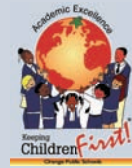




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This Saturday's Hat City Festival Features Orange High School Students



ORANGE, N.J. - Get ready to grab your hats and celebrate -- the second annual Hat City Streets Festival is returning to the Valley Arts District of Orange and West Orange with a full schedule of headliner concerts, family-friendly live performances, art exhibitions, and much more on Saturday, June 7 from 11am to 7pm. Presented by ValleyArts, the festival is a day-long celebration of music, visual arts, dance, family activities, delicious food, and non-stop fun that reflects the spirit and diversity of the region while saluting the creativity of the City of Orange. All festival events are free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.valleyartsnj.com/hat-city-streets.

The Festival is centered at the corner of Forest and Tompkins Streets, which will be closed to traffic for the occasion, and on the grounds of the International Central Gospel Church (438 Valley Street, Orange).

ON THE MACY'S FAMILY STAGE

Also at the heart of the Hat City Streets Festival are the family events. The festivities will kick off at 11am on the Family Stage, sponsored by Macy's, which will feature acts for and by young people. Starfish, the popular band for children ages 4 to 10, will lead off the set, followed by performances by young teens enrolled in the blues music program of ValleyArts' Saturday Arts Academy. The Family Stage will also feature New York-based dancer Wendell Cooper, who has performed for youth audiences around the world, **as well as the Mighty Marching Tornados and Voices in Harmony of Orange High School.** The day's family performances will continue a diverse variety of music and dance groups, with many featuring children as performers.



The 6th Annual Science Fair – Thursday, June 12, 2014, 4 – 7PM at Lincoln Avenue School

6th Annual District



The Orange Township Public School District is inviting the Orange school community to the 6th Annual District Science Fair at Lincoln Avenue School, located at 216 Lincoln Avenue. The fair takes place Tuesday, June 10 through Thursday, June 12, 2014.

The Science Fair will feature approximately 150 award-winning exhibits by second through twelfth grade students from all of the district's schools. It will also feature fun-filled Science, Technology, Engineering and Math inspired demonstrations.

The event will showcase academic excellence and celebrate Orange's student winners and their schools, as they are awarded trophies, certificates, plaques and wonderful prizes. This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments, door prizes and gifts will be provided.

On Tuesday, June 10 and Wednesday, June 11, the fair will be open for viewing from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and again on Thursday, June 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The fair will open for the main event on Thursday, June 12, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. for a spectacular "Public Celebration", followed by an awards ceremony from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.



The Write Time, Write Place, 2014 Writer's Festival



On Saturday, June 14 the Orange Township Public School District will host its third annual writer's festival: The Write Time, The Write Place, at Lincoln Avenue School. At 12 noon the event will open with student writing on exhibit; students and parents are invited to participate in writer's workshops and a "meet the author's segment". The event will end at 3:00 p.m.

Flyers for the event were sent home with students last week. There are tickets on the back of the flyers. There will be special gifts for the first 200 people to submit their tickets at the festival. Attendees are encouraged to come early; registration begins at 11:30 a.m.

The district is hopeful that staff, students, and families will come out to celebrate Orange students' work and help to pick the school that will win the "Golden Pen".

We hope to see you at the WRITE time in the WRITE place - - Saturday, June 14, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Lincoln Avenue School!



The 11th Annual Families in Technology (FIT) Day

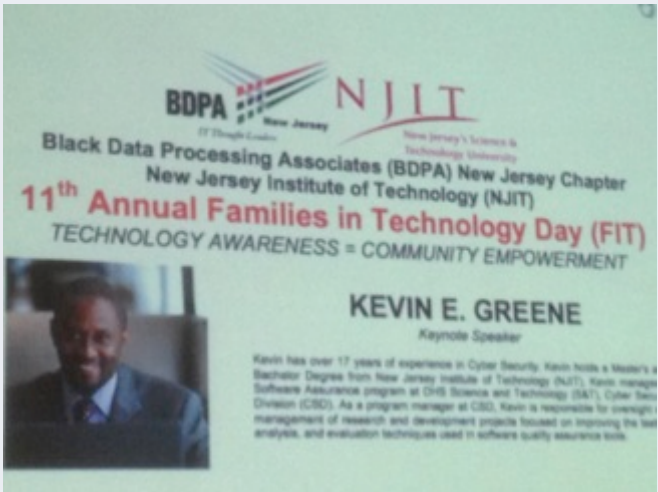
On May 31, the Black Data Processing Associates (BDPA), New Jersey Chapter, hosted their 11th Annual Families in Technology (FIT) Day on the campus of New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) in Newark. Several Orange High School (OHS) students, as well as teacher, Mr. Max Nixon, attended the event.

FIT was honored to have Kevin E. Greene, Program Manager, Department of Homeland Security, as the keynote speaker.

The event activities included:

- Complimentary breakfast for all participants
- Afternoon raffle of refurbished laptops and tablets to students grades (4-12) in the northern New Jersey area communities
- Technology workshops geared toward all school ages, adults and senior citizens
- Fun entertainment for all family members including face painting

BDPA and its sponsors recognize the important role that technology plays empowering our communities. Their goal is to provide the area communities with a glimpse into the opportunities afforded by technology and make it a fun day of learning for everyone!



Pictured: FIT Day presentation slide with keynote speaker, Kevin Greene.



Pictured: OHS students at FIT Day event.



Pictured: BDPA members and guest speaker. Mr. Nixon, 2nd from right.

Submitted by Mr. Max Nixon, SmartLab Instructor, OHS



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On Saturday, June 14, in Verona Park, there will be a walk in her honor --The Valerie Fund Walk and 5K Run, "Taja Treasures Dreams" at both 9 AM and 10 AM.

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To learn more about Taja and the Valerie Fund, visit: <https://www.thevaleriefund.org/Walk2014/team.php?team=762>. See flyer below.



Orange High School's Voices in Harmony Wins at Great Adventures



Pictured: Voices in Harmony with Mr. David Milnes, vocal music teacher.

Voices in Harmony competed at the Music in the Parks festival on Friday May 30. They earned 1st place for Jazz Choir and 1st place for the first-time Women's choir. They were also awarded the overall first place "Spirit Award". The "Spirit Award" is given to any performing group (band, choir or strings) who not only scores well, but displays behavior consistent with the competition's vision. The award is given to the group that demonstrates exemplary behavior, supportive nature, appropriate attire and overall musicianship. Voices in Harmony has received this award at each of the last four competitions they have attended.



Pictured: Voices in Harmony pose with winning trophies.

Submitted by David Milnes, Director, Voices in Harmony



Oakwood Avenue School Announces Science Fair Winners

Oakwood Avenue students were immersed in science, presenting their hard work, research findings and creativity at the school's annual Science Fair Awards program on May 29. Below are the winners at each grade level. These students will have their work displayed at the District Science Fair and will compete, at their grade level, for district level awards.

Grade 2:

- 1st - Elijah Barnes - Moving Cabinet
- 2nd - Chrishon Higginbotham - Sundial
- 3rd - Munachismo Iherobeim - Elevator XRay Machine

Grade 4:

- 1st - Bykee Holt - Rising of Water
- 2nd - Cyndi Smith - Lava Lamp
- 3rd - Chrystopher Fernandez - Anemometer

Grade 6:

- 1st - Ashanti Burton - Capillary Action
- 2nd - Nayelis Fernandez - Is It Getting Hot In Here
- 3rd - Nydaizyah Hopkins - Bubble-ology

Grade 3:

1st - Alexandra Amoah - Iron In Cereal
 2nd - Tyler Tolson - What Goes Up
 3rd - Chidumehi Iherobeim - Popping Is Fun

Grade 5:

1st - William Monroe - Can Water Float On Water
 2nd - Dainazyah Hopkins - Shimmy Shimmy Soda Pop
 3rd - Emmanuel Rodriguez - Pencil Resistors

Grade 7:

1st - Deanna Jones - The Leaning Tower of Pasta
 2nd - Norie Simms - Skunk Attack
 3rd - Anahyah Muldrow - Go, Gone, Going Bananas



Orange High School Board of Education Lobby Art Display



Pictured: OHS Art Exhibit attendees, including Mr. Crosta, Superintendent Lee, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cosmillo, Assistant Principal Gaines and students.

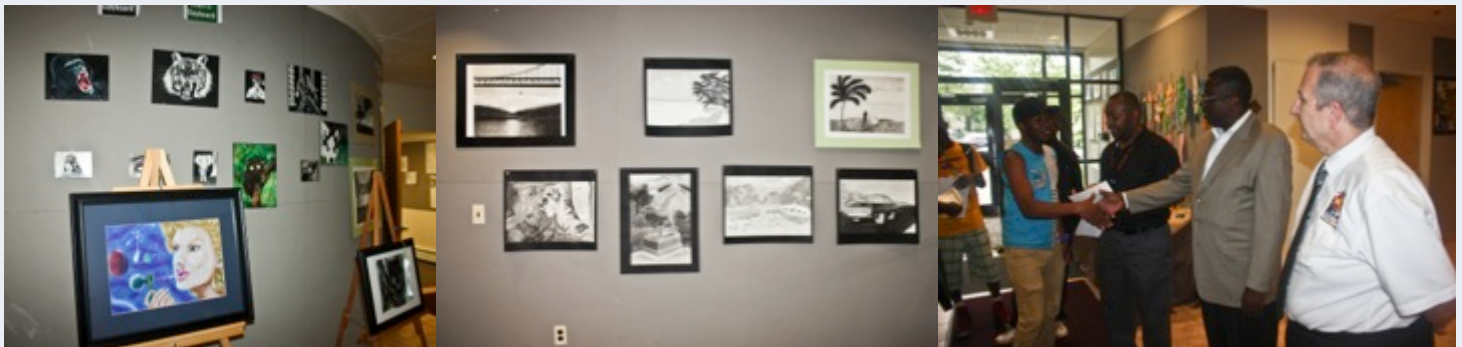
For the month of June, Orange High School displays the artwork of many talented students directed by art educators, Nathaniel Brown, Christopher Cosmillo and Shana Falda. The work displayed showcased ink drawings, perspectives, paintings and crafts. Several of the pieces displayed were contest winners from the previous year including the 10th Congressional District Art Competition.

There to acknowledge the work of students who attended the exhibit opening were Superintendent of Schools, Ronald C. Lee, Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts Peter Crosta, Assistant Principal Dana Gaines and art teachers, Nathaniel Brown and Christopher Cosmillo.

Several proud students were present to receive certificates and hear congratulatory remarks. They were Eureka Elissaint, Chevaughn Levy, Jean Laurent and Ricardy Jean Louis.



District staff, parents, students and members of the community are encouraged to stop by during office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., to view the gallery display.



Pictured: Scenes from Orange High School's Board of Education Art Exhibit.



May Board of Education Meeting

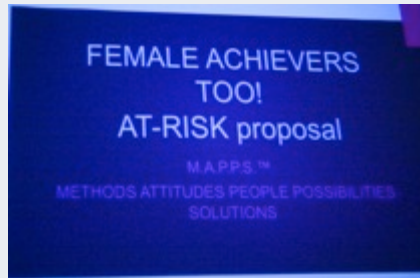
Orange Preparatory Academy (OPA) hosted the Board of Education meeting held on May 13. Principal Darrell Medley opened with introductions for the school's presentation, a video, "What Makes OPA Unique", which highlighted the school and the reflections of staff and students that make the school a positive environment in which to learn. The video was produced by the Orange Preparatory Academy Video Production Club, under the direction of SmartLab instructor, Justin Niemczyk. He gave an overview of the video before it aired. The video features staff and students describing the aspects of the school that make it distinctive, such as its diversity and the many opportunities available to students.

The credited students were:

Ahmed Ahmed	Will Constant	Fabian Spann
Dinah Backford	Matthew Doliscar	Jonathan Thompson
Andrew Bourne	Kenny Lachira	Tyler Thompson
Levis Caballero	Damion Luciano	Quentin Williams
Kasson Chapman	Dejan Miller	Gerardo Castro



Pictured: Mr. Niemczyk introduces OPA video; Mr. Niemczyk with students.



Following OPA's presentation, Ms. Shelley Watkins-Taylor, Consultant and Coordinator for the Female Achievers, presented a proposal targeting Orange middle and high school students. The

presentation, "Female Achievers, Too! At-Risk proposal" outlined M.A.P.P.S. (Methods, Attitudes, People, Possibilities and Solutions) for young women in grades 8 – 12 who are "pre-identified" for a summer pilot program involving team building, survival skills, health and wellness and community service. The proposal was developed in answer to concerns for the lack of mentoring programs for young women in the Orange Public Schools. The proposal is pending approval.

Student of the Month

Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee and Board of Education President, Mrs. Patricia A. Arthur, presented students with certificates for being selected Student of the Month (SOTM). On a monthly basis, students are recognized for exemplary behavior, academics and citizenship by their school.

SOTM	School
Marc Cadet	Orange High School
Dinah Beckford	Orange Preparatory Academy
Darius Moses	Career and Innovation Academy of Orange (CIAO)
Nasir Wiley	Cleveland Street School
Berlinski Israel	Rosa Parks Community School
Kyree Neblett	Park Avenue School
Kenas Jean Charles	Heywood Avenue School
Marina Osorio	Forest Street School
Kevin DelaRoca Ramos	Oakwood Avenue School
Analiz Zapata	Lincoln Avenue School

Parent of the Month



Pictured: Principal Darrell Medley, Ms. Kendra Wells, Christian Wells (back), Board President Arthur, Superintendent Lee.

Ms. Kendra Wells is the parent of current 8th Grade student, Christian Wells, and former Orange Student, Paul Wells. Ms. Wells has been a resident of Orange for over 30 years and is deeply involved in the Orange community. She was instrumental in assisting with the redevelopment of the Orange Preparatory Academy's PTSO and currently serves as its President. Ms. Wells completed her student teaching at Orange High School this fall and is currently serving as an Inclusion Substitute in the English department. In the Orange community she serves at the Head of the Parents' Association for recreation football. Ms. Wells is an active parent who is always willing to serve for the betterment of her child and the community-at-large.

Board Members Honored for Service



Pictured (left to right): Board of Education members Mr. Franklyn Ore, Ms. Emily Jukes, VP Arthur J. Griffa, Superintendent Ronald C. Lee, President Patricia A. Arthur, Attorney Melvin Randall, Ms. Daniela Small-Bailey, Ms. Marion Graves-Jackson, Board Secretary Adekunle O. James.

President Patricia A. Arthur announced at the May Board of Education meeting that long standing board member and current Vice President, Mr. Arthur J. Griffa would be leaving the board, along with board member Ms. Daniela Small-Bailey. Both board members completed their term of service from 2011 – 2014. Each was acknowledged by Mrs. Arthur and presented with a plaque in their honor.

Mr. Griffa who had served as a board member for several non-consecutive terms, spanning over 15 years, was credited with "years of dedicated service, district representation and advocacy for Orange on various county and state education committees." He was also distinguished for his "pursuit for district facility needs," which "will long be remembered by the students and staff of the Orange Public Schools." He thanked Mrs. Arthur and the Board for the acknowledgement and spoke fondly of his tenure on the Board of Education.

Ms. Small-Bailey also thanked Mrs. Arthur and the Board for her recognition. She was acknowledged for her "educational insight." She was further commended for her "participation in various in-district extra-curricular activities," which are "valued by the students and staff of the Orange Public Schools."

At the May 19 Board of Education Reorganization meeting, two new Board of Education members were introduced as replacements for Mr. Griffa and Ms. Small-Bailey. Ms. Cristina Mateo and Mr. Jeffrey Wingfield will serve a three year term as members of the Board of Education.



Pictured (left to right): Mr. Ronald Lee, Mr. Arthur Griffa, Mrs. Patricia Arthur, Mr. Adekunle James.



Pictured (left to right): Mr. Ronald Lee, Ms. Daniela Small-Bailey, Mrs. Patricia Arthur, Mr. Adekunle James.



Mayor's Circle of Excellence Youth Summer Camp

Register now for the Youth Summer Camp, June 30 through August 8, 2014. See flyer below.



Orange Preparatory Academy Spring Music Concert

Demonstrating the talents of the vocal and instrumental students were strings director, Ms. Sharon Turcotte, vocal director, Mr. Peter Abazia and band director, Mrs Dorcas Robinson. The evening's performance was strengthened by the range of music and the students' execution of the selections performed.

Opening with the Pledge of Allegiance, soloist, Anessa Larthe sang the "Star Spangled Banner" and "Lift Every Voice and Sing", setting the tone for quality.

The newly formed Orange Youth Orchestra, an afterschool group being developed for the Orange district, played two songs with the director, Ms. Turcotte, before she directed the Orange Strings Ensemble. The strings played three selections including "Waltz of Flowers" from "the Nutcracker".

The Orange Preparatory Academy chorus sang several selections, among them "My Lord, What a Mornin'," with soloist Alice Agyekum and "All of Me" with Anessa Larthe. The chorus closed with budding songstress Danae Green singing her own arrangement of Bob Marley's "Zimbabwe/Is This Love". The chorus and the solo performers received well deserved applause.

Mrs. Robinson's Concert Band played with vigor, skill and precision. The repertoire of songs, "Honor March", "Enter the Phoenix", "Dansbury Run" and "Furioso" were capped off with "Happy" by Pharrell Williams and performed with choral students.

The evening was a musical treat for the entire audience.



Pictured: Scenes from the Orange Preparatory Academy Spring Music Concert.



Orange High School Foodservice Preparation Class Visits Alumni in New York

Orange High School Foodservice Preparation class collaborated with HOSA members and visited NYU Langone Hospital for Joint Diseases, to observe an intuitional foodservice operation and learn about health professions. We were invited by Chef Jason Flagg, Assistant foodservice director, who is an Orange High alumni, Class of 1991.

Students got the opportunity to get the tour of the foodservice kitchen and talk to chefs who had prepared an elaborate lunch for the students. Nurse manager Ms. Ella Blot, RN, spoke to students about the nursing profession, educational and work experience requirements. Ms. Therese Franzese, registered dietitian, talked about educational and work experience requirements to become a dietitian.



Pictured: Ms. Ella Blot RN speaking with students; Chef Flagg and his team giving students a tour of the various preparation areas of the kitchen.

OHS foodservice preparation class students would like to thank Mr. Roger Hinton and Chef Jason Flagg for making this trip possible.

Submitted by Ms. Nazi Badruddin, Home Economics instructor



Pictured: Welcome sign for the Tornadoes at the entrance of the Cafeteria at the hospital; Students enjoying the lunch. Thanks Chef Flagg!!

Calendar of Events

June 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Heywood Avenue Spring Concert, 6:30 PM	3	4 OHS Lobby Art Reception, 6 PM Heywood Avenue Science Fair	5 Park Avenue School- wide Art Exhibit, 5:30 PM and Performing Arts Spring Concert, 6:30 PM - Heywood Ave. Sci. Fair - Forest Street Art Show/Science Fair 6- 7:30 PM	6 OHS Music Concert, 7PM at OPA	7 Hat City Festival  See flyer below
8	9 Cleveland Street Spring Concert, 6 PM at Park Ave. School	10 District Science Fair at Lincoln Avenue School, 8:30AM-4PM Monthly Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 PM OPA Auditorium	11 District Science Fair at Lincoln Avenue School, 8:30AM-4PM Orange Dance Conservatory Showcase, 7 PM at OPA	12 District Science Fair at Lincoln Ave. School - 8:30AM – 3PM Walkthrough - 4- 6PM Public Celebration - 6-7PM Awards Ceremony (See flyer below)	13	14 Valerie Fund Walk/5K Run (See flyer below) "Write Time, Write Place" 2014 Writer's Festival (Grades PreK-12) Lincoln Ave. School 12 PM – 3 PM (See flyer below)
15 	16 Departmental Meetings 2:30 PM Dismissal for Students "Prize Patrol"	17 CIAO, OPA, OHS (Grades 8 – 12) Finals	18 CIAO, OPA, OHS (Grades 8 – 12) Finals	19 Forest Street Presents Annie The Musical, 7 PM at Lincoln Ave. School CIAO, OPA, OHS (Grades 8 – 12) Finals	20 RPCS Spring Concert, 6:30 PM Forest Street Presents Annie The Musical, 7PM, Lincoln Ave. Sch. CIAO, OPA, OHS (Grades 8–12) Finals	21  First Day of Summer
22	23 "Prize Patrol"	24 12:30 PM Dismissal for Students	25 12:30 PM Dismissal for Students	26 12:30 PM Dismissal for Students Marking Period 4 Ends Last Day of School for Staff and Students OHS Graduation	27	28
29	30 Orange Summer Program Begins  See flyer below					

For Additional Events and Activities:

- See flyers below for coming attractions and visit the district's website at www.orange.k12.nj.us
- For Orange High School Athletic events visit: [Tornadoes In Action](#), on the Orange High School website.
- For District Academic Competitions visit the: [Academic Competition Experience webpage](#) on the district website.

Taja Treasures Dreams



The Valerie Fund Walk and 5K Run

DONATE AND REGISTER FOR

"TAJA TREASURES DREAMS"

Date: Saturday, June 14, 2014

Time: 9am & 10am

Location: Verona Park

Bloomfield Ave. & Lakeside Ave. Verona, NJ

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6:00 P.M.

PARK AVENUE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

231 Park Avenue

Orange, NJ

Dr. Cayce J. Cummins, Principal

Brian Silvoy, Vocal Music Teacher

Amanda Pioppi, Drama Teacher

Thaddeus Hammond, Instrumental Music Teacher

Orange Public School District



Proudly Presents Our

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Walkthrough viewings:

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Public Celebration

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AWARD CEREMONY



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Lincoln Avenue School - 216 Lincoln Avenue - Orange, NJ

Science Fair

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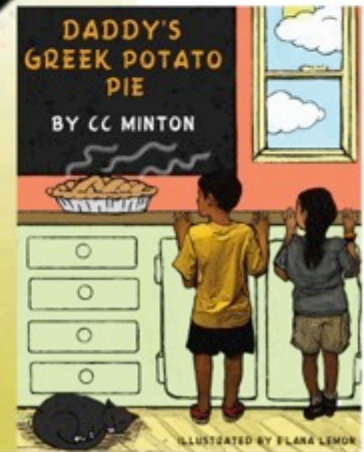
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Write Time Write Place

With Guest Authors:

KP Carter and CC Minton



2014 Writer's Festival

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Showing at

Lincoln Avenue School

Saturday, June 14, 2014

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12:00 pm-3:00 pm

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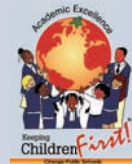
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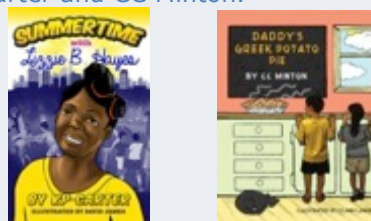
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Little Kids Rock Contest Winner



Cleveland Street School has, once again, a first place winner in the National Little Kids Rock songwriting competition. Ibrahim Cole, 7th grader at Cleveland Street, won a special "Les Paul Award" for his original composition. He received an electric guitar, which he is shown playing at Cleveland's Spring concert on June 9, along with an amplifier. Ibrahim will be using this gift to further his future career dreams of rock guitar superstardom.

Little Kids Rock is the nation's leading nonprofit provider of free music lessons and instruments to under-served public school districts across the country. At Cleveland Street School, music teacher, Mr. Brian Silvoy, directs the program with eager students in his guitar ensemble.



Sonic Expressions Perform at *Fiddle-and-Fa-La-La-Fest*



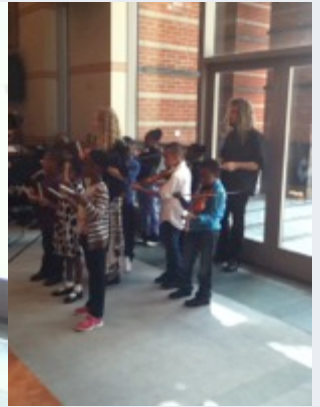
Pictured (right to left): Ms. Guenther with Oakwood Avenue students and Ms. Downs. (Photo by Fred Stucker Photography)

On Saturday, June 7, ten students from Oakwood Avenue School's *Sonic Expressions* program performed at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center's *Fiddle-and-Fa-La-La-Fest*. The students performed a piece on their own and participated in a joint performance with over a hundred other students from across the state. Jeff Grogan, a conductor of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra (NJSO), lead the students in a medley arrangement of Bob Marley's "Three Little Birds" and Ludwig van Beethoven's "Ode to Joy".



Pictured: Fiddle-and-Fa-La-La-Fest at NJPAC. (Photo by Fred Stucker Photography)

The *Fiddle-and-Fa-La-La-Fest*, a pre-concert event for the NJSO Family Concert, featured performances from five NJ-based music programs inspired by the Venezuelan music and social program, El Sistema. Oakwood Avenue's program, *Sonic Expressions: Sharing sounds of Oakwood*, began in the Fall of 2013 as a Community School Initiative sponsored by Montclair State University and Orange Board of Education. It has provided violin and general musicianship classes to Oakwood's kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students.



Pictured: Students are shown practicing at NJPAC for their performances. They were accompanied by AmeriCorps teachers Jessie Downs and Douglas Farrand. Oakwood Avenue music teacher, Annemarie Guenther, also present, took the photos above.



Park Avenue Students "Hangout" at the Philadelphia Art Museum

Park Avenue students, from Mrs. Ashe's special education class, participated in a "Google Hangout" with Lynda O'Leary from the Philadelphia Art Museum and Mr. Peter Moran's students from Frenchtown, NJ. Classroom teacher, Mrs. Ashe, Art Teacher, Mrs. Lipstein, and Technology Coordinator, Dr. Harlem, worked collaboratively, preparing students for this special videoconference. Students learned about the the famous African-American artist Faith Ringold and her work entitled, "Tar Beach". Other works included fire fighter garb resembling a kimono. The students enjoyed the "Hangout" and are now talking about a future trip to the museum.



Pictured: Park Avenue students visit the Philadelphia Art Museum via "Google Hangout".



Orange Students at Ribbon Cutting for JA BizTown®



Three classes of 5th and 6th grade students in the Orange School District were selected to participate in a Junior Achievement pilot program JA BizTown®. JA

BizTown® is a new initiative of Junior Achievement of New Jersey, in partnership with the MetLife Foundation. It is a two-pronged educational approach, beginning with teacher-taught, in-class lessons on business and money management. For the past four months, 115 Orange students, attending Rosa Parks Community School (RPCS) and Forest Street School, under the guidance of, Social Studies teachers, Ms. Chelsey Lepinski, Mr. Brian Canares, and Mr. Andrew Coban, have been participating in the pilot of this new program.



Later that afternoon, there was an official ribbon cutting ceremony, with two students from RPCS, Jerrick Tigre and Qualiyyah Bass (pictured left), taking the stage to share their JA BizTown® experience.

The keynote address, for the evening's event, was given by Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno. Bridgewater Mayor Daniel J. Hayes, Jr. and

Congressman Leonord Lance were also in attendance. The ceremony was officiated by Catherine Milone, president of the Junior Achievement of New Jersey, along with MetLife and an official from Advance Realty who made the facility available.



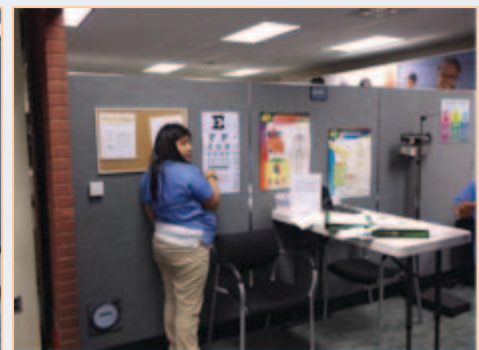
The pilot culminated on June 4, during the launch of JA BizTown®, at its temporary home in Bridgewater, with the opening of the facility. Students were able to role play for the day as CEO's, CFO's, governmental employees, scientists, and more.



Pictured (from left) Bridgewater Township Mayor Dan Hayes; April Hawkins, program director, MetLife Foundation; Bellaria Jimenez, CFP, managing director, MetLife Solutions Group; Chelsey Lepinski, Rosa Parks Community School fifth grade teacher; Catherine Milone, president, Junior Achievement of New Jersey (JANJ); (back) Jerry A. Wade, financial advisor, MetLife Solutions Group; New Jersey Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno; Congressman Leonard Lance; JANJ Board Chairman Dino Robusto, executive vice president of The Chubb Corporation; and students from Rosa Parks Community School in Orange, celebrate the ribbon cutting ceremony of JA BizTown, the newest initiative of JANJ in partnership with MetLife Foundation. (Photo credit – Messenger-Gazette on nj.com)

Ms. Linda Epps, Supervisor of History/Social Studies and Technology for the Orange schools, stated, "The students represented their teacher, their school and the Orange School District in an exemplary fashion. They were phenomenal. This was a perfect opportunity to apply their learning and they rose to the occasion."

Submitted by Ms Linda Epps, Supervisor of History/Social Studies and Technology



Pictured: Orange students enjoy JA Biztown®.



Pictured: (left to right) Rosa Parks students with Lt. Governor Guadagno; Students watch JA President Catherine Milone cut the ribbon; Students pose with Lt. Governor Guadagno and their teacher, Ms. Chelsey Lepenski.



Oakwood Avenue Wins at Youth Bridge Sectional Tournament

Amber Lin played her first bridge tournament at Westfield, NJ in 2008 when she was 11 (now she is 16) placing first overall. She has gone to all Youth NABCs since 2011 (Toronto, Philadelphia and Atlanta). During the 2012 Summer NABC in Philly, Amber took the TAP becoming a certified ACBL bridge teacher. She began teaching bridge in the after school program for Chinese youngsters and now teaches a group at JP Stevens High School, Edison, NJ on Wednesday mornings. Her student Aisha Mapkar and brother Brandon Lin placed 1st overall in Unit 140's Youth Bridge Sectional on May 17 in Woodbridge.

Placing 2nd overall in Woodbridge, L'Nai Bryant and Nayelis Fernandez, are two of Oakwood Avenue School's most talented bridge players. They are also members of the Student Leadership Council and began teaching bridge to 3rd and 4th graders, as part of their service-learning project. "To witness the interactions of the two sixth graders, as they instruct the younger students, is amazing," says Pamela Venable, School Guidance Counselor and bridge advisor. The students are eager to learn and they pay attention to their Junior Bridge Instructors, learning teamwork, math skills and a high level of concentration. Bridge is a popular, diversified club at Oakwood including kids from all spectrums of the school.

The Oakwood Avenue students who participated in the Sectional Tournament in Woodbridge are:

1. Reginald Smith
2. Elijah Webb-Harris
3. Anahyah Muldrow
4. Felicia Adams
5. Emmanuel Rodriguez
6. L'Nai Bryant
7. Ashante Burton
8. Nayelis Fernandez
9. Felicia Jones
10. Damiyah Davis
11. Thomas Jones
12. Guillaume loiseau

A true bridge champion, Reid Busse, a 12 year old from Westfield, NJ played in Woodbridge with a much less experienced partner when his sister Paige, his regular partner had a conflict with a school play. He exemplified the ultimate in sportsmanship and finesse, placing 3rd overall with partner Emmanuel Rodriguez from Orange. Reid is very excited about starting a bridge club in his school in the fall. He plans to start with a few friends first, "to test the water". "A good idea," says Toni Archambault, who observed them playing Friday evenings in the Westfield Women's Club Open game. She is very impressed and enjoys seeing them on Fridays. Toni, who taught bridge in Orange for several years, has offered to assist Reid in any way needed.

Unit 140 is very proud of the bridge champions and congratulates them for their participation and promotion of the game of bridge. Both Unit 140 and District 3 are to be commended for the resources allocated to Youth Bridge events. District 3 is providing \$500 stipends for 8 kids, 4 from Park Avenue School in Orange, and Amber Lin to attend the summer NABC in Las Vegas. They give kudos to the Orange School District and the Orange Education Foundation for continued support and special thanks to bridge advisors Dr. Denise Harlem and Ms. Pamela Venable for exemplary dedication and commitment to bridge.



Pictured: Students at the Bridge Tournament.

Submitted by Ms. Barbara Clark, NJ Bridge League, former Orange Public School District Director



Pictured (left to right): 1st place winners, Aisha Mapkar and Brandon Lin; 2nd place winners, Nayelis Fernandez and L'Nai Bryant; third place winners, Reid Busse and Emmanuel Rodriguez.



Orange High School PRIDE Youth Readiness Program Teen Job & Career Fair



On May 14, Orange High School students met with various trade schools, representing different professional programs and learned about a variety of career options at the PRIDE Youth Readiness Program Teen Job and Career Fair.



Students eagerly listened to Mr. Weldon Montague, from the NJ Department of Labor, about job opportunities available now, how to apply for jobs, including resume writing tips and interviewing guidelines.

They talked with Mr. Montague about summer employment and internship opportunities. The job seekers hoped to build their business skills and begin working on developing a resume.



Pictured: OHS students listen to resume tips and information about job opportunities.



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Experiencing The Revolutionary War in Historic Old City, Philadelphia

At Lincoln Avenue School, seventh graders are studying the Revolutionary War and the principles on which our nation was founded. On June 5, they traveled to the Historic Old City, in Philadelphia, where students toured the Betsy Ross House and saw where our nation's first flag was created and what life was like for those living in the 1700's. Students also went on a guided walking tour of the historic district.

They saw Independence Hall, where the Continental Congress met and signed the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, the Liberty Bell, the First Bank of the United States, Carpenter's Hall where Benjamin Franklin established the first public library. Students were active as part of a human timeline and shared their knowledge about the symbolism and meaning these historic sites have for all Americans.

Submitted by Aaron Gulko, 7th Grade Social Studies and Science Teacher



Pictured: LAS students enjoy Historic Old City in Philadelphia.



Park Avenue School Spring Art Show and Concert

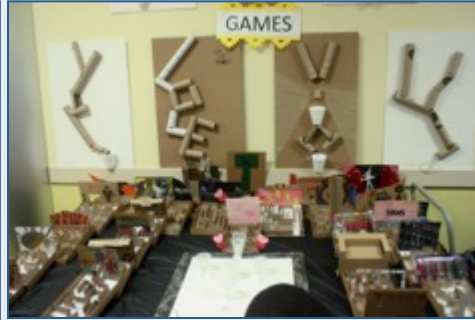
Art instructor, Mrs. Benay Lipstein opened the program, discussing the art displayed in the corridor and cafetorium. She introducing Mr. Peter Crosta, Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts. He welcomed the audience to an evening of song, music and art.

The Park Avenue Band, directed by Mr. Thaddeus Hammond, marched on stage and performed "Killer Joe", among other selections that included beginning students. They demonstrated talent and musical skill.

Mr. Paul Stephan directed the Kindergarten and first grade students in two selections including "Chumbara", the second and third graders performed two songs including "Rhythm of the Rain" before the Park Avenue Chorus sang several selections including "Ain't No Mountain High Enough", "Stand By Me", and "Happy". The students sang enthusiastically to the audience appreciative applause.

The art work displayed was a collection of themed pieces including work for the "Origami Whale Project", guitars, games, fish depictions that incorporated student writing.





Pictured: Scenes from the Park Avenue Art Show and Spring Music Concert.



Orange High School Spring Music Concert

The Orange High School Spring Music Concert, held on June 6, was a delightful event, displaying the talents of the vocal and instrumental students.

Beginning with the Orange Youth Orchestra, the Orange Chamber Strings and Orange Strings Ensemble, directed by Ms. Sharon Turcotte, the audience heard a range of music from "Sweet Betsy from Pike" to "Waltz of the Flowers" from "The Nutcracker". They were followed by vocal director, Mr. David Milnes leading the Concert Choir singing "Your Song" by Elton John and a current favorite, "Happy" by Pharrell Williams. The Symphonic Band, headed by Mr. Steven Reeves, followed with a several pieces including "Scherzo" featuring Ian X. Coleman on the Timpani and a three part selection, "Little Suite for Band". There was a concluding performance by the band, "Take Me to the King" featuring a stunning vocal performance by Kenya Cooper.

The evening closed with the award winning Voices in Harmony, along with the newly formed Women's Choir directed by Mr. Milnes. They reprised their winning performance from the Great Adventure Music in the Park Festival. The Women's Choir sang "When I Fall in Love", featuring Chinwendu Obi and "Penny Lane" again featuring Miss Obi along with Marlena Browne. Voices in Harmony concluded with "Autum Leaves" and "Waiting on the World to Change" by John Mayer, featuring Bashli Clary and Sarahnia Casseus.

The evening was a wonderful, upbeat and highly skilled performance for family and friends to enjoy.





Pictured: Scenes from the Orange High School Spring Music Concert.



Hat City Streets Festival

Orange students and staff were major participants in the second Hat City Streets Festival, held on June 7. Performances on the Family Stage, sponsored by Macy's, included the Orange High School's (OHS) Mighty Tornadoes Marching Band, directed by Mr. Steven Reeves, and Voices in Harmony, directed by Mr. David Milnes, the Orange Dance Conservatory, directed by Ms. Deborah Rembert and Saturday Arts Academy's Blues Ensemble, directed by Mr. Peter Abazia. Strolling through the artist booths, there was an art exhibit from the Saturday Arts students, directed by Ms. Avril Bogle, and the Orange Hydroponic Greenhouse distributed fresh produce grown by Orange High School students.

Additionally, there was a Kids Activity Center where a variety of arts and crafts for children were available with the assistance of Orange Preparatory Academy (OPA) nurse Laura Sacks and OHS/OPA volunteers. They did face painting, assisted with painting on blocks (both of these were big hits), making bracelets, and painting shells. There were over 30 student volunteers including the Female Achievers. They also covered the festival, working in shifts. Some students volunteered for 12 hours. A number of students helped with setting up the festival and taking it down. There were also student volunteers helping sell beverages and working at the information desk. Many of them said they would like to come back next year.



Pictured: The Mighty Marching Tornadoes.



Pictured: Students assist with arts and crafts and face painting.



Also at the festival was Orange School District's Director of Language Arts, Kathy Carter (shown left). Ms. Carter recently published a children's book, "Summertime with Lizzie B. Hayes", and made it available, for the first time, at the festival.



Pictured: Display by the Saturday Arts Academy with instructor Avril Bogle.



Pictured: OHS Voices in Harmony perform on the Family Stage.



Pictured: Orange Dance Conservatory students perform by the Family Stage.



Pictured: OHS Female Chorus perform on the Family Stage.



Pictured: Scene from the Hat City Streets Festival.

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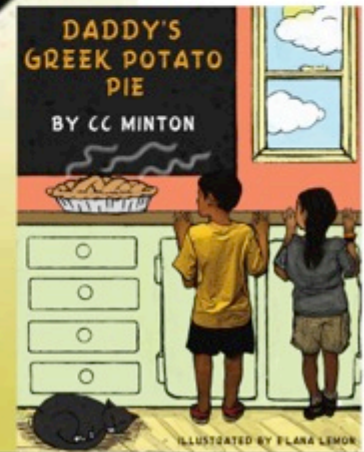
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Activity Works Celebrates Heywood Avenue School

Heywood Avenue School is an ardent participant in the Johnson & Johnson sponsored Activity Works program that promotes physical fitness and movement for grades K-3. As a result of school's level of involvement in the program, Heywood was acknowledged with a celebration on June 9, in honor of the students and staff who have done an outstanding job promoting physical fitness.

The celebration included an assembly with Activity Works' co-founder, Mr. Tom Sullivan and local Implementation Manager, Mrs. Eyesha Marable, who is also a Heywood Avenue parent. They discussed the program, soliciting from the students the many benefits of the workouts they have completed and the lessons they have learned. They also introduced the students to Estella, one of the stars of the exercise videos they use in their classroom. The students were energized by the presentation, as she exercised with two volunteers on stage, along with the audience.

The program also honored the memory of Heywood second grade student, Evan Solar, who died recently in a fire, along with his mother. Learning about the tragic death of Evan, two months ago, Johnson & Johnson wanted to reach out to the Heywood community.

Mr. Coltrane Stansbury, a Senior Diversity Analyst at Johnson & Johnson, spoke about the company's decision to give all students at Heywood a safety kit in honor of Evan. Mr. Coltrane, a former Heywood parent, was joined by Mr. Virgilio Solar, Evan's father and Ms. Cynthia Robinson, his grandmother, for a special presentation of the safety kit to Evan's class. Ms. Marable, who coordinated the event, including treats and certificates for the teachers, also presented, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, Evan's teacher, Ms. Felecia Smith-Louis, Estella and Principal, Ms. Karen Machuca with a copy of the book, "Oh Fiddlesticks", written by Evan's mother, Ms. Tanji Dewberry.

Following the assembly, each K-3 classroom was visited by Estella, Mr. Jim Reddy, Activity Works' Director of Product Development and Heywood's student council representatives, for a Q&A session and certificate presentation to the teacher.



Pictured (left to right): Students are shown doing a favorite workout; Estella and volunteers on stage; Superintendent Lee with Mrs. Marable.



Pictured (left to right): Evan Solar's class receive safety kits from Evan's grandmother, Ms. Cynthia Robinson, Evan's father, Mr. Virgilio Solar and Mrs. Marable; Posing with book "Oh Fiddlesticks" are Mr. Coltrane Stansbury, Ms. Smith-Louis, Superintendent Lee, Ms. Robinson, Mr. Solar, Estella, Principal Machuca, Mrs. Marable and Mr. Sullivan; Classroom visit.



The 6th Annual District Science Fair Produced Winners

There were over 200 projects and demonstrations at the Orange Public School District's 6th Annual Science Fair, held from June 10 – 12, at Lincoln Avenue School. The culminating event, which took place on June 12, was a public celebration of the winning projects from each of the district's schools. Students in grades 2 to 12 completed the projects, representing a range of scientific experiments, and were on hand to explain their exhibits.

Students and their families enjoyed various "Science Stations" including robotics, a gardening demonstration, Levers, Marble Launchers, Microscopic Daphnia, Ramped Car Racing, Human Body Puzzle and more. Students were able to participate in various contests, including the "Marshmallow & Spaghetti Tower Design," along with touring the vast display of projects. Attendees also had the opportunity to experience live eye dissections, examine a "visual booth" with a display of eyeglass lenses, learn about an "Animal Skull Study" by the Tenafly Nature Center or to see a display by the Thomas Edison Museum.

The highlight of the evening was the Awards Ceremony. There were remarks from Dr. Paula Howard, Deputy Superintendent, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, the honorable Mayor Dwayne D. Warren and Director of Math and Science, Dr. Tina Powell. Superintendent Lee commented on several of the projects he saw, wondering out loud if gum could make you smarter, which was the hypothesis of a high school project. After which, the Science staff, under the direction of the Mrs. Erika Hackett, managed the presentations to each grade level group. Nancy Lasher, Dr. Powell, Onnolee Jansen, Ms. Hackett and Lillian Lugo announced the winners (pictured below with Mayor Warren and Superintendent Lee – Dr. Powell is not shown).



Below are the winners of the 6th Annual District Science Fair. Winners received a trophy or medal for their outstanding projects.

Grade	Place	Name	School	Project
2nd Grade	3rd	Jaydem Estime	Park Avenue	The Litter Ball 3000
	2nd	Yanni Halstead	Rosa Parks	Utensil Saver
3rd Grade	1st	Aariyana Larkin	Cleveland Street	Cart Mate
	3rd	Chad Newman	Lincoln Avenue	Seeing Things
	2nd	Momo Sacko	Park Avenue	Pencil Resistor
4th Grade	1st	Kristiana Moore	Forest Street	Plastic Milk
	3rd	Jonathan Tarver	Park Avenue	Hit the Lights
	2nd	Jaden Daughtry	Forest Street	Bacteria Busters
5th Grade	1st	Ebony Nkrumah	Heywood Avenue	Melting Chocolate
	3rd	Andrea P.	Cleveland Street	Vinegar vs Water
	2nd	Ibrahima Sacko	Park Avenue	How I Made a Dimmer Switch
6th Grade	1st	Karl Kanhai	Rosa Parks	it's Super Cool
	3rd	Yaa Sapong	Forest Street	Time to Search
	2nd	Tashana Noel	Cleveland Street	Maple Syrup Crystals
7th Grade	1st	Ashley Laveriano	Cleveland Street	Growing, Growing
	3rd	Joy Best	Lincoln Avenue	How Far Will It Fly
	2nd	Joel Etinoff	Park Avenue	Under Siege
8th Grade	1st	Ashokor Ashithey	Cleveland Street	Oil Spills
	3rd	Alice Agkyekum	OPA	Rooftop Gardens
	2nd	Tatyanna Beckford	OPA	Electrolyte challenge
	1st	Cornelius Aledeniyi	OPA	The Effect of Bridge Material on Weight Bearing Capacity
OPA 9th Grade		Aneela Kanhai (Special Mention)	OPA	Using Daphnia Project
	3rd	Alexia Pantoja and Kelly Zuniga	OPA	Gassy Drinks
	2nd	Amarellis Giorlano and Tyecece Clarke	OPA	Pepsi vs Coke
Grades 10-12	1st	Oren Williams	OPA	Miracle Grow vs Vigoro
	3rd	Taguy Mohamed, Jennifer Alvarado, Lofaine Bradford, Jordanne Davenport	OHS	Can You Remember It?
	2nd	Krishawn Bryan, Avionne Wallace, Tyrel Edwards	OHS	Rotational Velocity of the Sun
	1st	Gifty Minnow and Linda Opeywa	OHS	Chew Gum, Get an A?



Pictured: Park Avenue students with Science project; Students look at displays; Student at display booth.



Pictured: Students build spaghetti tower; Student dissect a cow eye; Attendees at Awards Ceremony.



Pictured (with Ms. Hackett, Board President Arthur, Mayor Warren and Superintendent Lee): Second grade winners; Third grade winners; Fourth grade winners; Contest winners.



Pictured (with Ms. Hackett, Board President Arthur, Mayor Warren and Superintendent Lee): Fifth grade winners; Sixth grade winners; Seventh grade winners.



Pictured (with Ms. Hackett, Board President Arthur, Mayor Warren and Superintendent Lee): Eighth grade winners; Rosa Parks students and teacher, who were acknowledged for their "Virtual Projects" with Superintendent Lee and Board President Arthur



June 14 was the "Write Time" and Lincoln Avenue School was the "Write Place" for the 2014 Writer's Festival



The third annual Writer's Festival: The Write Time, The Write Place was a successful, artistic display and learning experience for all involved. Orchestrated by Administrator for Special Projects, Ms. Erica Stewart, and assisted by the Director of Language Arts and the English Language Arts Supervisors, the event was a family occasion to appreciate the various writing activities experienced by Orange students.

The student writing exhibits were artfully displayed and winning entries were marked with ribbons. There were proud moments for family, friends and schools. Additionally, the writer's workshops for parents and students were productive and at the "meet the author's segment", KP Carter, the district's own Language Arts Director, and CC Minton introduced eager audiences to their work.

A complete listing of winners, along with photos, will be displayed in the next edition of the Weekly Email Blast.



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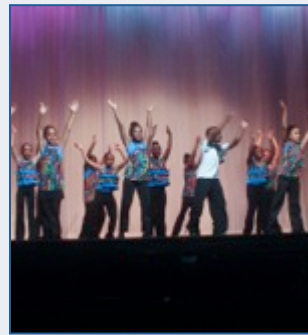
Orange Dance Conservatory Spring Concert

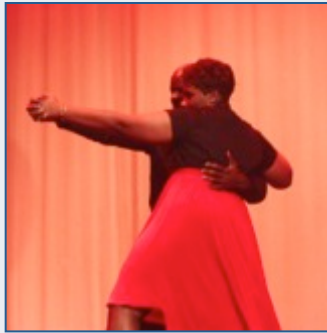
Mrs. Deborah Rembert directed a cadre of dancers in "Dance Celebration 2014" presented by the Park Avenue School and the Orange Dance Conservatory. The dance recital was held on June 11 to a packed Orange Preparatory Academy auditorium.

There were over 15 pieces performed, demonstrating the talents of different age groups, across a variety of genres including ballroom, modern and classical. Students performed tap, ballet, waltz and more.

Also performing was the "Staff Ensemble". They performed "Brand New" choreographed by Tiffany Taylor and Dr. Myron Hackett, Principal of Heywood Avenue and Ms. Faith Alcantara, Co-Principal of Orange High School captivated the audience with their dance.

The audience showed their appreciation for the many performers, from the kindergarten dancers, who were energetic and skilled, to the more senior participants, who were enthusiastic and talented.





Pictured: Scenes from the Dance Celebration 2014 featuring the Park Avenue School Dance Ensemble, the Orange Dance Conservatory and the Staff Ensemble (last row).



Cleveland Street School Spring Concert Featuring "Annie The Musical"

The Cleveland Street Band and the Guitar Ensemble entertained the audience on June 9, at the school's Spring Concert, which featured a presentation of "Annie The Musical".

The Instrumental Band, including the Beginning Band Ensemble and Beginning Strings students opened the program with several traditional ditties and folk songs. They were led by Band Director, Mr. Thaddeus Hammond, who followed with the Band students playing "Sousa Cadets" by John Philip Sousa, "Cimarron" by Larry Clark and "Hawaii Five O" by Mort Stevens.



The Guitar Ensemble, aptly named "Deep Six" performed next. They played tunes such as, "La Bamba" and Michael Jackson's "Beat It". Mr. Brian Silvoy, who directs the ensemble, also introduced Ibrahim Cole (pictured left), who recently won a special "Les Paul Award" for his original composition in the National Little Kids Rock Songwriting Competition. Together they "rocked-the-house" with "Communication Breakdown" by Led Zeppelin.



Next on the program was a shortened version of "Annie The Musical" directed by drama instructor, Ms. Amanda Pioppi. The students sang, danced and acted well in this production involving 18 actors.





Pictured: Scenes from the Cleveland Street Presents "Annie The Musical"/Spring Music Concert.



Staff Recognition Event Scheduled for Monday, June 23

The banquet, to honor district retirees, and staff with twenty-five (25) years of service, will be held on Monday, June 23, 2014 at The Appian Way, 619 Langdon Street, Orange, NJ at 4:00 PM. Prior ticket purchase required.




The District Prize Patrol

The Prize Patrol visited several schools on June 16, to acknowledge students for their accomplishment in the district reading challenge, to award trophies for the Writer's Festival and other district academic competitions. The Prize Patrol will make its final round this Monday, June 23, to recognize more winners.

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Winners in the 2014 Writer's Festival: The Write Time, The Write Place



The Third Annual Writer's Festival: The Write Time, The Write Place, drew over 200 participants to Lincoln Avenue School on June 14. Ms. Erica Stewart, Administrator

for Special Projects, who planned the event, welcomed the participants, as did Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee.

The festival included exhibits of writing samples and final compositions by students in grades K through 12. Students were awarded first, second and third place trophies by grade, through an adjudicated process. Trophies were presented to students during the Prize Patrol visits on June 16 and June 23.

At the festival, the parent/student sessions demonstrated the reading and writing skills that are being advanced in the schools. Teachers Karen Miola, Kristin Kenny and Tara Worth conducted a well attended forum for K- 2 parents. English Language Arts Supervisors, Keisha Carrington and Ross LeBrun and Teacher Coash Kawana Harris facilitated a session for grades 6-12 parents. Supervisor Germaine Tarver and Teacher Coash Gianna Pasceri directed a discussion for those with students in grade 3-5.

The guest authors were engaging. Both forums detailed their work in an interactive exchange with the audience. KP Carter read from her book, "Summer Time with Lizzie B. Hayes", about eight year old Lizzie's summer vacation travels "south", from Newark to Philadelphia. CC. Minton's presentation gave the background to her book, "Daddy's Greek Potato Pie", which promotes healthy eating to a young audience.

The Writer's Festival had engaging displays, numerous writing activities and informative workshops. Participants earned "bucks" to exchange for Writer's Festival T-shirts and bags. There were also prize drawings to reward attendees.

Writer's Festival Winners

Author		Grade	School	Place
Marshy	Duvalsaint	K	Forest	1st
Ta'Koi	La'Cour	K	Forest	2nd
Michele	Tong	K	Forest	3rd
Neyla	Joseph	1	Heywood	1st
Kelvin	Thomas	1	RPCC	1st
Keiarrah	Sablon	1	Heywood	1st
Marissa	Jean Baptiste	1	Forest	2nd
Justin	Figueroa	1	Forest	2nd
Adriana	Tripp	1	Forest	2nd
Megan	Okorie	1	Park	3rd
Lizbeth	Torres	1	Oakwood	3rd
Nah-Quan	Skipper	1	Oakwood	3rd
Isaiah	Charles	2	Forest	1st
Breanna	Clarke	2	Heywood	2nd
Marjorie	Menjivar	2	Forest	3rd
Jada	Howell	3	Park	1st
Autumn	Tarver	3	Park	2nd
Briana	Duchene	3	Heywood	3rd
Karl	Kanhai	4	RPCC	1st
Mia	Finney	4	Park	2nd
Joanne	Jeanty	4	Park	2nd
Michelle	Kawior	4	Park	3rd
Kyra	Brown	5	Heywood	1st
Soigne	Messiah	5	Forest	2nd
Tracy	Ware	5	Lincoln	3rd
Jondenie	Germain	6	Lincoln	1st
Mariyah	Payton	6	Heywood	2nd
Richards	Lawson	6	Park	3rd
Andrew	Coates	7	Lincoln	1st
Ma-Ziah	Williams	7	Forest	2nd
Paulina	Flores	7	Forest	3rd
Alice	Agyekum	8	OPA	1st
Joshua	Fields	8	OPA	2nd
Stephanie	Yepez	8	OPA	3rd
Danae	Green	9	OPA	1st
Kayla	Noel	9	OPA	2nd
Katherine	Palencia	9	OPA	3rd
Ashley	Matos	9	OPA	3rd
Gifty	Minnow		OHS	1st
Sarahnia	Casseus		OHS	1st
Virginia	Barboza		OHS	2nd
Abi-Gayle	Edjean		OHS	2nd
Bashli	Clary		OHS	3rd

The festival participants also helped to select the **Bronze**, **Silver** and **Gold Pen** awards given to schools for their overall student writing and displays. The awards, presented during the Prize Patrol visits on June 16 and 23, went to Orange High School, Park Avenue School and Forest Street School, respectively.

The event planners are thankful to all staff members and students who offered their assistance and support to make the event a success.



Pictured: (row 1) Exhibits and student reviewing work and student author; (row 2) Staff members; (row 3) CC Minton, KP Carter and students at writing station.



The District Prize Patrol Awarded Prizes on June 16 and June 23

The Prize Patrol visited schools on June 16 and June 23 to acknowledge students for their accomplishment in the *Follow the Reader Book Challenge* with *Reading Rewards*. The challenge encouraged students to read a variety of genres, from 60 – 90 minutes daily, depending on grade levels, and to log their reading into the Reading Rewards system to be credited for their accomplishments.

Students in grades K-7, who met the challenge, received a "Readers are Leaders" T-shirt and Orange Preparatory Academy and Orange High School students received movie tickets. Further, students who read the most books, made detailed book entries and/or read a more diverse range of books received additional gifts or the opportunity for additional rewards.

Kindergarten through first grade received a Nabi tablet (highlighted in orange). Students in grades 2 – 12 had the opportunity to receive a HP Slate tablet with Beats Audio (highlighted on yellow) by making a brief presentation to the *Follow the Reader* coordinator, Ms. Erica Stewart, Administrator for Special Projects and students (show in green) received a special gift for their reading efforts.

Orange Preparatory Academy received the trophy for the most well read school, and will house the trophy for the coming school year.



Pictured: Presentation of the trophy for the "Most Well Read School".

"Follow the Reader Book Challenge"

Forest	Park	Oakwood
Aaliyah Carter	Autumn Tarver	Asha Charles
Aleisha Delgarde	Arina Black	Kamiya Holcomb
Alex Larathe	Berlynda Dieurilus	Khalilah Horne
Alonah Carter	Christian Bourne	Mayc Watts
Aniyah Lewis	Clevens Estime	Nasir Charles
Aniyah Wiggs	Ibrahima Sacko	Nyasha Stewart
Deborah Donatus	Irvingka?	Rayonna Stewart
Cassandra Estime	Jahi Fisher	
Geverson Deroseney	Jayden Moinvil	Cleveland
Jasir Carter	Joel Etinoff	Ajibola Lawal
Json Dort	Jonatha Tarver	Angi Andrede
Jeremiah Lunis	Momo Sacko	Chidera Okafor
Kalea Epitime	Samantha Cave	Dante McKay
Loverly Merisier	Stacey Ankrah	Jadon Clark
Sanova Davis		Joeur Michala
Steven Jean Baptiste		Leslie Andrade
Zaniyah Walton		Makiyah Williams
		Miracle Obinauwe
		Nasean Robinson
		Nicholas Andrade
		Nyasia Holder
		Shaquan Cook
		Virginie Gilbert

Video Awards/Prizes:

During the Prize Patrol visits, the following winners were acknowledged and awarded video cameras:

- HIB Video Award Winner - Nicholas Mitchell, Heywood Avenue, third grade
- Hispanic Heritage Video Award Winner - Glenmarie Alonzo-Perez, Forest Street School, seventh grade

Writer's Festival Awards:

Students were given trophies for being 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners for their grade level (see article on the Writer's Festival). Additionally, schools were awarded the following:

- Bronze Pen Award – Orange High School
- Silver Pen Award – Park Avenue School
- Gold Pen Award – Forest Street School

Teachscape Award:

Staff members were acknowledged for their faithful implementation of practices within the domains of the district's educator evaluation system, Teachscape. The system facilitates observations, evaluations, and long-term practice improvement. The domains are:

- Domain 1: Planning and Preparation
- Domain 2: The Classroom Environment
- Domain 3: Instruction
- Domain 4: Professional Responsibilities

Only Domains 2 through 4 were assessed for an award. (See table on the left)

City Council Presentation:

At Orange High School, City Council member, the Honorable Elroy Corbitt, presented a resolution to winners of the Local Talk Public Speaking Competition: Danelle Welcome and Xivandell Emmanuel.

Congratulation to all the winners!

"Follow the Reader Book Challenge"

OHS	OPA	Lincoln
Brandon	Alexis Chambers	Ayanna Box
Eureka	Amir Julien	Alysha Budhran
Idris	Andrew Bourne	Anaiah Box
Jada	Aneela Kanhai	Daina Glaude
Jean	Annalise Thomas	Keshima Smith
Joy	Carenne Etienne	Salley Salley
Lounie Germaine	Danae Green	Stherlie Previlon
Navanique Rowe	Felix Gomez	Tamara Agueste
Sophia	Feven Negussie	Uchenna Onwudi
	Hannah Nzedinma	Zalia Salley
	Jessica Civil	Adriel Martinez
	Joanna Marcelin	Amir Ravello
	Ladny Lormil	Anthony Cambuzaca
	Moesha Isidor	Ashton Rodriguez
	Najee Quashie	Chemsliith Pierre
	Prince Bawuah	Chisom Eze
	Roodine Doliscat	Christal-Raine Roberts
	Shyneson Laurent	Cielo Martinez
	Tatyanna Beckford	David Henderson
	Tyra Edgehill Parker	Dianna Paul
		Esmeralda Xochimitil
Heywood	RPCS	Jaden Livingston
Abigail Excellent	Alexandra Rochelen	jade Lopez
Bernard Francis	Alex Tacuri	Josue Guzman
Caleb Andrews	Aniya Solomon	Karan Singh
Gabrielle Fisher	Cindy Rojas	Katherine Guallpa
Hannah Hutchinson	Dievuerson Wilma	Khali Mendoza
Illiana Maistri	Emily Falcon	Matthew Romano
Jaheim Azeez	Gedeon Antwi	Melissa Hernandez
Jamil Jeter	Henderson Mercedat	Myaa Rendon
Jayden Honeyghan	James Morocho	Santiago Garces
Jordan Harding	Jeanne Exantus	Sohail Salley
Joshua Pearson	Justin Ayala	Steven Guallpa
Kayla Fisher	Kristina Vaca	Tracey Ware Jr.
Matthew Chavry	Michael Maldonado	Travis Bailey
Mitchethela Alexandre	William Yupa	
Paige Boswell	Willis Hester	
Romeo Rowe		
Talia Resalsingh		
Tharaly Joseph		
Travis Resalsingh		

Teachscape Award Recipients

Staff	School	Domain
David Milnes	Orange High	2 & 4
Rosa Lazzizera	Orange Prep	2 & 4
Gerald Murphy	Heywood	2 & 4
Yancisca Cooke	Forest	1 & 4
Pamela Davis	Celveland	3 & 4
Carol Lukoff	Cleveland	2 & 4
Maisha Jones	Lincoln	2, 3 & 4
Karen Miola	Oakwood	3 & 4
Kristin Kenny	Oakwood	3 & 4
Min Kim	Park	3
Chelsey Lepinski	RPCS	2,3 & 4



Pictured: Prize Patrol at Orange High School.



Pictured: Prize Patrol at Orange Prep and Heywood Avenue School.



Pictured: Prize Patrol at Forest Street and Lincoln Avenue Schools.



Pictured: Prize Patrol at Oakwood Avenue and Park Avenue Schools.



Pictured: Prize Patrol at Cleveland Street and Rosa Parks Community Schools.

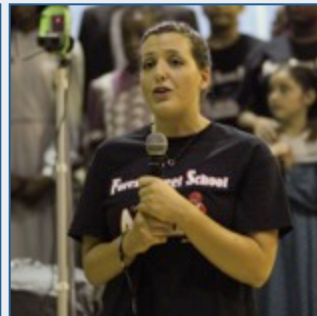


Annie the Musical Presented by Forest Street School

The full scale production, by Forest Street School, of "Annie The Musical" was a triumph for the entire Forest Street School community. Directed and choreographed by drama instructor, Ms. Amanda Pioppi, the cast, led by Glenmarie Alonzo-Perez as Annie, Aliyha Waite as Miss Hannigan, Wilsonny Excelus as Oliver Warbucks and Megeenah Dacy as Grace Farrell brought the story of "Little Orphan Annie" to life. Along with a strong supporting cast of actors, singers and dancers, they performed such Annie classics as "It's A Hard Knock Life", "Tomorrow", and "Maybe".

The production was highlighted with an inventive set design, by art teacher Ms. Avril Bogle. The set was complete with a cityscape and props, including a wheelchair for President Roosevelt, played by Raffael Davila, and dog Sandy. The costumes, made by a supportive parent, added to the musical.

Principal Yancisca Cooke was proud of the stage production, complimenting the cast, stage crew, and the "Playbill" produced by teacher, Mr. William Donnelly. The evening was complete with an intermission and refreshments for sale, along with T-shirts with the quote, "You Are Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile." Bravo Forest Street School!



Pictured: Scenes from Annie The Musical.



Rosa Parks Community School Spring Concert

The Rosa Parks Community School performance, on June 20, was the final Orange Public School District spring concert for the 2013-2014 school year. The event was a well attended show, highlighting vocal, instrumental and dance skills of students from Kindergarten through the 7th grade.

The program opened with a special performance by a young dance trio of sisters, before welcoming remarks by Principal Debra Joseph-Charles. Next were the choral groups consisting of the 2-3 Grade Chorus and the K-1 Grade Chorus singing jazz tunes directed by instructor Mr. Scott Clark. Their segment included a piano solo accompaniment by 7th grader Karl Kanhai and an original piece composed by Mr. Clark called "Popcorn".

The 7th grade instrumental students, directed by music teacher, Ms. Jesenia Cruz, were joined by Mrs. Susan Cutugno's Kindergarten class on kazoos playing "Rubber Duckie."

The 6-7 Grade Instrumental Music Students played "A Classic Touch" and the Percussion Ensemble played "Ngiele, Ngiele".

The strings students took to the stage with the grade 6-7 students on violin. Next were a series of solo performances of such songs as "Ode to Joy" and "Fork and Spoon", as students showed their progress on the violin.

The Dance Ensemble, grade level dance groups and the RPCS Chorus and various grade level ensembles alternated performances. The Chorus followed the jazz theme, singing "Blue Skies" and "He Beeped When He Shouldda Bopped". They were followed by the Dance Ensemble performing to "Somewhere". The Vocal Ensemble Grade 7 joined the Guitar Ensemble Grade 7 performing Demi Lovato's "Let It Go". The Chorus and Grades 5-6 Vocal and Guitar Ensembles performed Bruno Mars' "Count on Me". The dance groups were high energy, performing to such tunes as "Clocks" by Coldplay and "Max it UP", before the final choral performance of Mowtown's "I'll Be There". The grand finale was a spring school favorite, "Happy" by Pharrell Williams. The dance students gave it their all, closing out the evening.



Pictured: Scenes from the Rosa Parks Community School Spring Concert.



"Scholars Night" Event Showcases Student Activities

Scholars Academy students enjoyed showcasing their activities for their parents on June 18. The Mathematics class, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) class, Science class and Humanities class had activities for all visitors. In particular, students in the Humanities class, under the direction of Mr. Terrance Brooks, unveiled their yearlong project, a book chronicling historic places, communities and events in Orange Township. The book, targeted to third grade readers, titled "The Discovery of Our Past", was researched and written by students in the 5th - 7th grades. The staff, on hand for the event filled with activities and presentations, also included, STEM instructor, Jessica Liatys, Science instructor, Stephen Baer and Math instructor Shannon Keogh, as well as Principal Debbie Luckey and the Director of Special Programs, Ms. Candace Goldstein.



Mr. Khemani Gibson and Ms. Molly Rose Kaufman (pictured left), who assisted students with the book project, were there to support the students, along with graduate student, Ms. Aubrey Murdock. Mr. Gibson is a 2010 graduate of Orange

High School and a doctoral candidate in History at New York University. Ms. Kaufman is a community organizer for HANDS, Inc. (Housing And Neighborhood Development Services, Inc.).



Pictured (above): Scenes from "Scholars Night" with staff, students and guests.



Staff Recognition Event Scheduled for Monday, June 23

On June 23, Ms. Belinda Scott Smiley, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent for Operations and Human Resources, hosted the district's year-end Annual Staff Recognition Ceremony held at The Appian Way. The event, honoring district retirees and 25-year service attainment, was an intimate gathering to celebrate these milestones.

There were congratulatory remarks by the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, Board of Education President, Mrs. Patricia A. Arthur, President of the Orange Education Association, Ms. Mary Karriem and Ms. Faith Alcantara, President of the Orange Administrators and Supervisors Association. Also participating was Mrs. Shelly Harper, Director of Special Services.

Each honoree was presented with a plaque for dedicated service ranging from 11 to 40 years.

The committee that helped to facilitate the program was acknowledged for their effort. The group consisted of: Esther Bauman, Peter Crosta, Mary Karriem, Alexandra Protopapas, Minette Salomon, Linda Siddiq, Belinda Scott Smiley, Gloria Stewart and Cynthia Ruty.

Retirees:

Debbie Luckey (Scholars Academy), Parvin Najimi (Heywood Avenue), Maria Rodriguez (Lincoln Avenue), Beverly Slade-Perry (Scholars Academy), Richard Colman (Early Childhood), Mary Kohn (Early Childhood), Ruth Chiles (Rosa Parks), Stephanie Drew (Oakwood Avenue), Cynthia Kestenbaum (Cleveland Street), Pamela Davis (Cleveland Street), Maxine Wilensky (Orange High School), Elaine Kaufman (Rosa Parks), Janette Belcher (Rosa Parks), Mary Ellen Frank (Rosa Parks), Jennifer Scoon (Lincoln Avenue), Shirley Ann Colman (Science & Math Dept.), Patrice Patterson (Orange Preparatory Academy), Margaret Azzolino (Special Services Department), Daryl Brazo (Rosa Parks), Suzanne Thomsen (Rosa Parks), Richard Schubach (Orange Preparatory Academy), Austin Davis (Security) and Cassandra Cummings (Park Avenue).

Twenty-Five Year Honoree:

William Blake, (Special Services Department)



Pictured (With Mrs. Smiley, Superintendent Lee, Board President Arthur and Ms. Alcantara): Ms. Beverly Slade Perry (left); Ms. Maria Rodriguez (center); Ms. Maxine Wilensky (right).



Pictured (With Mrs. Smiley, Superintendent Lee, Board President Arthur and Ms. Alcantara): Ms. Patrice Patterson (left); Ms. Margaret Azzolino (center); Ms. Debbie Luckey (right).



Pictured (With Mrs. Smiley, Superintendent Lee, Board President Arthur and Ms. Alcantara): Ms. Pamela Davis (left); Mr. William Blake (center); Planning Committee (right) with (left to right) Ms. Stewart, Ms. Bauman, Ms. Siddiq, Ms. Salomon, Ms. Ruty, Ms. Protopapas, Ms. Smiley and Ms. Karriem.



Cleveland Street School Celebrates Children Around the World

Cleveland Street School celebrated its 8th Annual Multicultural Week event on June 18. This year's theme was **Children Around the World**. Each grade level chose one country and researched the daily activities of children from that region. Students focused on what they eat for breakfast, lunch and dinner and also their hobbies. Mrs. Ketsia Jean-Baptiste spearheaded the event along with Mrs. Charmaine Fraser and Mr. Edward Harris. The student body had a blast with different activities, games, and inflatable rides. They enjoyed a cookout lunch and much needed sno-kones on a hot and humid Wednesday afternoon.

Cleveland Street thanks the parents who come out to help every year, as well as those who brought a dish to share. Several families donated dishes from their country, so staff members could get a taste of the richness and diversity of the cultures of the Cleveland Street Family.

Submitted by Mrs. K. Jean-Baptiste



Pictured: Scened from Cleveland Street's multi-cultural event.



Lincoln Avenue School Students Clean Up the Community

Lincoln Avenue School partnered with Legion of Good Will to do a community clean-up. Pictures of students cleaning up the community are shown right and below are photos of the culminating assembly with Legion of Good Will.



More information on the events can be found on the legionofgoodwill.org website under "Good Will Students Take Action Once Again".



Pictured: Lincoln Avenue students doing community clean up.

Submitted by Patrick Yearwood, Assistant Principal



June Board of Education Meeting

Orange High School (OHS) hosted the Board of Education meeting held on June 10. Co-Principals Principal Ms. Faith Alcantara and Dr. Kalisha Morgan, greeted the audience and senior Danelle Welcome led the Pledge of Allegiance before a formal introduction, by English Language Arts instructor, Ms. Phylis Jackson, of two orators who reprised their winning entries in the annual Local Talk Public Speaking Competition. OHS junior, Xivandell Emmanuel and senior Danelle Welcome spoke on their winning topics concerning the value of a college degree and the effects of reality TV on today's youth. Their coach, Ms. Phylis Jackson proudly addressed the tenacity of the students who competed against other students in Essex County to garner top prizes. Ms. Welcome received a \$5,000 scholarship for her first place win.



Pictured (left to right): Ms. Phylis Jackson, Xivandell Emmanuel and Danelle Welcome.

The Co-Principals congratulated the teachers, including newly appointed instructor, Ms. Kendra Wells, for their work with the students. Ms. Wells and Ms. Jackson were presented with flowers.



Pictured: OHS Assistant Principal Oliverto Agosto, ELA teacher Ms. Phylis Jackson, Danelle Welcome, teacher Ms. Wells, Co-Principal Dr. Morgan, Asst. Principal Dana Gaines, Xivandell, Co-Principal Alcantara and Asst. Principal Mohammed Abdelaziz.

Following OHS's presentation, the Female Achievers (After School) Mentoring Program presented to the Board. They gave an overview of their 24 years of mentoring young women and fostering the 3-Cs: Character, Career and Community Service. Former members, who continue to support and consult with the Female Achievers, were introduced and the current members introduced themselves as proud Female Achievers. They further honored the memory of Maya Angelou with a poetry recitation.

Student of the Month

Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee and Board of Education member, Mr. Franklyn Ore, presented students with certificates for being selected Student of the Month (SOTM). On a monthly basis, students are recognized for exemplary behavior, academics and citizenship by their school.

SOTM	School
Ela Urbina	Orange High School
Thamar Jean Baptiste	Orange Preparatory Academy
Naquille Cole	Career and Innovation Academy of Orange (CIAO)
Ibrihim Cole	Cleveland Street School
Semaj Peebles	Rosa Parks Community School
Jayden Moinvil	Park Avenue School
Josiah Emogene	Heywood Avenue School
Kayla Sampong	Forest Street School
Vincent Loomis III	Oakwood Avenue School
Sade Lopez	Lincoln Avenue School



Pictured: Co-Principals Dr. Morgan and Ms. Alcantara with Ela Urbina, board member Mr. Ore and Superintendent Lee.



Pictured: Principal Dr. Cummins, Ibrihim Cole and family, board member Mr. Ore and Superintendent Lee.



Pictured: Assistant Principal Mr. Yearwood, Sade Lopez and family, board member Mr. Ore and Superintendent Lee.

Parent of the Month



Pictured: Female Achievers on stage during the Board of Education meeting.

There was also a report on the two Montclair State University (MSU) assisted community schools operating in Orange: the Rosa Parks Community School and the Oakwood Avenue Community School. Ms. Ariel Sykes, MSU Community School Director opened with introductions, followed by Kory Saunders, Site Coordinator for Rosa Parks and Rachel Bland, Site Coordinator for Oakwood Avenue. They spoke of the progress and programs at the schools such as the "Math Way Club" at Rosa Parks and assisting with the re-start of the PTO at Oakwood.



Pictured: Site Coordinators, Kory Saunders and Rachel Bland.

Finally, Mr. George P. Hajjar, Administrator Specialty Hospital/DDC Services addressed the board regarding a proposed "Orange Board of Education Comprehensive School Based Clinic Pediatric Health Center" to provide needed health services to students.



Pictured: Co-Principals Dr. Morgan and Alcantara, Mrs. Montgomery, Mr. Ore and Superintendent Lee.

Orange High School (OHS) was proud to honor, as Parent of the Month, Mrs. Amber Montgomery. This school year, Mrs. Montgomery has been an active member of the School Management Team. She has also attended all of the Parent Mixers and has expressed a strong interest in assisting in re-establishing the PTSO (Parent Teacher Student Organization) at Orange High School. She will also be actively working with OHS to plan for the upcoming school year. Further, Mrs. Montgomery is very supportive of her daughter's education, ensuring that she is involved in extra-curricular activities and advanced courses.

Orange High School appreciates Mrs. Montgomery for all of her support and effort in working with, not only her daughter, but also any student or parent who requests her assistance.

Calendar of Events

June 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Heywood Avenue Spring Concert, 6:30 PM	3	4 OHS Lobby Art Reception, 6 PM Heywood Avenue Science Fair	5 Park Avenue School- wide Art Exhibit, 5:30 PM and Performing Arts Spring Concert, 6:30 PM - Heywood Ave. Sci. Fair - Forest Street Art Show/Science Fair 6- 7:30 PM	6 OHS Music Concert, 7PM at OPA	7 Hat City Festival  See flyer below
8	9 Cleveland Street Spring Concert, 6 PM at Park Ave. School	10 District Science Fair at Lincoln Avenue School, 8:30AM-4PM Monthly Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 PM OPA Auditorium	11 District Science Fair at Lincoln Avenue School, 8:30AM-4PM Orange Dance Conservatory Showcase, 7 PM at OPA	12 District Science Fair at Lincoln Ave. School - 8:30AM – 3PM Walkthrough - 4- 6PM Public Celebration - 6-7PM Awards Ceremony (See flyer below)	13	14 Valerie Fund Walk/5K Run (See flyer below) "Write Time, Write Place" 2014 Writer's Festival (Grades PreK-12) Lincoln Ave. School 12 PM – 3 PM (See flyer below)
15 	16 Departmental Meetings 2:30 PM Dismissal for Students "Prize Patrol"	17 CIAO, OPA, OHS (Grades 8 – 12) Finals	18 CIAO, OPA, OHS (Grades 8 – 12) Finals	19 Forest Street Presents Annie The Musical, 7 PM at Lincoln Ave. School CIAO, OPA, OHS (Grades 8 – 12) Finals	20 RPCS Spring Concert, 6:30 PM Forest Street Presents Annie The Musical, 7PM, Lincoln Ave. Sch. CIAO, OPA, OHS (Grades 8-12) Finals	21  First Day of Summer
22	23 Staff Recognition, 4PM at The Appian Way "Prize Patrol"	24 12:30 PM Dismissal for Students	25 12:30 PM Dismissal for Students	26 12:30 PM Dismissal for Students Marking Period 4 Ends Last Day of School for Staff and Students OHS Graduation 6PM at Cody Arena	27	28
29	30 Orange Summer Program Begins See flyer below Special Board Meeting at the Board of Ed. Bldg., 6:30 PM					

For Additional Events and Activities:

- See flyers below for coming attractions and visit the district's website at www.orange.k12.nj.us
- For Orange High School Athletic events visit: [Tornadoes In Action](#), on the Orange High School website.
- For District Academic Competitions visit the: [Academic Competition Experience webpage](#) on the district website.



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**Camp Locations and
Sporting Activities:**

Heywood

*Baseball, Soccer and
Swimming Camp*

Rosa Parks

*Basketball and Cheer-
leading*

Lincoln

Football and Tennis

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Orange High School 2014 Commencement Exercises



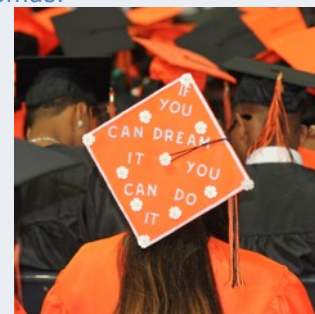
The Commencement Exercises for Orange High School's Class of 2014 took place, on June 26, at the Richard J. Codey Arena in West Orange. The graduation ceremony was a meaningful achievement for over 180 seniors who proudly marched into the arena, to the traditional "Pomp and Circumstance", and were conferred as high school graduates. Co-Principal Faith Alcantara opened the proceedings with welcoming remarks and introductions of the panel of esteemed guests. Co-Principal, Dr. Kalisha Morgan, followed, congratulating students who garnered over \$1.4 million in scholarships, grants and awards. Dr. Morgan stated that their success was based in part on perseverance, explaining that many students have endured personal journeys, with ups and downs, to make it this far. "Failure is good," she said. It is not to be feared, adding, "Failure is a powerful motivator."

Superintendent of Schools, Ronald C. Lee congratulated students for reaching this "major milestone" in their lives, stating, "Whatever your plans may be or wherever you may go, you'll always be a Tornado." He closed his remarks saying, "Go forth, change the world, I know you'll make us proud."

The Honorable Mayor Dwayne D. Warren gave congratulatory remarks, as well, noting that the year of their graduation, 2014, is the 60th anniversary of Brown vs. the Board of Education and serves as a reminder of the strides made for equality in education. His remarks were followed by an address by class Salutatorian, Avionne Wallace. Next, Board of Education President, Patricia A. Arthur spoke, before Valedictorian, Chinwendu Obi, delivered her touching speech. She remarked that seeing her siblings back home in Nigeria is the, "Driving force in my goal to achieve success in all my endeavors."

Student Government President Danelle Welcome introduced the keynote speaker, Mr. Khemani Gibson, a 2010 Orange High School graduate who is now a doctoral student at New York University. In his few short years, he has accomplished much academically, graduating with honors from Drew University. He reached out to the prospective graduates, stating, "As you prepare to graduate, think about how you can be a positive influence in the world," noting, "You must decide the future you want to live and the legacy you want to leave behind."

During the ceremony, the podium was also given over to graduating senior, Bashli Clary, who sang the National Anthem and again Chinwendu Obi, who led "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing". These performances gave rise to echoing cheers, as did the presentation of the class by Senior Class President, Jacnicka Desravines and the Graduates' Oath led by Principal Jason Belton. The seniors then marched, row by row, to receive their diplomas.



The graduation ceremony closed after Voices in Harmony sang "Roar" by K. Perry, the singing of the Alma Mater by graduate Reginald Miles and the "ceremonial recession of the class of 2014", to "Missing You" performed by the Orange High School Concert Band.

Congratulations Orange High School Class of 2014!



Pictured (left to right): Voices in Harmony and Orange High School Band; Principals ready to enter the arena; Seniors march into the arena.



Pictured (left to right): Seniors enter the arena; Seniors are seated; The Pledge of Allegiance (student later leads "Lift Ev'ry Voice & Sing").



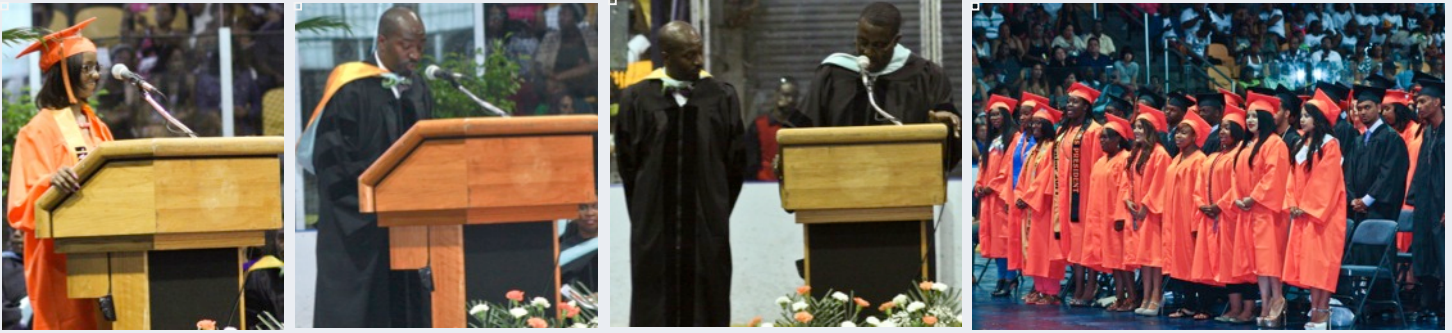
Pictured (left to right): Student leads "The National Anthem"; Co-Principal Alcantara; Co-Principal Dr. Morgan; Superintendent Lee.



Pictured (left to right): The Honorable Mayor Dwayne D. Warren; Class Salutatorian; Board President Arthur; Class Valedictorian.



Pictured (left to right): Student Government President; Keynote Speaker, Mr. Khemani Gibson; Orange High School Band.



Pictured: Senior Class President; Principal Belton; Principal Belton with Superintendent Lee; Seniors standing to receive "Graduates' Oath".



Pictured: Dignitaries get ready to receive graduates; The awarding of diplomas.



Pictured: The awarding of diplomas; Voices in Harmony; Graduates throwing their caps.



Pictured: The singing of the Alma Mater and the "Ceremonial Recession".





A Look Back at the Senior Prom

The Orange High School 2014 "Toast-Off" showed style and grace for the graduating class. The prom, "An Evening in Paris", took place on May 21. It began with the traditional



send-off from Orange High School, as on-lookers lined the streets.



Pictured: Scenes from Orange High School's Toast-Off on May 21.



Park Avenue Students “Wrap-up” the School Year with Scarves for Administrators

The Park Avenue Sewing and Fashion Club made a special presentation to Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, and Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Paula Howard, on June 25, at the Board of Education office. Their club advisor, Ms. Vandarra Robbins, who volunteers her time to teach the students how to knit and sew, had the students deliver their handiwork in person. They were accompanied by their Principal, Dr. Myron Hackett, and Assistant Principal, Ms. Devonii Reid, to give knitted scarves to the administrators.



Pictured (in photo right): The club members and Ms. Robbins (left front) are shown with Dr. Howard and Mr. Lee wearing their scarves. Dr. Hackett and Ms. Reid are also pictured.



Prize Patrol Awards are Finalized

There are plenty of smiles from happy students who have received HP Slate Tablets for participating in the “Follow the Reader Book Challenge” with Reading Rewards. This year, the reading challenge required an extra step for students. They had to complete a presentation based on one of the books they read. Many students did just that and received the coveted award.

Two of Cleveland Street’s students (shown right) happily received their tablets, delivered by School Counselor, Ms. Carol Lukoff, after submitting final projects for review to Ms. Erica Stewart, Administrator for Special Projects.



Pictured: Joewi Minchala (left) and Shaquan Cook (right) are shown with their HP Slate tablets.



Summer Reading



Orange school families have two opportunities for students to be involved in exciting reading and writing activities over the summer. The English Language Arts Department encourages everyone to participate in one of the following reading programs, based on grade levels.

1. Orange Summer Reading Challenge K-8
2. Orange Summer Reads Grades 9-12

To get complete details about the summer reading programs visit the Orange Public School district website at www.orange.k12.nj.us and follow the links.

Calendar of Events

July 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Independence Day District Closed 	5
6	7	8 Monthly Board of Education Meeting 7:30 PM at the Board of Education Office (451 Lincoln Ave.)	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

For Additional Events and Activities:

- See flyers below for coming attractions and visit the district's website at www.orange.k12.nj.us
- For Orange High School Athletic events visit: [Tornadoes In Action](#), on the Orange High School website.
- For District Academic Competitions visit the: [Academic Competition Experience webpage](#) on the district website.



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For additional information, please call 973-266-4045

For information and updates on this event and other activities in Orange please visit us online at www.ci.orange.nj.us — and like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/orange.jersey

**Camp Locations and
Sporting Activities:**

Heywood

*Baseball, Soccer and
Swimming Camp*

Rosa Parks

*Basketball and Cheer-
leading*

Lincoln

Football and Tennis

Circle of Excellence
Enrichment Academy

*Lincoln, Park, Heywood
and Rosa Parks*