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The Orange School District to Establish a Navy National Defense Cadet Corps (NNDCC) Unit at Orange High School



Superintendent of Schools Ronald C. Lee is pleased to announce that the Orange Public School District will enter into an agreement with the Department of the Navy, Naval Service Training Command, to establish a Navy National Defense Cadet Corps (NNDCC) unit at Orange High School. The program received approval at the Board of Education meeting on July 12. The NNDCC program will provide an opportunity for students to learn the values of citizenship, develop personal responsibility and discipline, promote positive character traits, cultivate service to their community and country, and foster a sense of accomplishment and pride.

“This is an extraordinary program for our students,” said Superintendent Lee, “It is a motivational program that will strengthen our students academically and provide mentoring to promote positive behavior. It will also expose students to the military, by providing a basic introduction to the Navy, including drills, commands and ceremonies.” However, as pointed out by Superintendent Lee, “The program does not represent a commitment to the military after graduation.” Nevertheless, students who have a desire to enlist in the military, and have successfully completed 3 years of course work in the program, will have a chance to be nominated to compete for appointments to the highly coveted U.S. Naval Academy, the Military Academy and the U.S. Air Force Academy. Cadets accepted for enlistment may also be entitled to advanced promotion at a higher pay grade with 2 years of NNDCC course work.

The NNDCC will be open to 50 students in grades 9 - 12, who meet acceptable academic standards, are over 14 years of age and able to participate in Orange High School's normal physical education program. Once accepted, students are expected to maintain suitable conduct, comply with grooming standards and wear cadet uniforms at least one day each week. Further, the district will hire a Naval Science Instructor, certified by the Navy, to teach the prescribed NNDCC curriculum. The Orange School District plans to implement the NNDCC program during the 2016 - 2017 school year.

The NNDCC Program:

The statute establishing the NNDCC program was enacted in 2008. The program is modeled after the Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) program with the main exception being that the host school is responsible for the primary funding of the program. The Navy will supply curriculum material, selected equipment and the forms and regulations required to conduct the program. (<http://www.njrotc.navy.mil/nndcc.html>)

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To be considered for an NNDCC unit, a school must be accredited by a United States nationally recognized accrediting agency or be accredited by a state, state educational agency or state university, and have at least 50 physically-fit high school students over 14 years of age interested in participating in the NNDCC program.

(<http://www.njrotc.navy.mil/nndcc.html>) In 2015, Orange High School, along with all other district schools, received accreditation from the Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools.

Newcomers' Academy Graduation Ceremony

On June 22, there was a Graduation Ceremony, at Lincoln Avenue School, for English Language Learners (ELL) participating in the Orange Public School District's Newcomers' Academy. The program is open to new students to the U.S. who require English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction. Dr. Terri Russo, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Professional Development, and Data Assessment welcomed students and their families to the event. She congratulated the students and staff for their commitment to completing the course work.

The program included an inspirational video featuring You Tube sensation Kid President and a video capturing the experiences of the students during the program. Teachers, Ms. Christine Plaza and Ms. Natalie Reeves presented their students with Certificates of Completion and encouraged them to collect autographs of their peers and teachers in their program booklet. The keepsake booklet included pictures of the classes and the following remarks:

You came to a new school and started learning a new language.

You listened, too and spoke English every day.

You began to understand a new country and a new culture.

You never stopped trying!

For all these things, you should be proud.

You made it!

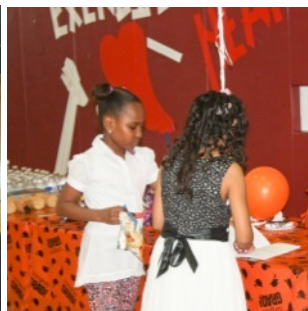
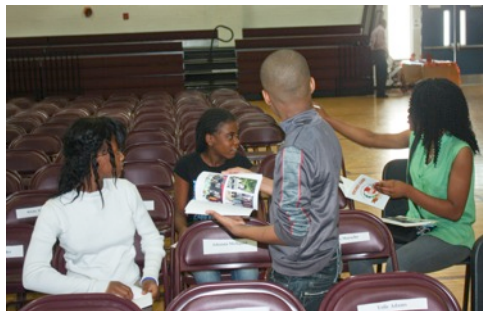
The Newcomers' Academy is available to students in grades 3 - 7 at Lincoln Avenue School. Students who are newly enrolled in the district, at the various elementary schools, are bused to Lincoln Avenue School daily to receive instructions as newcomers. The goal of the Newcomers' Academy is to provide these students with intense English instruction in order for them to actively participate in all required course work. The program lasts 18 weeks and is administered by Mr. Franklin Tafur, Teacher Coach, Bilingual/ESL Program. The Supervisor of Bilingual/ESL/World Languages Programs is Ms. Caroline Onyesonwu. At the conclusion of the program, newcomers return to their home schools.

The students who received *Certificates of Completion* of the Newcomers' Academy Program were:

Ms. Plaza	Ms. Reeves
Yolie Adams	Milenny Almanzar
Carl Auguste	Jazmin Batzibal
Dahiana Calderon	Saida Batzibal
Helen Chilet	Wilda Beauge
Hessel Flores	Clement Charles
Christian Guevera	Shirley Diaz
Erlende Julien	Nelson Estrada
Sirlende Julien	Jessica Hilaire
Medardo Mancia	Verlende Julien
Argeni Mejia-Leiva	Melissa Maurice
Wismyrna Milord	Cassandra Merceda
Fatima Ortiz	Johanna Mizhquiri
Rose Tanith Diejuste	Monica Morocho
Dantos Vanegas	Vialy Pierre
Gracq-Zalens Julien	Bregnine Raymond
	Isis Ruiz
	Ritchy St Jean
	Anderson Thomance
	Keiry Villanueva Tejada



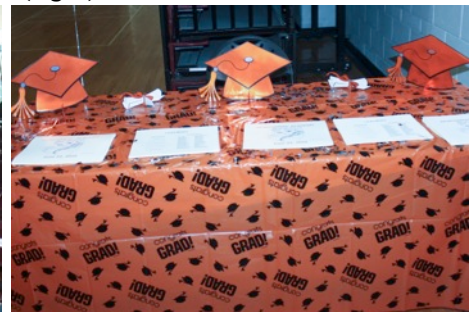
Pictured (left to right): Ms. Onyesonwu, ESL Supervisor, Mr. Tafur, Teacher/Coach, Dr. Russo, Director, Ms. Vivian Paiz, Administrative Support/Translator.



Pictured: Scenes from the Newcomers' Academy Graduation.



Pictured: Class pictures with Ms. Plaza (left) and Ms. Reeves (right).



Pictured (left to right): ELL support team members; Newcomers' students; Welcome table.

Parent Academy Recognition Ceremony, *A Celebration of Family Advocacy*

The Orange Public Schools Parent Academy seeks to promote parental involvement and enhance student achievement by offering free workshops and courses to parent leaders. The three focus areas include: student achievement, parenting and advocacy, and personal and individual growth.

On June 20, the 2016 Parent Academy cohorts were acknowledged for their participation in the various workshops and programs offered by the district. This year five parents received an Achievement Award plaque, engraved as follows: ***In Recognition Of Your Outstanding Efforts And Completion In Parent Academy For The 2015-2016 School Year.***

At the reception, a plaque was awarded to: Ms. Anastasia Maharaj (Orange Early Childhood Center), Ms. Latifa Barr and Ms. Katrina Coates (Orange Preparatory Academy) and Ms. Vierlande Barthelemy and Ms. Tisa Singleton (Rosa Parks Community School).

The event was hosted by Community School Coordinators, Ms. Rachel Bland (Oakwood Avenue Community School), Mr. Barry Devone, Rosa Parks Community School and Ms. Stephanie Desanges, Orange Preparatory Academy Community School. Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, gave welcoming remarks and Dr. Paula Howard, Deputy Superintendent, offered words of congratulations to the 2016 Parent Academy cohorts who participated in several parent engagement activities and completed workshops to become a graduate of the program.

Mr. Dwight Holmes, President of the Parent Academy group, gave closing remarks. Mr. Holmes is a parent and staff member at Orange High.



Pictured (left to right): Ms. Rachel Bland, Ms. Stephanie Desanges, Superintendent Lee, Orange Early Childhood Center Principal Jacquelyn Blanton (accepting for Anastasia Maharaj), Ms. Latifa Barr, Co-Principal Aretha Malloy, Ms. Katrina Coates, Ms. Vierlande Barthelemy, Ms. Tisa Singleton, Mr. Barry Devone.



Pictured (left to right): Ms. Bland displays gifts to be presented to the graduating parents; Orange Preparatory Academy group picture; RPCS group picture.



Pictured (left to right): Group photo with PA members; Superintendent Ronald C. Lee; Mr. Dwight Holmes, President of the PA group; Dr. Paula Howard, Deputy Superintendent.

June Events at Orange High School

Orange High School Presents Academic Awards Night

On June 15, Orange High School held a well-attended celebration of student achievement, acknowledging Honor Roll Awards, High Honor Roll Awards, Perfect Attendance and Principal’s Honor Roll. Further, there were presentations for individual scholarship awards for graduating seniors. Presentations were made by Co-Principals Dr. Kelisha Morgan and Mr. Jason Belton and Assistant Principals, Ms. Carrie Halstead, Ms. Stefanie Matthews and Mr. Mohammed Abdelaziz. Superintendent Ronald C. Lee was also present to congratulate students.

The Orange Education Foundation (OEF), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization supporting the Orange Public Schools, awarded 12 scholarships, for \$1,000 each, to the following students:

Avoshuahi Albert	Melkamu Habacho
Ariekah Anthony	Carly Henriquez
Ashley Ashithey	Ricardy Jean-Louis
Deanna Evans	Sophia Philippe
Tyrel Edwards	Ela Urbina
Lounie Germain	Hemwanti Kissoon



Pictured: OHS students receiving awards.

The A.D.S. Scholarship, funded by an Orange High School Alumni, went to two deserving students: Marlena Browne and William Collins. Both students received a \$14,000 scholarship.

The *Class of 65 Scholarships*, ranging from \$250 to \$1,000, went to: Asheley Ashithey, Bria Coleman, Brittany Beckley, Ricardy Jean-Louis and William Collins. Additionally, Brittany Beckley received the *William Nathan Williams Scholarship*, Kezia Ofosu-Oware received the *Orange High School Scholarship*, and Saraphina Noel-Jeune received the *Chartwells Scholarship*, awarded by the district's food service provider.



Pictured: Scene from OHS Academic Awards Night.



Pictured: OEF Scholarship awardees with OEF members, Ms. Barbara Sair, Ms. Gail Velox and Ms. Patricia Arthur.



Pictured: Recipients of the A.D.S. Scholarship.



Pictured: The William Nathan Williams Scholarship recipient.



Pictured: Class of 65 Scholarship recipients.

The final awards and acknowledgements for the evening were presented to the graduating members of the Beta Club, whose mission is to promote the ideals of academic achievement, character, service and leadership, and the National Honor Society.



Pictured: The Orange High School and Chartwells Scholarship recipients.



Pictured: Beta Club members.

Also, gifts were presented to the Class Valedictorian, Lounie Germain and Class Salutatorian, Kezia Ofosu-Oware. The senior class advisor, Ms. Radillia Dixon, was congratulated for her support of 2016 graduates and there was the customary passing of the torch by the 2016 Senior Class President, Brittany Beckley, to the incoming Senior Class President, Franca Estimable.

STEM Fair

Students at Orange High School (OHS) and the Career and Innovation Academy of Orange (CIAO) shared their Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) projects with visiting students, teachers, administrators and family members at the STEM Fair on June 16. The fair was held in the school's library where projects were displayed, including an overview video manned by Mr. Max Nixon, SmartLab instructor. Students also distributed project brochures and discussed their project design, hypothesis, methodology and results with visitors. Some notable examples were, Zombie Mutations, stemming from Haitian folklore, and the mathematical consequences of human mutations, if they were to occur; a smart home design of a scaled model house equipped with solar power, and made from sustainable materials, built by the students as CIAO. Also, a research brochure, "You Might Have Diabetes," describing the disease, its effects, risk factors, treatment and the incidence of occurrence at OHS.



Pictured (left to right): Class Valedictorian; Class Salutatorian.



Pictured: OHS students display their projects at the STEM Fair.

The End of Year Art Opening at the Board of Education

Rosa Parks Community School (RPCS) hosted the final monthly Board of Education Art Opening for the 2015-2016 school year, on June 8. The eclectic art projects were stunning, as was the hosting school's teacher performance. Music instructor, Mrs. Mariel Johnson and her husband, a teacher at Lincoln Avenue School, sang an inspirational gospel song.

The artwork illustrated showed large structured pieces, such as a copy of a self-portrait by renowned Mexican artist Frieda Kahlo and colorful geometric paintings in the style of French artist Sonia DeLaunay. The Board lobby was filled with large African style masks and copies of primitive pieces (*pictured right*).

The art teachers, Ms. Veronica Barahona and Ms. Agnieszka Wszolkowski congratulated the students for their hard work and talent. Also present to congratulate students and their families were Principal Ms. Debra Joseph-Charles, Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Paula Howard, the Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, Ms. Donna Sinisgalli, Dr. Terri Russo, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Professional Development, and Data Assessment, and other RPCS staff members.



Pictured (left to right): Ms. Agnieszka Wszolkowski, Mrs. Mariel Johnson and her husband, Mr. George Johnson, and Ms. Veronica Barahona.



Pictured above: RPCS artwork displayed at the Board of Education Administrative Office.



Pictured: RPCS students with art teachers Ms. Wszolkowski, Ms. Barahona and Principal, Ms. Joseph-Charles.

Each month a district school displays art that illustrates the school's art curriculum and showcases student talents at the Board of Education Administrative Office.



Pictured: Student representation of Frieda Kahlo's portrait.



Pictured above: RPCS student artwork displayed at the Board of Education Administrative Office.



July 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	OHS Summer School (6/27-8/2)		Summer Robotics Camp at Orange Prep Academy (6/29-7/28) 		1	2
3	 Happy 4th of July! District Closed	5  Summer Performing Arts Camp at Park Avenue School (7/5-8/9)	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Monthly Board Meeting Orange Preparatory Academy 7:30 ^{PM}	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	 Summer Vacation					