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- Monday, December 19, Forest Street School Winter Concert, 6:00 p.m.
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### **Superintendent Lee Will Retire December 31**

Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, confirmed his plans to retire at the end of December 2016. At the monthly board of education meeting, he announced that, for personal reasons, he would proceed with his retirement, as presented to the board in July. In making the declaration, he thanked the board members, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Paula Howard, Board Secretary and Business Administrator Mr. Adekunle James, his remaining cabinet members, school principals and staff for their support. Mr. Lee stated he was thankful to the board for asking him to stay and he was particularly thankful to the community members who came out to speak on his behalf. The support, he said, "Was nice to see." Superintendent Lee pledged his commitment to the Orange community and said he will continue to do what he can to assist the district.

A plaque, honoring Mr. Lee, was presented by President Cristina Mateo and the Board. He was commended for district accomplishments and achievements attained during his 7½ year leadership. Most notably, the rise in high school graduation rate, the district Middle States Accreditation, an increase in college acceptance and scholarship awards, construction approval for Cleveland and Orange High Schools and bringing state and national recognition to the Orange School District.



Pictured: (left) President Cristina Mateo presents plaque to Superintendent Lee, with Board Secretary James board members Mr. Jarteau Israel and Mr. Jeffrey Wingfield looking on. (right) Dr. Howard, Mr. Israel, President Mateo, Mr. James, Superintendent Lee, Mr. Wingfield, Board Attorney Ron Hunt and Board VP E. Lydell Carter.

### **STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges**

On December 5, the Orange Mathematics and Science Department hosted a screening of the documentary film, *Beyond Measure*, for the Orange community. Though the initial turnout was light, the questions asked and sentiments expressed, supported the mission for the establishment of the *STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges*, which is on-track to open in September 2017.

The Academy's mission is to provide students with a personalized pathway towards mastery of the skills and knowledge that they will need to make the transition from education to college and/or industry.

Beyond Measure illustrates how groundbreaking school communities across the country are transforming how and what they teach to help students succeed. The shows "schools that are breaking away from an outmoded, test-driven education are shaping a new vision for our classrooms." (**beyondmeasure**film.com/) The district is interested in using practices illustrated by the trailblazers in *Beyond Measure* as a model for the *STEM Innovation Academy* of the Oranges.



Following the airing of the movie, a panel convened, consisting of the Honorable Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Board of Education Vice President E. Lydell Carter, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Paula Howard, Director of Mathematics and Science Dr. Tina Powell and, joining via Skype, Superintendent of Schools Ronald C. Lee *(pictured left).* 

Mr. Barry Devone, Community Relations Officer *(pictured below left)*, moderated the panel.



The panel addressed the motivation behind the movie screening in support of the STEM academy. Dr. Powell stated that in inviting the community to the film screening, "There is power in the collective voice." Her message was echoed, as each panelist made introductions. Superintendent Lee thanked Dr. Powell and all involved in orchestrating the presentation of the movie; Mayor Warren was pleased to be a part of the forum and had praise for Orange students; Board Vice President Carter said, "We are starting small to go big," and applauded the leadership of the

Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent and Dr. Powell for learning from others to move things along faster.

Dr. Howard indicated that the administration must reflect on the sentiments expressed in the discussion. She later advised, "This is not something that happens overnight; we are all relearning. The district is continuously learning." Parents and staff were interested in the re-training and acceptance of teachers, in moving to the project based learning reflected in the movie, and commented that the district presented a "top down" recommendation versus the "bottom up" revolution positioned in the film. Mr. Lee stated "We are bringing teachers to the table and they are excited to go back and tell others what we are doing." Dr. Powell indicated that the district is already piloting Blended and Personal learning and that we are looking to expose our preschoolers to STEM.

The STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges will be an innovative public school for students in grades 9-14, two years beyond the traditional high school matriculation. STEM students will graduate with an associate degree (designed to prepare them for transfer to four-year colleges and universities), an applied associate degree (designed to prepare students for immediate employment upon completion, although, in some majors they may be able to transfer most or all of their credits to baccalaureate programs), or an associate equivalent. Major fields of study offered will include Computer Science and Programming, Engineering (Mechanical, Electrical, or Chemical) and Design.

The proposed location for the school, to be finalized, is the former Marylawn Academy, located in South Orange. Questions were asked about enrollment procedures and timeline; additional details are forthcoming.

### Orange Preparatory Academy Students Visit Rutgers University, Douglas College

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

On Friday, December 9, 33 female scholars from Orange Preparatory Academy were selected to attend a special college tour of Rutgers University, Douglass College with staff, Ms. Desanges (School Coordinator), Ms. Hubbard (Family Liaison) and Ms. Romero (8th grade Counselor).

The students arrived at the Douglass Student Center and enjoyed eating the Dining Hall. The tour continued by visiting the Cook Center where they learned about the history and legacy of the Douglass/Cook College campus. Students then visited a nearby residential hall and were able to see a campus dorm room.



Pictured: Scenes from Orange Prep's visit to Rutgers University, Douglas College.

Throughout the tour, the students were engaged and asked many questions. The young women spoke of their own goals and where they see themselves in the next few years. They were excited with their college experience and look forward to many more college tours.

The Rutgers staff members were pleased and thankful for the visit. "It's so nice to see how interested they are in the college process, in the beginning of there high school experience. You all are doing a great job." Ending the tour, the Rutgers tour guides invited the Orange Prep scholars to return for *Rutgers Day* in April 2017.

### Orange Students Compete in Winter Sectional Youth Bridge Tournament in Woodbridge

Submitted by Dr. Denise Harlem, Technology Coordinator and Bridge Club Advisor, Park Avenue School

On Saturday, December 10, 21 students from Orange participated in the Winter Sectional Youth Bridge Tournament in Woodbridge, NJ. In all, there were 30 students from around North Jersey participating in the competition. The students played 18 hands of bridge, changing tables six times.

The results of the day made Orange proud:

- 1st Place North-South Merlay Alcius and Iyahna Barrett from Park Avenue School
- 2nd Place North-South Derek Brenner and Haydn Lang
- 3rd Place North-South Sayeed Bennett (Park Avenue School) and Reid Busse
- 1st Place East-West Eric Lou and Christina Wang
- 2nd Place East West Jahiem Watson and Justin Dapaah from Park Avenue School
- 3rd Place East-West Martha Johnson-Jackson and A'rina Black from Park Avenue School

While the scores were being tallied, the students socialized and enjoyed a delicious lunch provided by District 3. Returning players are making bridge friends with students from other parts of New Jersey, and some are requesting that they play together as partners. After lunch, the winners were presented with trophies and medals and had their pictures taken.

Bridge Coaches Denise Harlem (Park Avenue) and Pamela Venable (Oakwood Avenue) would like to thank the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL), District 3 coordinators, especially former Orange Public Schools director, Barbara Clark, also the Treasurer of the Orange Education Foundation, for their hard work and dedication for helping to make the tournament a huge success.



Pictured (left to right): Merlay Alcius and Iyahna Barrett; Sayeed Bennett (Park Avenue School) and Reid Busse; Jahiem Watson and Justin Dapaah; Martha Johnson-Jackson and A'rina Black.

#### Bridge League Support:

A Charity Swiss Team event was held November 6, 2016 and the Unit 140 Board of the American Contract Bridge League, District 3, designated the Orange Bridge program again, consistent with many past years, as the recipient for an award of \$500. The contribution was made to the Orange Education Foundation, for supporting the Orange Bridge program.

### The Odd Couple (Female Edition)

The comedic production, *The Odd Couple* (*Female Edition*), directed by Dana Levin, drama teacher at Orange High School, was presented December 8 – 10, at Orange Preparatory Academy. Noted playwright Neil Simon retooled his well-recognized play, *The Odd Couple*, with female lead characters. They are Olive and Florence, their friends Vera, Mickey, Renee and Sylvie, complemented by the Costazuela brothers, Manolo and Jesus.

"Friendship is really what the Odd Couple is all about," writes Levin, "Good friends understand each other's quirks, however annoying they might be." The cast epitomized individual quirks with their actions and well-timed witty responses, while playing Trivial Pursuit and reacting to the emotional state of each character. The actors, novice and seasoned high school performers, were well suited for the parts of female friends, who are supportive of each other as they struggle with divorce. The two male suitors, Manolo and Jesus *(pictured below)*, added more levity to the play and initiated change in the lead characters.



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Cast	Role		
Shannon Lake	Olive Madison		
Ashley Matos/	Florence Unger		
Selena Jean-Pierre			
Andrew Coates	Manolo Costazuela		
Jon James	Jesus Costazuela		
Habirah Williams/	Sylvie		
Loodmy Altema	-		
Kyla Wade/	Mickey		
Tyra Crespo	-		
Edith Rodriquez/	Renee		
Miphilove Milord			
Katiana Isaac/	Vera		
Hannah Nzedinma			
Danae Green/	Understudies		
Trameesha Robertson			



Pictured: Scenes from opening night for the Odd Couple (Female Edition).

Along with Director, Ms. Dana Levin, the production team consisted of Ms. Tammy Baldwin, Stage Crew Advisor, Set Consultant and Technical Director; Mr. Joe Lemke, Stage Crew Advisor for Orange Preparatory Academy; Ms. Paddie Donahue, Production Manager; Ms. Kashan Green, Make-up and Costume; Mr. Mike Sidel, Assistant Director and Ms. Veronica Barahona, Set Design.



The cast and extensive stage crew are congratulated for a wonderful production! The National Honor Society, serving as ushers, further supported the evening.

Pictured (above and left): Cast from the opening night performance (December 8) of *The Odd Couple (Female Edition)*.



Pictured (left to right): Cast from the opening night performance of *The Odd Couple (Female Edition),* including Olive and Florence; Manolo and Jesus; Olive and Florence.



Pictured (left to right): Cast from the opening night performance of *The Odd Couple (Female Edition),* including Olive and Manolo; Jesus and Florence; Mickey, Vera, Renee and Sylvie.



Pictured (above): Cast from the opening night performance of The Odd Couple (Female Edition).

### **Orange Prep's 2nd Annual PTSO Holiday Social**

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

Orange Preparatory Academy held its 2nd Annual P.T.S.O. (Parent Teacher Student Organization) Holiday Social, hosted by the Community Room Staff, on December 13. The attendees included 25 families, 10 staff members and several students.

Guests were greeted with Holiday melodies from Mr. Abaiza's band students. Principal Malloy then formally greeted and thanked the audience with a few words. Ms. Desanges also spoke briefly while thanking the members of the PTSO for their participation and dedication to the school. The guests were able to socialize and discuss ideas throughout the night. The night was filled with plenty of Holiday tunes, light refreshments and desserts.



Pictured: Scenes from the PTSO Holiday Social.



Staff members who attended the function *(pictured left)* were able to spend time with students outside of the classroom and met parents and families of their students.

Overall, it was a nice ending to a fabulous 2016 year. The Orange Prep P.T.S.O. wishes all families a happy and safe *Holiday Season*!

### **Parent Academy Town Hall Meeting**

Submitted by Mr. Barry Devone, Community Relations Officer

The Parent Academy Executive Council sponsored a Town Hall meeting on December 3, focusing on "Safety." Several community organizations, serving Orange, provided presentations to attendees. Afterwards, a panel was convened consisting of representatives from the presenting organizations. The participating groups were: Orange Township Police Support Organization (public safety), the Family Support Organization (mental health) and HomeCorps (financial safety). Additionally, a representative from Scholastic Inc. took pictures with students, dressed as *Clifford the Big Red Dog*. Orange Public School Teacher/Coach, Delia Abreu, served as Emily Elizabeth and read stories about safety to students. Karen Harris, Orange Public School District Director of English Language Arts provided attendees with information on the *Page Turners Challenge*, asking the community to read a million pages. PNC Bank was also present and provided information about financial security. The President of the Parent Academy, Mr. Dwight Holmes, and Mr. David McKnight, Treasurer, officiated the event.

Below are some highlights from the panel discussion:

Organization	Presentation Highlights		
Public Safety (Orange Township Police Department shown below) Image: A state of the	<ul> <li>The police are primarily concerned with helping and protecting citizens</li> <li>Parents should talk to children about social media and its consequences</li> <li>Curfew in Orange is 10pm for anyone under 18yrs old on school nights</li> <li>16yrs is the age of consent in New Jersey</li> <li>Parents should talk about peer pressure with children</li> <li>Signs of Cyber Bullying         <ul> <li>Child becomes withdrawn</li> <li>Changes in appearance</li> <li>Child doesn't want to go to school</li> <li>Changes in behavior</li> </ul> </li> <li>Parents should monitor children's behavior</li> <li>Monitor vehicle violations: Always have your credentials ready (identification, insurance card, current registration, etc.)</li> <li>Try to pull over in a well lit area         <ul> <li>Call the police department if you don't feel safe when pulled over by the police</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
Mental Health (Family Support Organization (FSO) representative with Mr. McKnight)	<ul> <li>Trauma mimics other diagnosis (i.e., PTSD, ADHD)</li> <li>Early childhood trauma has lifelong effects</li> <li>Trauma can be displayed in several ways:         <ul> <li>Fight Responses</li> <li>Crying, balled fist, teeth grinding, tantrums, anger/rage that can't be expressed</li> <li>Physical Issues</li> <li>Stomach ache, anxiety, impulsive/hyperactivity</li> </ul> </li> <li>Anyone can call (973) 395-1441 to reach FSO for assistance/emotional support</li> <li>Parents should be aware of sudden changes in behavior</li> </ul>		
Financial Security/ Homeownership (HomeCorp representative with Mr. McKnight))	<ul> <li>Identity theft is usually by someone the person knows</li> <li>People should spend money like their parents do - conservatively and with purpose</li> <li>Pay bills consistently and on time</li> <li>Banks have several saving programs for children</li> <li>HomeCorps facilitates classes as part of the Orange Public School Adult School that provides information on homeownership programs and credit recovery</li> </ul>		



Pictured: Scenes from the Parent Academy Town Hall Meeting on Safety.

### **Forest Street School December Art Opening**

On December 7, Forest Street School presented its Board of Education Lobby Art Show, *Come Fly With Me*, to a gathering of students, their family, visitors and staff. The artwork was not a "flight of fancy," but illustrations of various modes of flight, from paper Mache hot air balloons, watercolor depictions of owls and prehistoric birds, a mobile with airplanes colored in the pop art motif of artist Romero Britto. The work is colorful and playful, showing the talents of elementary school students.

The display was introduced by art teacher, Ms. Avril Bogel (*pictured bottom right*) after remarks by Principal Yancisca Cooke (*pictured top right*), who was proud of her students and the display Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Paula Howard and Ms. Donna Sinisgalli, Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, also gave remarks.





Pictured: Artwork displayed by Forest Street students.



Pictured: Forest Street students pose with artwork and Ms. Bogel hands out certificate.



Pictured: Group photo and artwork displayed by Forest Street students.

### **Annual Canned Food Drive at Lincoln Avenue School**

Submitted by Ms. Tamica Jones, Student Council Advisor, Lincoln Avenue School



Lincoln Avenue School's annual canned food drive was a success! With the generous donations of parents, students, and staff, the Student Council, along with the group's partner, the Legion of Good Will, assembled over 100 food baskets! When asked how she felt, student council representative, Aaliyah Moore said, "I'm glad I was involved in the food drive and was able to help, because, if I was in this predicament, I would hope that somebody helped me." The baskets will help those in need, during the holiday season.



Pictured: Scenes from the Canned Food Drive at Lincoln Avenue School.

FYI

#### Jersey Cares Coats



Ms. Fatima Hubbard, Family Liaison at Orange Prep Academy, saw a need for students in the community and reached out to several organizations and agencies for support. On Saturday, December 10, 2016, Jersey Cares donated 10 bags of ADULT WINTER coats (*pictured left*) to Orange Preparatory Academy and the Orange School District. The coats are currently available at Orange Prep's Community Room.

For all those interested or in need of a coat, please

contact Ms. Desanges, in the Orange Prep Community Room, at 973-677-4000 ext.5687.

#### Weekly ESL Class

Orange Prep Academy offers FREE ESL classes for all OPA Parents, every Tuesday and Thursday, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

For class registration or more information, please call Ms. Desanges, in the Community Room, at 973-677-4000 ext.5687.

### **Orange Page Turners**

### 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** 

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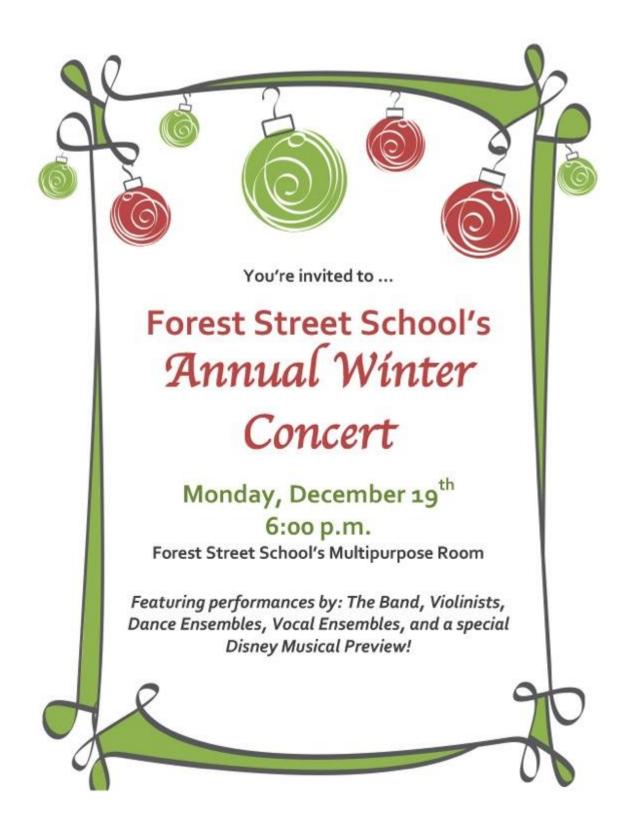
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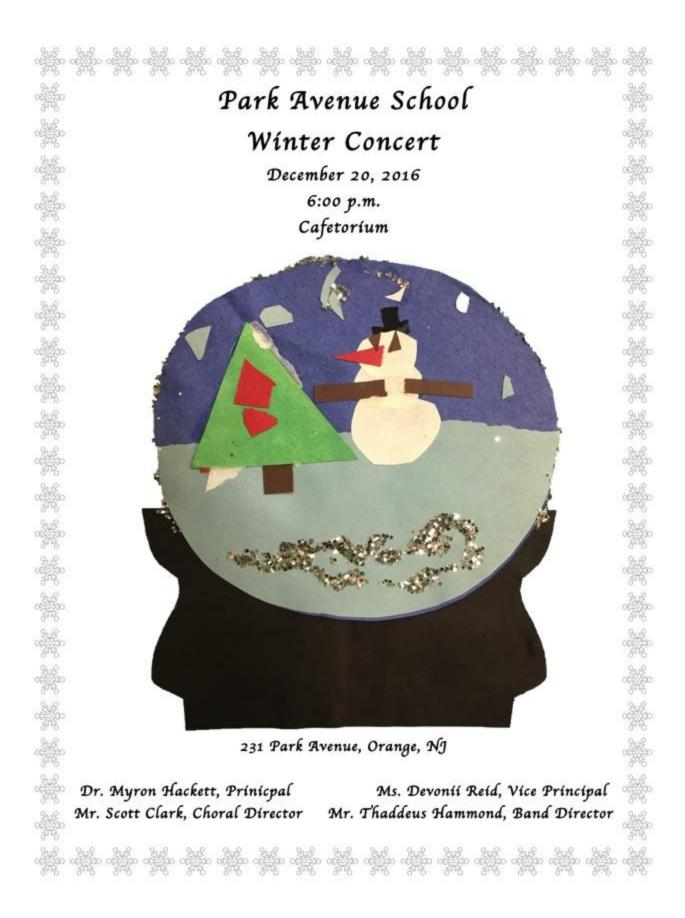
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				LHeywood Winter Concert, 6:00°** Remembering Rosa: A Concert for Peace, 6:00°**, Central Auditorium	2	<b>3</b> Parent Academy Town Hall Meeting, 10:00 <sup>AH</sup> -12:00 <sup>FM</sup> , Scholars Academy
4	<b>5</b> RPCS Winter Concert, 6:00 <sup>PH</sup> Beyond Measure Film Screening at OPA, 6:00 <sup>PR</sup>	6 Cleveland Winter Concert, 6:00 <sup>rm</sup> Central Auditorium	7 Park Avenue School BOE Lobby Art Exhibit, 6:00 <sup>PM</sup>	8 OHS/OPA Presents The Odd Couple at Orange Prep, 7:00 <sup>PM</sup>	9 OHS/OPA Presents The Odd Couple at Orange Prep, 7:00 <sup>PM</sup>	<b>10</b> OHS/OPA Presents <i>The Odd</i> <i>Couple</i> at Orange Prep, 2 <sup>PM</sup> & 7 <sup>PM</sup>
11	12 OACS Winter Concert, 6:00 <sup>PM</sup>	13 Monthly Board of Ed Meeting, 7:00 <sup>PM</sup> at OPA	14 Lincoln Winter Concert, 6:00 <sup>PM</sup>	15 OHS/OPA Winter Music Concert, 6:00 <sup>PM</sup>	16	17
18	19 Forest Winter Concert, 6:00 <sup>PM</sup>	20 Park Winter Concert, 6:00 <sup>PM</sup>	21	22	23 Holiday Recess 12:30 <sup>PM</sup> Dismissal	24 HAPPYS
25 Merry Christmas	26 Holiday	27 Recess	28 '**********	29 District	30 Closed	31 Happy New Year
1	2 News Year's Day Observance, District Closed	3 District Reopens				

Check district <u>website calendar</u> for December events.

### See Below For Important Flyers:

- Winter Concerts
- Pre-K Registration
- District Staff Holiday Party







### ORANGE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS EARLY CHILDHOOD DEPARTMENT

### **PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2016-2017**

**REQUIREMENTS:** 

3 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

6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>

### **JANUARY 2017**

10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>

### FEBRUARY 2016

7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>

*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.

## ESCUELAS PUBLICAS DE ORANGE DEPARTAMENTO DE EDUCACION PREESCOLAR

### **REGISTRACIÓN PREESCOLAR**

### **REQUISITOS**:

3 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/16

EDUCACION AR ESCOLAR 4 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/16 ORANGE

- 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
- 2 Pruebas de Residencia (recibo de PSE&G, teléfono o recibo del cable, NO CELLPHONE!) deben ser actual.
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### 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

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# DISTRICT HOLIDAY PARTY 2016

## OBE/OASA/OEA

### Raffles, Gift Baskets, 50/50's



### Thursday, December 22, 2016 Highlawn Pavillion I Crest Drive (Eagle Rock Reservation Overlooking NY skyline) West Orange, NJ 07052 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. \$35.00 per person All monies due by December 15th Contact Faith Alcantara, OASA, @2600 Belinda Smiley, OBE @6019 Butler Served Hors D'oeuvres Hot & Cold Buffet Cash Bar