB Kicks - gift certificates**
- **Jerry's Art Supplies – art kits and bags for our participants**
- **Kim's Nails – 2 manicures and pedicures**
- **Orange Prep Staff Member, Mrs. Kathy Gengaro – Beautiful jewelry, metallic hair bands, and Dunkin Donuts gift cards**

Adults

- **Hat City Kitchen – gift cards**
- **Suzi Q's – gift cards**
- **The Chelsea Set – gift certificate**
- **AfraKuts – gift certificate**
- **The Bass Foundation**
- **LycoRed**
- **bookBgone**
- **Costco**
- **Trader Joe's**
- **Shop Rite**
- **Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches**
- **Chartwell**
- **Rockland Bakery**
- **Dunkin Donuts**
- **Orange Prep Staff Member, Mr. Glenn Gamble – Dunkin Donuts' breakfast for kitchen volunteers, Dunkin Donuts gift cards, a Star Tavern gift certificate, and a donation of elegant toiletry items**



Thanks also to Mayor Dwayne D. Warren for his support, along with all the volunteers and staff members who worked so hard at different times during the extended hours of the summit.

Finally, the Orange Board of Education, Superintendent Ronald Lee and Mr. Adekunle James, Business Administrator, are thanked for their continued support, as well as their commitment to making this event happen for students, parents and guardians.



Pictured: Scenes from Teen Summit 2016.

Orange Students Perform at Worldwide Orphans 12 Annual Gala

Submitted by Ms. Donna Sinisgalli, Supervisor, Visual and Performing Arts

On November 14, Orange's young dancers from Rosa Parks and the talented Orange High School's Voices in Harmony (*pictured right*) performed for the Worldwide Orphans 12 Annual Gala. Orange's students had the honor of being the opening act for the fundraising event. The gala



was held in the prestigious Cipriani, at 55 Wall Street, NY and raised over \$1 million. The students performed at the invitation of Dr. Jane Aronson, CEO and President of Worldwide Orphans who saw the dancers perform last school year at the Rosa Parks Community School's (RPCS) block party. She quickly asked who was responsible for teaching the students, which led her to Ms. Nadiyah Smith-McCoy, dance teacher at RPCS. The performance was arranged, along with the award winning choir Voices in Harmony, directed by music teacher, Mr. David Milnes.



Pictured: Rosa Parks Community School dancers at the WWO Gala.

Worldwide Orphans (WWO) is a New York/New Jersey based 501(c)(3) international nongovernmental organization (INGO) headquartered in Maplewood, New Jersey. The organization was established in 1997 by Dr. Jane Aronson. WWO has operated in Orange, as part of the Robert Wood Johnson (RWJ) Healthy New Jersey coalition, offering the Toy Library at the Orange Public Library. The program is part of WWO Element of Play® (EOP). EOP is a program developed to bring about psychosocial change and rehabilitate communities in areas of extreme poverty and disaster

Through Element of Play®, WWO provides children and adults with access to play-based experiences and learning to support child development and school readiness, heal trauma and create healthy, connected and vibrant communities. (see wwo.org)

Worldwide Orphans is transforming the lives of children and communities in need. They provide education, medical care, and psycho-social support in their local communities so that they become confident, competent, thriving adults who will change the world around them. (see wwo.org)

FYI

Beyond Measure Film Screening



On December 5, from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., at Orange Preparatory Academy, the Orange Public School District's Mathematics and Science Department will host a screening and discussion of the movie *Beyond Measure*. The film, directed by Vicki Abeles, author, parent and education advocate, is a follow up to her documentary about "the dark side of America's achievement culture," *Race to Nowhere*. In *Beyond Measure*, viewers are introduced to public schools across the country as they "embark on a journey to transcend the limits of an outmoded, test-driven education system and create a more equitable, empowering, student-centered education culture from the ground up." The film will show how groundbreaking school communities are implementing research based innovative models and transforming how and what they teach. The Orange Public School District may use practices illustrated by the trailblazers in *Beyond Measure* to model the future Orange STEM Academy. The event is free and open to the public.

(Excerpts from Beyond Measure press information.)

November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Superintendent's Town Hall Meeting 6:00 ^{PM} at Lincoln Ave. School & Cleveland Street School BOE Lobby Art Exhibit. 6:00 ^{PM}	3	4	5
6	7	8 	9	10 NJEA Convention District Closed	11  NJEA Convention District Closed	12
13	14	15	16 Professional Development - 12:30 ^{PM} Dismissal Students	17 Sonic Exploration 4:00 ^{PM} at OACS	18	19
20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Recess 12:30 ^{PM} Dismissal	24  Thanksgiving Recess District Closed	25 Thanksgiving Recess District Closed	26
27	28	29	30			

Check district [website calendar](#) for all November and upcoming December events.



**PARENT ACADEMY
TOWN HALL MEETING**



ALL PARENTS WELCOMED!



**SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 3RD,
2016
10:00AM - 12:00PM
LOCATION: LINCOLN AVENUE
SCHOOL
216 LINCOLN AVENUE
ORANGE, NJ 07050**

(Note: New event location: Scholars Academy, 268 Capuchin Way)



Approved *[Signature]* 11/18/16

Remembering Rosa: A Concert for Peace

Thursday December 1st 2016 at 6pm
Rosa Parks Community School: Central Auditorium

A concert for peace to commemorate Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott featuring performances by student groups, church choirs, and musicians from Orange NJ.

"I would like to be known as a person who is concerned about freedom and equality and justice and prosperity for all people." - Rosa Parks

El jueves, 1 de diciembre de 2016 a las 6pm
Escuela de Comunidad de Rosa Parks: Auditorio Central

Un concierto para paz para conmemorar a Rosa Parks y el Boicot de Montgomery Bus. Presentando interpretaciones por grupos de estudiante, coros de iglesia, y músicos de Orange, NJ.

"Me gustaría ser conocido como una persona que está preocupada por libertad e igualdad y justicia y prosperidad para toda la gente." -Rosa Parks



**ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
PRESENTS**

BEYOND MEASURE

A FILM BASED ON THE POTENTIAL MODEL FOR THE NEW STEM ACADEMY

DECEMBER

5

2016

6:00 PM TO 8:30 PM

FREE ADMISSION

VENUE: ORANGE PREP ACADEMY AUDITORIUM
400 CENTRAL AVENUE, ORANGE NJ 07050

For more information, please contact us at (973) 677-4000 ext. 6089

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**LAS ESCUELAS PUBLICAS DE
ORANGE PRESENTAN**

BEYOND MEASURE

UNA PELICULA BASADA EN EL MODELO POTENCIAL PARA LA NUEVA
ACADEMIA DE STEM

**5 DE
DICIEMBRE
DEL 2016**

6:00 PM TO 8:30 PM

ADMISION GRATUITA

**LUGAR: ACADEMIA DE LA PREPARATORIA
400 CENTRAL AVENUE, ORANGE NJ 07050**

Para mas informacion llamar | (973) 677-4000, Ext: 6089

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ORANGE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS EARLY CHILDHOOD DEPARTMENT

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR FALL-2016

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:* OCTOBER, 4, 11, 18, 25**

NOVEMBER 1, 15, 29

***TIME:* 10:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m**

Last sign in: 12:30 P.M.

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.



**ESCUELAS PUBLICAS DE ORANGE
DEPARTAMENTO DE EDUCACION
PREESCOLAR
REGISTRACIÓN PREESCOLAR 2016-2017**

REQUISITOS:

- 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 INMUNIZACIONES DEL NIÑO/NIÑA
- DECLARACIÓN ACTUAL DEL ARRIENDO O DE LA HIPOTECA
- Identificación de fotos
- **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 CONTRATO DE ARRENDAMIENTO. NO SE ACEPTARA CARTAS NOTARIZADA.**

REGISTRACIÓN:

OCTUBRE 4, 11, 18 Y 25

NOVIEMBRE 1, 15 Y 29

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

Tiene que firmar 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 DESARROLLANDO ALGUN PROBLEMA DE APRENDISAJE O APRENDIENDO DIFERENTE FAVOR DE CONTACTAR AL DEPARTAMENTO DE SERVICIOS ESPECIALES EN EL DISRITO.