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Black History Month Programs Close Out the Month of February

All of Orange's elementary schools honored Black History Month with classroom lessons, bulletin boards and special assemblies. Most programs took place the last week in February, with an encore performance of Heywood Avenue School's presentation, "Freedom and Equality: A Journey Through Time" scheduled for March 5, 2013 at 9:15 a.m. and Forest Street School's program, "Poetry Café", scheduled for March 7, 2013, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

At Park Avenue School, students presented songs, dance tributes and poetry readings in honor of Black History Month. Led by vocal music teacher, Brittany Russo, and dance instructor, Deborah Rembert, students performed traditional songs, poems and dance.



Pictured (left to right): Scenes from Park Avenue's Black History Month program.

Lincoln Avenue School's Black History Month program, "My Skin, Your Skin, Our Skin", included choral performances, class presentations, poetry recitals, along with the Guitar Ensemble and several dance performances. Program coordinator, Ms. Tamica Jones, various classroom teachers and the Visual and Performing Arts teachers all led an upbeat assembly. Kindergarten teacher, Hassan Shaheed, added to the program with the reading of his poem "Lady Devine" to honor African American women. The program ended with a grand finally, "We are the World".



Pictured (left to right): Scenes from Lincoln Avenue Elementary School's Black History Month Program

Cleveland Street's students, reenacted important moments in Black History, from Rosa Parks' historic bus ride and the Little Rock Nine, to Dr. King's "I Have a Dream Speech". Students performed to songs such as "A Change is Gonna Come" by Sam Cooke and "OOH Child" by the Five Stairsteps. Teacher, Ms. Maisha Jones, coordinated the program.



Pictured (left to right): Scenes from Cleveland Street School's Black History Month program.



Rosa Parks Central Community School Unveils Rosa Parks Forever Stamp

As part of their Black History Month celebration, Rosa Parks Central Community School hosted a special unveiling of the Rosa Parks Forever Stamp, issued by the United States Postal Service, on February 28, 2013. The stamp commemorates Rosa Parks' 100th birthday and has special significance to the school that bears her name. The Rosa Parks Central Community School also celebrated the 100th birthday of Central School. The unveiling was part of their celebration, "Embracing Our Heritage".

The unveiling of the stamp was made by Mr. John Mateo, Post Office Operations Manager, Ms. Virginia Garrett, Post Master of the Orange Post Office, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee and the Honorable Mayor Dwayne D. Warren of Orange and Principal Cayce Cummins . Mr. Mateo extoled the virtues of Rosa Parks and her role in the civil rights movement. Her stamp will be part of The Black Heritage Stamp Series, a collection of stamps commemorating the contributions and accomplishments of African Americans throughout American history. The unveiling was conducted at both the morning and afternoon program presentations. During the morning session, Board President Patricia A. Arthur joined the Superintendent for the stamp introduction. The morning session also included other board members and district administrators, who were there to celebrate the event.

There were several tributes to Rosa Parks during the program, with reenactments by first grade students and a dance tribute to "Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Round" by Sweet Honey and the Rock. The choral groups performed along with the 4th-7th grade strings students. The program was capped off by a stirring oration by second grader Yasheka Smith, reciting, "Ain't I A Woman", a speech by Sojourner Truth. The jubilant finale, "Oh Happy Day", from Sister Act2, sung by classmate, K-Lynn Jackman, followed.



Pictured (left to right): Stamp unveiling with Superintendent Lee, Board President Patricia Arthur, Principal Cummins, USPS Orange Post Master Virginia Garrett and Operations Manager, John Mateo; Student performers.



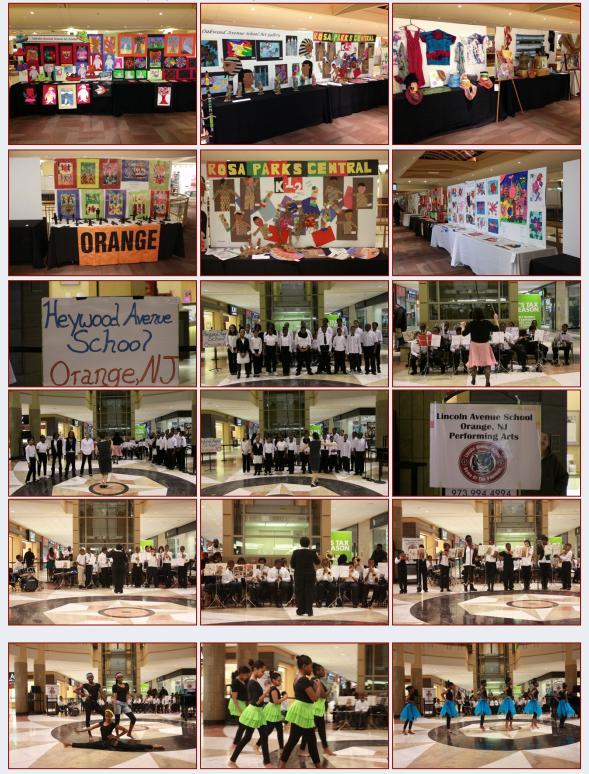
Pictured: Scenes from "Embracing Our Heritage"



PRIDE Week at the Livingston Mall

Orange pride was evident at the PRIDE in PUBLIC EDUCATION EXPO, sponsored by the ESSEX COUNTY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, held Friday, February 8 through February 15, 2013, at the Livingston Mall. The Expo showcased performances by Heywood Avenue and Lincoln Avenue Schools on February 11 and February 14, respectively. Each of Orange's Schools' were well represented with colorful art displays showing the talents of our students.

Below are photos from the mall art display and student performances.





College Awareness Month at Oakwood Avenue School

Submitted by Pamela Venable, Oakwood Avenue School Counselor

Oakwood Avenue School, grades K through 7, participated in a variety of college and career awareness activities throughout the month of January. The students were made aware that Alexander L. Twilight was the first Black person to graduate from a college in the United States of America. The students understand that college brings about greater possibilities for a lifelong career... the possibilities of becoming whatever their hearts desire can be actualized if they put forth effort.

In fact, they were reminded that our first African American President has shown us that all things are possible. What may not have seemed a possibility a little of over four years ago certainly became a reality that brings about hope. Oakwood's students were also reminded that the hope of the 21st century began many years ago through the struggles of those who fought for Black people to have the right to a free and quality education.

Students continued their college awareness focus during Oakwood's 28-day celebration of Black History, which kicked off on February 1, 2013. The students paid tribute to Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune by reciting exerts from her last will and testament, which she closed with the following... "If I have a legacy to leave my people, it is my philosophy of living and serving. As I face tomorrow, I am content, for I think I have spent my life well. I pray now that my philosophy may be helpful to those who share my vision of a world of Peace, Progress, Brotherhood, and Love." Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune – an educator and civil rights leader who also chartered a college in Florida called Bethune-Cookman University.

Mrs. Linda Siddiq and three of her transitional program students Amanda Barrett, Shane Brown, and Shakese Woodson spent time in our Primary level classes reading stories and talking to the students about what they would like to be when they grow-up. Our other invited guest included a group from Rutgers University, NJIT, Covenant House, Veterans Hospital, and St. Matthew Mentors Program (pictured left). The most inspiring moment came when the Outreach worker from Covenant House introduced one of the young men that he mentors who spoke to the students in a manner to let them know that the streets are no joke.

"Choosing the street life in no way makes one great. Always chose to be the best person you can be if it means not being popular stand your ground because the in-crowd isn't the best crowd. Sometimes we must challenge ourselves to standalone in order to get to know our best selves. It has taken me a long time to recognize that hanging in the streets and sleeping in abandoned buildings is not the life I wanted. You don't have to take the same type of negative path. I am thankful for people like my mentor Mr. Quionnes. I am currently attending Union County College but I would like to come back and talk to you and help you to understand the importance of paying attention and getting things right so that you don't have to do it my way."



Pictured (left to right): Mr. Quionnes, Covenant House; Covenant House mentee; College representative.



Heywood Artist Honored at NJPAC's Art Gallery by the AENJ

The visual arts, one of the gems in the Orange Public School District, sparkled at the Art Educators of New Jersey's (AENJ) Late Winter 2013 Youth Art Show. Cory Dewitt, a second grade student at Heywood Avenue School, was one of thirty students with artwork displayed in this prestigious student exhibition at the Richmond County Savings Foundation Art Gallery at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. His work was selected among entries from across the state and included student work from grades 1 – 12.

On February 24, Cory received a certificate at the awards presentation and reception held to recognize the young artists. His family, art teacher, Ms. Kelly Grzesiak, and Visual and Performing Arts Supervisor, Mr. Peter Crosta, were on had to congratulate him.



Pictured above: Cory Dewitt, pointing to his artwork, with art teacher, Kelly Grzesiak; Cory with his family; Cory with other award recipients.



"Inspiration By Our Historical President" Presented by the OHS Dance Department

Dance enthusiasts, friends and family members enjoyed the OHS Dance Department presentation of their long awaited Winter Concert, after schedule and weather delays. The program, a "Black History Month Dance Recital: Inspiration By Our Historical President, 5 Yrs. of Excellence – Yes We Can" featured the OPA Dance Department, led by Ms. Tosha M. Brown, and guest performances by the OPA Dance Ensemble and OHS Alumni.

The concert introduced several "Winter World Premieres" including "Yes We Can", inspired by the President of the United States, student dance projects, such as "Natasha's Project and Marco's Project, and "OHS Historical Repertoires", most notable. "My Life Inspired by Change, Hope, Dance Pioneers, and My Students". The evening closed with a rousing finale, "OHS Leaders and Students Rock!" which represented the dance disciplines, fusion step, jazz and funk.



Pictured: Scenes from OHS Black History Month Dance Recital



Lincoln Avenue School Celebrates Read Across America Day

On March 1, 2013, Lincoln Avenue Elementary School Celebrated Read Across America Day held in honor of noted children's author, Dr. Suess. Ms. Tamica Jones, Reading Resource teacher, coordinated Lincoln's program, supporting this national reading effort launched in 1997 by the National Education Association. There were many special guests who visited Lincoln to read to students including the Honorable Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Superintendent of Schools, Ronald C. Lee, staff members and parents.



Pictured (left to right): Mayor Dwayne Warren reads to a fourth grade class: Ms. Brown, LAS Librarian, Principal Pettit, Mayor Dwayne Warren, Assistant Principal Kirk, and RAA Coordinator Ms. Jones; Superintendent Lee is pictured with Principal Pettit.

"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read with a child."



Cleveland Street School Celebrates Read Across America

Submitted by Cleveland Street School

Cleveland School celebrated Dr. Seuss' Read Across America Day with a free, new book for every student from K-7th grades. "Wimpy Kid" books, Dr. Seuss books, and fabulous books at all reading levels were distributed by the Cat in the Hat, who surprised students with a visit to every classroom. After receiving their books, students "dropped everything and read" for the last hour in the school day. The entire school body was engrossed in their new books, and needless to say, everyone had a good read.



Pictured: Scenes from Cleveland Street's Read Across America Day

Coming Attractions

- Tuesday, March 5 Wednesday, March 6, 2013 High School Proficiency Assessment at Orange High School
- Tuesday March 5, 2013 Heywood Avenue Black History Month Program Encore Performance, 9:15 a.m.
- Tuesday, March 5, 2013 Family Math Night at Oakwood Avenue School, 6:00 8:00 p.m. (See flyer below)
- Thursday March 7, 2013 Forest Street School, Black History Month Program, "Poetry Café", 6:00 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, March 7, 2013 & Friday, March 8, 2013 OPA Drama Showcase, 7:00 p.m. at Orange Preparatory Academy Auditorium (See flyer below)
- Wednesday, March 13, 2013 16th Annual All city Arts Festival, 7:00 p.m., at Orange Preparatory Academy Auditorium
- Saturday, March 16, 2013 Registration begins for the Orange Saturday Arts Academy (See flyer below)
- Monday, March 18, 2013 District History Bee, 6:00 p.m. at Orange Preparatory Academy (See updated District Competition flyer below)
- Tuesday, March 26, 2013 North Jersey Spelling Bee Competition, Bergen Community College, 7:00 p.m. (See flyer below)
- Thursday, April 18 Saturday, April 20, 2013 Save the Date, Orange High School Presents

"Little Shop of Horrors" at Orange Preparatory Academy Auditorium (See flyer below) Saturday, May 18, 2013 – Save the Date, "Write on Track Writer's Festival" (See flyer below)

New LOWER Price! 2 classes for only \$25 6-week session Private Lessons \$120

6 Dates of Session: March 16, 23, 30 April 6, 20, 27

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30 minutes - By appointment only Grades 1 – Adult *Instructor: Mr. Clark*

\$120 per instrument for 6-weeks All instruments offered, including piano, guitar, woodwinds and brass. *Students must provide their own instrument! Limit 6 students.*

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Cash or Money Orders ONLY (payable to the Orange Twp Board of Education)

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Applications for Orange's Summer Program Available Now

The Orange Public School District is currently accepting applications for its five week Summer Program for students, enrolled in the district's schools, who are currently in kindergarten through eighth grade. The Summer Program will be held from July 8 through August 8, 2013 at Forest Street School, Lincoln Avenue School, Rosa Parks Central Community School, Park Avenue School and Orange Preparatory Academy. Students will enjoy a variety of activities including math games, research, debate, reading, art, STEM exploration, robotics, chess and journalism. The program will be offered Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All students will receive free breakfast and lunch. Applications are now available at all of Orange's elementary schools and Orange Preparatory Academy. For more information, interested families can contact their home schools. (See flyer below)



Orange Students Compete in Regional Bees

Orange Preparatory Academy eighth graders Al-Kamar Cooper, Duneelle Devalon, Brieana Mitchell and Silas Bond have qualified to compete in the National History Bee Regional Finals, a Jeopardy-style academic quiz tournament, on Thursday, April 18, 2013 in Yonkers, New York. The students, coached by social studies teacher Kathleen Gengaro, will compete against grades 6 – 8 students in the region.

The regional finals will be held at Saunders Trades & Technical High School, 183 Palmer Rd., Yonkers, NY, from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Family and friends are encouraged to attend. Winners of the regional bee will compete in the National Championship on June 1, 2013 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Orange Public School students will also participate in the North Jersey Spelling Bee on Wednesday, March 20 at Bergen Community College. Ibrahima Sacko, Park Avenue School winner and overall "District Spelling Bee of Champions", Keshima Smith, Lincoln Avenue School winner and second place district champion, Eduardo Fajardo, Forest Street School winner and third place winner for the district will compete in the regional contest. Fellow students who won individual grade level/school bees will join them including Da'Naya Rollins, Duke Richmond, David Purnell, Shamora Vassell and Ashleigh Howard-Jones.



Black History Month Programs Continue in Orange's Schools

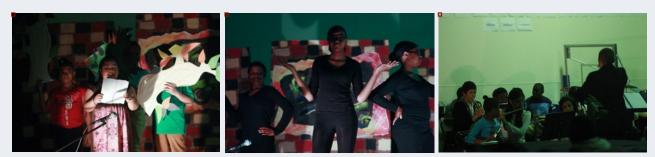
An encore performance of Heywood Avenue School's presentation, "Freedom and Equality: A Journey Through Time" was held on March 5, 2013. The program highlighted significant moments in Black History through poetry, song, dance and slideshows. The student performers and narrators were prepared and delighted the audience with their efforts. The retrospective was a true learning experience and showed the talents of the students and staff guidance.



Pictured: Scenes from Heywood Avenue's Black History Month program.

On March 7, Forest Street School's program, "Poetry Café", showed the spoken-word art form, with students as young as kindergarten, reciting poems by well-known African American poets such as Langston Hughes, Nikki Giovanni, and Maya Angelou. Directed by drama teacher, Amanda Pioppi, and classroom teachers, the students also honored noted Latino poets, to also celebrate their contributions to America.

The setting was café style and the audience snapped their fingers in appreciation of the recitations. The Forest Street band, led by Jayson Martinez, presented musical interludes and there was a solo performance by 7th grader, Anessa Larathe of "Superwoman" by Alicia Keys.



Pictured: Scenes from Forest Street's Poetry Cafe.



Orange High School Students Aid NJ FoodBank

Working with the Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills (JLOSH), eight Orange High School students volunteered to assist the Community FoodBank of New Jersey in their Weekend BackPack Program on March 2, 2013. This program provides children with additional, kid-friendly nutritious food to supplement their dietary needs over the weekend. The BackPack Program currently helps over 4,000 children in the local area from 47 different schools each weekend.

The student volunteers: Chad Bailey, Shakese Woodson, Bethanie Noel, Amanda Timram, Tiffany Bowman, Joselyn Gonzalez, Karina Familia and Nageline Auguste worked in the FoodBank's Kids Division, assembling bags for the Weekend BackPack Program. They were accompanied by Ms. Margaret Cunningham, Media Specialists, and Ms. Nazi Badruddun, Home Economics teacher.



Pictured: Orange High School students at the FoodBank of NJ.



College Awareness Week at Forest Street School

Submitted by Mrs. Quiyon N. Peters, School Counselor The Forest Street School family hosted its Annual College Awareness Week. The College Awareness Week activities took place the week of February 25, 2013. The following colleges/universities participated in this weeklong initiative at Forest Street School:

- Bloomfield College
- Caldwell College
- Lincoln University
- Montclair State University
- New Jersey City University
- Northeastern University
- Centenary College
- The College of New Jersey

The representatives from the institutions of higher education spoke with our students (in the classroom) regarding the importance of education, the various course offerings available, types of financial assistance, and effective study habits, along with answering student questions. Each presentation stressed to the students that their choices today will determine their destiny! During our daily morning announcements, students were invited to participate in college trivia that highlighted the history and programming of the colleges and universities attended by the staff of Forest Street School. Classroom visits for grades 3-7 lasted approximately 40 minutes at a time and included a group/panel like discussion from the admissions counselors and students from the respective colleges/universities. This was a life changing experience for the students! Mrs. Quiyon N. Peters, School Counselor, coordinated the event.



Pictured: Scenes from Forest Street's College Week including staff members with their college jerseys, students reviewing college literature and college representatives meeting with students in their classrooms.



Lincoln Avenue Art Opening at the Board of Education

The monthly art exhibit at the Orange Board of Education is currently featuring artwork by Lincoln Avenue Elementary School. On March 6, the school hosted a reception for students and their families that included refreshments, live music by strings students from Orange Preparatory Academy and a vibrant art display. There was a record attendance of families who came out to see their talented children receive acknowledgement for their artwork. Robert Pettit, Principal, along with art teachers, Ms. Lisa Clark and Ms. Janalle Kennedy, hosted the evening, presenting certificates to students. Superintendent of Schools, Ronald C. Lee was on-hand to congratulate the students and commend them for their strong attendance. Also present was Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, Mr. Peter Crosta who congratulated the students for their work.



Pictured above (left to right/top to bottom): Lincoln Avenue art display; Art teachers (Ms. Clark and Ms. Kennedy) preparing refreshments; Families reviewing the artwork; Mr. Pettit, Mr. Crosta and Mr. Lee; A trio of violin players with instructor, Ms. Beulah Cox.



Park Avenue School Family Workshop Night

On February 13, Park Avenue School hosted a Family Workshop Night for parents and students in grades 1 – 7. After being treated to pizza, parents visited classrooms where they learned strategies to help their children in Language Arts and Math. Parents were given an appreciation of the curriculum and the school's expectations. The Academic Achievement Committee, chaired by Germaine Tarver, Language Arts Coach, organized the event.



Pictured: Scenes Park Avenue School's Family Workshop



Oakwood Avenue School Launches Family STEM Night

Submitted by Mrs. Asale Harris, Math Coach Di District's first ever Family STEM

On March 5, 2013, Oakwood Avenue School held Orange Public School District's first ever Family STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Night, "Bringing STEM Home". It was a huge success! Family STEM Night was the brainchild of Mr. Dennis Peterson, Science Coach, and Mrs. Asale Harris, Math Coach.

Family STEM Night was created in an effort to cross educational content lines and bring students and their parents into an engaging world of Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics. Implementing the nation's Common Core initiative, the math and science programs, like Everyday Math, FOSS, CPO, Connected Math, and technology including SMART Boards, Mac Books, Dance Mats, Activity Works and Musical Engineering equipment, Family STEM Night was created to prepare students in the 21st century for equal access into a global competitive society and to be college and career ready!

The turn out was record breaking and the hopes of doing it again have been ringing clear from parents, teachers and students alike! A special thank you goes out to the Honorable Mayor Dwayne D. Warren and other city officials for adding a regal community flavor to the stellar night!

Family Math Night wouldn't have been a success without the untiring efforts of the teachers, staff and the PTO of Oakwood Avenue School, led by Principal, Ms. Debbie Luckey. From setup to clean up, teachers and staff worked together as a team and, better yet, as a family, to make it an amazing event!





Pictured: Scenes form Oakwood Avenue School's STEM Night (Photo credits for the last four images - Oakwood's technology students).

Coming Attractions

- March 2013 Music in Our Schools Month
- Tuesdays and Wednesdays in March, Preschool Registration at OECC, St. Johns (See flyers below)
- Wednesday, March 13, 2013 16th Annual All City Arts Festival, 7:00 p.m., at Orange Preparatory Academy Auditorium
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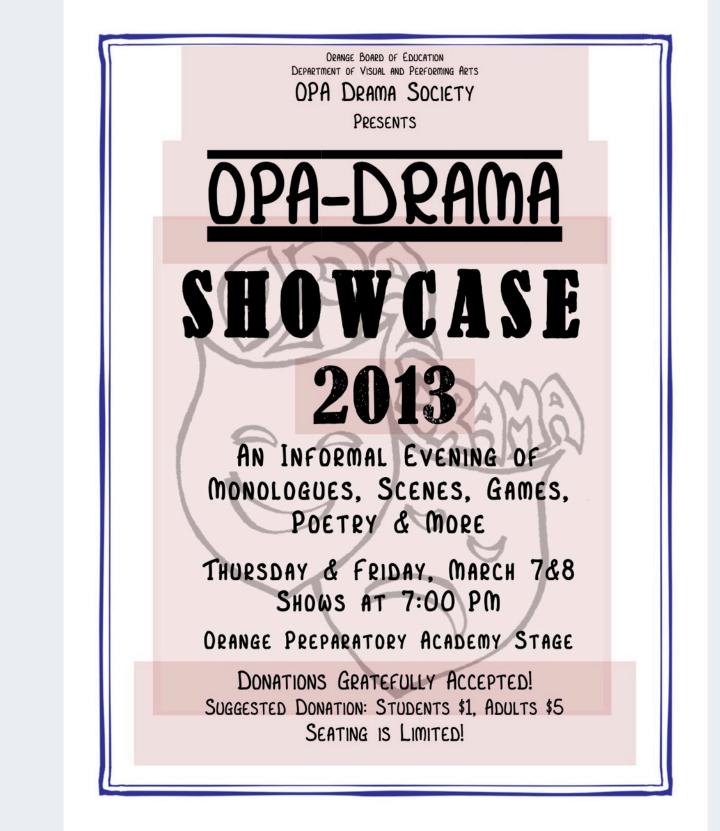
Applications Now Available in Your Home School Forest Street Lincoln Avenue Park Avenue Rosa Parks Orange Preparatory Academy

Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Breakfast and Lunch Provided

Math Games** Research**Debate Reading**Art**STEM Exploration Robotics**Chess**Journalism



July 8 - August 8, 2013 Open to Orange Public School Students Currently in Grades K - 8



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The Orange Public Schools Presents: The First Annual District History Bee



Monday, March 18, 2013 Orange Preparatory Academy 6:00 p.m.

Ronald C. Lee, Superintendent

Coordinated by Erica Stewart Secondary Principal for Special Projects



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> Mr. Ronald C. Lee Superintendent of Schools

Jacquelyn Blanton Supervisor of Early Childhood

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

REQUIREMENTS:

Director of Special Programs

Candace Goldstein

• 3 years old by 10/01/13

Must be resident of Orange Township

- Original Birth Certificate
- Child's Immunization record
- Current lease or Mortgage Statement
- 2 Proofs of Residency (PSE&G bill, telephone or cable bill)
- Picture ID

If you are living with a friend or relative, you **must bring their** current lease or mortgage statement. In addition, you must bring a **completed Residency Affidavit (you must pick this form up from the District Registrar, complete form and return to registrar for approval)located at 400 Lincoln Avenue, Orange High School during the hours of 9:00 A.m. to 12:00 Noon, prior to registering your child.**

Registration Days: TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

Date: MARCH 2013

Time: 10AM – 3:00 P.M.

PLACE:

Last sign in 1:30pm OECC @ ST. JOHN SCHOOL 455 WHITE STREET, ORANGE, NJ 07050 973- 677-4000 ext. 6052

IF YOU ARE CONCERNED YOUR PRESCHOOL CHILD IS DEVELOPING OR LEARNING DIFFERENTLY, YOU CAN CALL THE DISTRICT TO REQUEST AN EVALUATION FOR PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES.

4 years old by 10/01/13



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- DEBE SER RESIDENTE DEL MUNICIPIO DE ORANGE
- PARTIDA DE NACIMIENTO ORIGINAL
- EXPEDIENTE DE INMUNIZACIÓNES DEL NIÑO/NIÑA
- o DECLARACIÓN ACTUAL DEL ARRIENDO O DE LA HIPOTECA
- Identificación de fotos
- 2 Pruebas de Residencia (recibo de PSE&G, teléfono o recibo del cable) deben ser actual.
- Si esta viviendo con un amigo o un pariente en una casa privada, el propietario tiene que proporcionar la prueba de residencia. Adicionalmente, el Affidávit debe ser completado por usted y por el propietario. Si usted reside con un amigo en un edificio de apartamento, el Propietario o la Agencia que Maneja el edificio, deben de completar el Affidávit formulario proporcionado en Orange High School entre 9:00am – 12:00 PM. Cuando completen el affidávit debe de ser aprobado por el registrador del distrito antes de venir al Ministerio de Educación a hacer la matricula.

REGISTRACIÓN: Todos los Martes y Miercoles en Marzo

10:00am. - 3:00 p.m.

Tiene que firmer antes de las 1:30pm

LUGAR: OECC @ ST JOHN SCHOOL 455 WHITE STREET, ORANGE, NJ 07050 (973) 677-4000 ext 6052

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The Orange Board of Education, administration, and faculty congratulate our North Jersey Spelling BEE

competitors:

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Bringing Out The Brilliance!

Orange Public Schools and its employees are committed to fostering scholastic aptitude and encouraging a sense of academic competitiveness amongst students and their peers at home and in surrounding communities.

New Date: March 20, 2013 at Bergen Community College, 7:00 p.m.



On The Write Track

The Writer's Festival 2013 Saturday, May 18, 2013 1PM-3PM Lincoln Avenue School

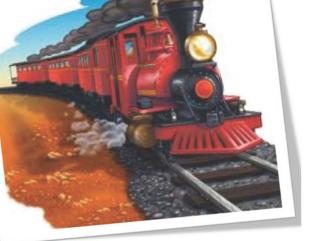


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Orange Public School District Announced Revised Early Dismissal Dates for Students

The Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, has announced additional early dismissal dates for students, to facilitate training for the new educator-evaluation system.

The newly added early dismissal dates for students are as follows:

- Monday, March 11, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, March 18, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. (Changed from 2:30 p.m.)
- Monday, March 25, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, April 1, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, April 15, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

For more information on the early dismissal dates and the new educator-evaluation system, visit <u>www.orange.k12.nj.us</u>.



Orange Students Compete in Regional Spelling Bee – Wednesday, March 20,

2013

Orange Public School students will participate in the North Jersey Spelling Bee on Wednesday, March 20 at Bergen Community College. Ibrahima Sacko, Park Avenue School winner and overall "District Spelling Bee of Champions", Keshima Smith, Lincoln Avenue School winner and second place district champion, and Eduardo Fajardo, Forest Street School winner and third place winner for the district will compete in the regional contest. Fellow students who won individual grade level/school bees will join them including Da'Naya Rollins, Duke Richmond, David Purnell, Shamora Vassell and Ashleigh Howard-Jones.



Park Avenue School Connects with the Rainforest

At Park Avenue School, Ms. Lianne Messina's first grade class participated in the Rainforest Connection videoconference with Orange Supervisor of Science, Ms. Erika Hackett, and Ms. Fran Zakutansky, a high school teacher from New Jersey, in Panama (shown in picture below). The students were prepared with questions relating to the rainforest, which were answered with explanations and a PowerPoint presentation. The students were excited and learned a lot. They are hoping to participate again soon.



Ms. Hackett traveled to Panama, during Orange's winter break as part of Montclair State University's Professional Resources in Science and Math (PRISM) program. She participated in "The Rainforest Connection Live", which is a collaborative project with the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Panama and the New Jersey Education Research and Education Network.

"The Rainforest Connection Live" is an interactive science-broadcasting program for K-12 students. She participated during their February 18 – March 1, 2013 sessions.



Orange Celebrated Pi Day

Pi Day is celebrated on March 14th (3/14) worldwide. Pi is the symbol used in mathematics to represent a constant; the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter, which is approximately 3.14159. There were several celebrations in

Orange including the 5th, 6th, and 7th grade students from Lincoln Avenue School. They talked about Pi, used Pi to find the area of a circle (6th and 7th) and built a physical representation of Pi up to around 500 digits by making a "PI CHAIN". Each grade level made paper link chains, which were joined together to form one big chain to be displayed.



Pictured: Lincoln Avenue School students crafting "Pi Chain"

Orange High School Pi Day

At Orange High School, the math Department spearheaded by math teacher Ms. C. Turner, organized students who gathered throughout the day at various "Pi stations" to participate in a variety of projects including a Pi CHAIN of 1000 plus links, a Jeopardy game and a formula for determining hat sizes. For the calculating your hat size, the circumference of your head is measured and the result divided by Pi and rounded to an eighth of an inch. Students also enjoyed the numerous pies available for tasting.

OHS's celebration culminated in a Pi Day competition to see how many numbers beyond 3.14 students could remember. The competition was held after school, two rounds, and the top winners received TI-84 calculators courtesy of Mr. Terry Caliste, director of mathematics and Science. Runners up received Dunkin Donuts gift cards, courtesy of Co-Principal Mrs. Alcantara. Mr. Caliste has extended the challenge to see how many students can memorize 200 digits by Friday, March 29, 2013. We will keep you posted and share the names of all the winners in the next publication.

The goal of Pi-Day was to engage students in hands-on and fun learning activities around the history, importance and use of Pi to their study of mathematics and for them to demonstrate everyday applications and use of Pi.

(There will be a full report and display of OHS Pi Day photos in next week's issue.)



Carol J. Michaels Honored for Contributions of Musical Instruments

Carol Michaels, the founder and director of Musical Instrument Donation Program Inc., was presented with an "Appreciation Award" at the Orange Board of Education's March 12, 2013 meeting. Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee and the Board of Education President, Mrs. Patricia A. Arthur, made the presentation. She received the award for the "generous contributions of instruments and equipment" made to the "students in the music program of the Orange Public Schools." Also there for the award presentation were Mr. Peter S. Crosta, Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts for the Orange School District and Lincoln Avenue School Band Director, Mrs. Marianne Mroz. Mrs. Michaels was accompanied by her husband Eric Michaels.



Pictured (left to right): Mr. and Mrs. Michaels, Mr. Crosta, Mrs. Mroz, Mrs. Arthur and Superintendent Lee.

Since the early 2000's when Mrs. Michaels first contacted Mr. Crosta with the availability of a free piano through her organization, followed by music room chairs for Lincoln Avenue School, the Orange Public Schools have been the recipient of musical instruments, many accessories and recently office supplies made available through her husband's law office. Orange has received gracious donations of keyboards, a drum set, saxophones, clarinets, flutes, guitars, violins, trumpets,

and other band and string instruments.

When Mrs. Michaels is not orchestrating donations through her Musical Instrument Donation Program, she owns a fitness center. During *Music in Our Schools Month*, Orange Public Schools is honored to recognize Mrs. Carol J. Michaels for many years of thoughtful contributions to the students participating in Orange's music program.



Monthly Board Meeting Honors Students and Parent of the Month

This month, Lincoln Avenue School hosted the monthly Board of Education meeting, held on March 12, 2013. They opened the meeting with a presentation demonstrating how they begin the school day, "Morning Routing at Lincoln Elementary School", with motivational announcements from Principal Robert Pettit and Assistant Principal Mia Kirk, and energizing staff and students with a few stimulating exercises, "Jammin' Minute", led by school nurse, Lisa Fraser. Afterwards, 4th grade students, led by teacher Marsha Bligen, performed "Who We Are (The Big Picture)", proclaiming we are much more than a test score, to a cheering audience of parents, staff and members of the community.

Following their presentation, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee and Board of Education Vice 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. Students selected for February 2013 are as follows:

Name	School	Grade
Stephanie Valet	Orange High School	12
Emmanuel Mensah	Orange Preparatory Academy	9
Diego Aucancela	Career and Innovation Academy of Orange	11
Leslie Andrade	Cleveland Street School	3
Michael Andrade	Rosa Parks Central Community School	1
Yvonne Ellis	Park Avenue School	6
Terrence Champagne	Heywood Avenue School	2
Melen Neguisse and Feven Neguisse	Forest Street School	6 and 7
Nathan Anderson-Brown	Oakwood Avenue School	5
Nahome Hagos	Lincoln Avenue School	5



Pictured in each photo are Board President Arthur and Superintendent Lee and family members with (from left to right): Stephanie Valet with Principal, D. Medley for OHS Co-Principals; Leslie Andrade with Principal D. White; Nahome Hagos with Principal R. Pettit. And Parent of the Month, Elidia Guzman also with Principal Pettit.

Parent of the Month

After presenting certificates to the students, Superintendent Lee acknowledged the Parent of the Month selected by the host school, Lincoln Avenue. On behalf of the school, Ms. Elidia Guzman was honored. Ms. Guzman has three children that are enrolled at Lincoln Avenue School (LAS). She is passionate about raising her children the right way and providing a good education. Her love is not just for her children, but for all children. She also has an excellent rapport with teachers and administrators.

Additionally, Ms. Guzman is a very conscientious and dedicated PTO member. In the past three years she has gone from a parent volunteer, to Chairperson of Fund Raising and Activities. As the Chairperson, she was instrumental in creating the celebrated LAS FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT. She now holds the position of Vice President of the LAS Parent Teacher Organization.

Ms. Guzman was surprised to be honored and selected Parent of the Month.

HOSA Recognition Award

Three Orange High School Students who participated in the HOSA Northern Regional Leadership Conference this past January were recognized for their competitive spirit. Orange High School's Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) organization provides students interested in careers in health care with leadership training, community service opportunities and academic competitions.



The students received certificates, presented by Mr. Lee and Mrs. Arthur, as pictured left. Also shown are family members and coadvisor, OHS Nurse, Esther Bauman.

Virginia Quiros, a 10th grade student, competed in the "Medical Math" competition and Stephanie Jacques-Simon, who is a senior, competed in the "Human Growth and Development" competition. They were both congratulated for their hard work and for joining their peers in this noted academic event. The third competitor, Abigail Gibson, an 11th grade student, competed in the "Interview Skills" leadership category. Abigail won second place in the regional competition and will compete this Sunday, March 17, in the NJ HOSA State Leadership Conference at Monmouth County Vocational School District Career Center, 1000 Kozloski Road in Freehold, NJ. She was congratulated

for her achievement and wished luck on Sunday.

The HOSA co-advisors, Nurse, Esther Bauman and Health Occupations instructor, Ms. Mavis Faulkner were thanked for their support of this commendable program.



The 16th Annual Arts Festival

On March 13, 2013, the Orange Visual and Performing Arts Department presented their 16th annual display of the "best of the best" in the Orange Public School District. It was a "Sixteen Candles" celebration, opened by Mr. Peter Crosta, Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts followed by remarks from Superintend of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee. Also there to welcome the crowded auditorium was the Honorable Mayor Dwayne D. Warren of Orange.

Students from across the district presented selections of drama, instrumental music, dance and song to cheers from family, staff and community members. Visual art displays from all schools graced the corridors and lobby entrances. The district strings ensemble opened with classical pieces, "Ode to Joy" and "William Tell Overture (Finale)" under the direction of district strings teachers, Mrs. Sini-Tuulia Vineyard and Ms. Beluah Cox, making their "All City" debut.

The grade 5-7 actors in the district made a dramatic yet humorous presentation of Greek mythology, "It's All Greek to Me", penned by district drama teachers, Ms. Amanda Pioppi and Mr. Michael Seidel. The grade 8-12 drama students performed William Shakespeare's Hamlet (ABRIDGED!), excerpted from the hilarious adaptation, "The Complete Works of Shakespeare Abridged Revised", by A. Long, D. Singer and J. Winfield. District drama teachers, Mrs. Maren Sugarman and Ms. Dana Levin, directed the students.

The music portion of the program included the grade 5 – 7 students in the District Treble Chorus, singing "She Sings" and Bonse Aba" conducted by district music teachers, Mrs. Wendy Mir and Ms. Brittany Russo, respectively. Oakwood Avenue School's music teacher, Annmarie Gunther, accompanied them on the piano. The District Mixed Chorus, made up of grades 7 – 12 students also sang two selections, "Distant Land", led by Orange Preparatory Academy (OPA) music teacher Peter Abazia to the piano accompaniment of Orange High School Choir Director David Milnes and "It Takes a Village" led by Rosa Parks Choir Director Ryan LaBoy, accompanied on Djembe drums by Mr. Abazia. Mr. LaBoy also led the districts adult ensemble *Sankofa*, singing "The Joy I Feel" and "Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho".

The District Concert Band played several selections conducted in succession by band directors, Mrs. Dorcas Robinson, Mrs. Erin-Leigh Van Orden and Mr. Steven Reeves. They played "Prologue", "Snarendipity" and "Afterburn". The District Dance Ensemble entertained the audience to Prince's "When Doves Cry (Extended Mix)", featuring Quindon Tarver. The lively selection was choreographed by OPA dance instructor, Mrs. Gianna Mistry.

Dr. Terri Russo, Director of Curriculum and Professional Development, gave closing remarks, congratulating the performers

and entertaining the audience with a brief vocal interlude, as they waited for the final setup. After the chorus entered the auditorium for the final performance, Mr. Crosta, acknowledging all of the talented staff members of the Visual and Performing Arts Department individually, gave special thanks to the festival coordinators, Mrs. Kelly Grzesiak, Visual Arts Coordinator, Mrs. Marianne Mroz, Instrumental and Dance Coordinator and Mr. Ryan LaBoy, Choral and Drama Coordinator. There was an impromptu song "Sixteen Going on Seventeen", from the "Sound of Music" with revised words by Dr. Russo and Mr. Crosta. The staff members, to further celebrate the longevity and a return performance of the All City tradition (#17), performed the song. The finale by the District combined Treble and Mixed Chorus, "The Storm is Passing Over" conducted by Mr. LaBoy and accompanied by Mr. Milnes ended the gala evening.

The program was upbeat and festive and demonstrated the talents of the district's students and the Visual and Performing Arts staff of the Orange Public School district. The support of the student stage crew, led by their advisors, Mrs. Sugarman and Ms. Tammy Baldwin, was equally impressive. Mr. Crosta brought Ms. Baldwin on stage, emphasizing the hard work behind the scenes. The audience showed equal respect by their tremendous applause.



Pictured: Scenes from the All City Arts Festival

Districts Selected For Wipro Science Education Fellowship at Montclair State University

Five local school districts have been selected to participate in the Wipro Science Education Fellowship (SEF) program at Montclair State University. Clifton, Orange, Montclair, Kearny, and Paramus school districts will be participating in the program sponsored by Wipro Ltd (NYSE: WIT) a leading global IT company with significant presence across North America including New Jersey. The Wipro SEF program is a teacher-leadership program that supports experienced K to 12 science teachers to deepen their practice while staying in the classroom. The program uses a model of teacher support and development to increase the capacity of teacher-leadership in their respective districts. This model includes a comprehensive set of activities designed to enhance teachers' abilities to increase achievement in science for underperforming students. Twenty experienced teachers from the five school districts will be selected to join the first cohort. Each teacher will participate for two years and will receive a stipend of \$10,000 for their work. The program at Montclair State University is in partnership with the University of Massachusetts, Boston. The two universities will run parallel programs in northern New Jersey and the Boston area, extending the community of participating teachers to these areas.

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Art Unbound Offers Spring Art Classes

Arts Unbound is pleased to offer a new schedule of in-studio classes for the Spring including "Zentangle Class", "2-D Art and Open Studio Class and "Stuffed Animal Class". To learn more about these new and exciting classes, visit Arts Unbound at www.artsunbound.org/classes.php or call 973-675-2787.

Coming Attractions

- Tuesdays and Wednesdays in March, Preschool Registration at OECC, St. Johns (See flyers below)
- Wednesday, March 13, 2013 16th Annual All City Arts Festival, 7:00 p.m., at Orange Preparatory Academy Auditorium
- Saturday, March 16, 2013 Registration begins for the Orange Saturday Arts Academy (See flyer below)
- Monday, March 18, 2013 District History Bee, 6:00 p.m. at Orange Preparatory Academy (flyer below)
 Wednesday, March 20, 2013 North Jersey Spelling Bee Competition, Bergen Community College, 7:00
- p.m. (See Ad below) NOTE NEW DATE FOR COMPETITION
- Thursday, April 18 Saturday, April 20, 2013 Save the Date, Orange High School Presents "Little Shop of Horrors" at Orange Preparatory Academy Auditorium (See flyer below)
- Saturday, April 20, 2013 Save the Date Parent Resource Fair
- Saturday, May 18, 2013 Save the Date, "Write on Track Writer's Festival" (See flyer below)



in Your Home School

Forest Street Lincoln Avenue Park Avenue Rosa Parks Orange Preparatory Academy

Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Breakfast and Lunch Provided

Math Games** Research**Debate Reading**Art**STEM Exploration Robotics**Chess**Journalism



July 8 - August 8, 201: Open to Orange Public School Students Currently in Grades K - 8

The Orange Public Schools Present: The First Annual District History Bee

Monday, March 18, 2013 Orange Preparatory Academy 6:00 p.m.

Ronald C. Lee, Superintendent

Coordinated by Erica Stewart Secondary Principal for Special Projects **New LOWER Price!** 2 classes for only \$25 6-week session Private Lessons \$120

6 Dates of Session: March 16, 23, 30 April 6, 20, 27

BEGINNING STRING CLASS

Grades 1 – 3 9:00- 10:30 Instructors: Ms. Cox, Mrs. VanOrden

This course will offer students who have started the violin, viola or cello a unique opportunity to improve their skills and knowledge. This course will combine string instruction with listening to music and learning how to read notes.

STRING CLASS

Grades 4-12 (BEGINNING-ADVANCED) 10:30 – 12:00 Instructors: Ms. Cox, Mrs. VanOrden

This course will offer students the opportunity to play as an ensemble. This class will explore playing rounds and duets together. Students will listen to string music in order to expand knowledge of that repertoire.



MULTICULTURAL ART

Grades 1-3 10:30 – 12:00 Instructor: Ms. Kwon

Students will explore the roots, designs, and traditions found in the art and artifacts from the far corners of the earth. Projects will include Japanese origami, Chinese ink and brush landscape, African papiermache calabash and mud cloth, Central American worry doll and more. Materials will include yarns, clay, paint and brush, beads and fabrics.

Adult ZUMBA Exercise

9:15 – 10:15 for Adults Instructors: Amber Montgomery

Weekly fee of **\$5** cash paid each class session.

HOOKED ON DRAWING AND PAINTING Grades 4-7

NEW LOCATION

Held at

Oakwood Avenue

School 135 Oakwood Avenue Orange, NJ

9:00 - 10:30 Instructor: Ms. Kwon

This course will offer students opportunities to explore a variety of drawing methods and materials including pastels, charcoals, ink and brush, and paints. Projects will include still-life, portraiture, cartooning and cityscape. Printmaking process will also be introduced and students will create prints by carving images on printing blocks.

PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS

30 minutes - By appointment only Grades 1 – Adult Instructor: Mr. Clark

\$120 per instrument for 6-weeks All instruments offered, including piano, guitar, woodwinds and brass. *Students must provide their own instrument! Limit 6 students.*

Registration begins Saturday, March 16, 2013 at 8:30am. Parents must be physically present to register children and complete additional forms with payment. NO DROP OFFS ALLOWED THE FIRST DAY! *Class sizes are limited*!! First come-First Served! For more information contact Mrs. Mroz at 973-677-4130 or mrozmari@orange.k12.nj.us

Cash or Money Orders ONLY (payable to the Orange Twp Board of Education)

Name:	Cell phone:
Class #1:	Class #2:
School:	Grade:
Instrument:	Office Use Only: Received by:\$ Paid via: CASH M.O.



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Mr. Ronald C. Lee

Superintendent of Schools Jacquelyn Blanton Supervisor of Early Childhood

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

REQUIREMENTS:

Director of Special Programs

Candace Goldstein

• 3 years old by 10/01/13

4 years old by 10/01/13

- Must be resident of Orange Township
- Original Birth Certificate
- Child's Immunization record
- Current lease or Mortgage Statement
- 2 Proofs of Residency (PSE&G bill, telephone or cable bill)
- Picture ID

If you are living with a friend or relative, you **must bring their** current lease or mortgage statement. In addition, you must bring a **completed Residency Affidavit (you must pick this form up from the District Registrar, complete form and return to registrar for approval)located at 400 Lincoln Avenue, Orange High School during the hours of 9:00 A.m. to 12:00 Noon, prior to registering your child.**

Registration Days: TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

Date: MARCH 2013

Time: 10AM – 3:00 P.M.

PLACE:

Last sign in 1:30pm OECC @ ST. JOHN SCHOOL 455 WHITE STREET, ORANGE, NJ 07050 973- 677-4000 ext. 6052

IF YOU ARE CONCERNED YOUR PRESCHOOL CHILD IS DEVELOPING OR LEARNING DIFFERENTLY, YOU CAN CALL THE DISTRICT TO REQUEST AN EVALUATION FOR PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES.



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REGISTRACIÓN PREESCOLAR

REQUISITOS:

- 3 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/13
- 4 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/13
- DEBE SER RESIDENTE DEL MUNICIPIO DE ORANGE
 PARTIDA DE NACIMIENTO ORIGINAL
- EXPEDIENTE DE INMUNIZACIÓNES DEL NIÑO/NIÑA
- o DECLARACIÓN ACTUAL DEL ARRIENDO O DE LA HIPOTECA
- Identificación de fotos
- 2 Pruebas de Residencia (recibo de PSE&G, teléfono o recibo del cable) deben ser actual.
- Si esta viviendo con un amigo o un pariente en una casa privada, el propietario tiene que proporcionar la prueba de residencia. Adicionalmente, el Affidávit debe ser completado por usted y por el propietario. Si usted reside con un amigo en un edificio de apartamento, el Propietario o la Agencia que Maneja el edificio, deben de completar el Affidávit formulario proporcionado en Orange High School entre 9:00am 12:00 PM. Cuando completen el affidávit debe de ser aprobado por el registrador del distrito antes de venir al Ministerio de Educación a hacer la matricula.

REGISTRACIÓN: Todos los Martes y Miercoles en Marzo

10:00am. - 3:00 p.m.

Tiene que firmer antes de las 1:30pm

LUGAR: OECC @ ST JOHN SCHOOL 455 WHITE STREET, ORANGE, NJ 07050 (973) 677-4000 ext 6052

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Reminder – Calendar Changes

The Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, announced additional early dismissal dates for students to facilitate training for the new educator-evaluation system. The remaining early dismissal dates for students, <u>including dates already</u> <u>scheduled</u>, are as follows:

- Monday, March 25, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, April 1, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, April 15, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.
- Monday April 22, 2013 at 2:30 p.m.
- Monday, May 20, 2013 at 2:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at 12:30 p.m.
- Monday, June 17, 2013 at 2:30 p.m.

For more information on the early dismissal dates and the new educator-evaluation system, visit <u>www.orange.k12.nj.us</u>.

Additionally, staff and parents are reminded that:

• Friday, March 29, 2013 (Good Friday) was previously revised to a <u>half day</u> of school. The district will close at 12:30 p.m.



Orange High School Presents "Little Shop of Horrors" April 18 – 20, 2013

The Visual and Performing Arts Department of Orange High School, in association with Orange Preparatory Academy, is proud to announce their upcoming production of Roger Corman's *Little Shop of Horrors* directed by Dana Levin, Drama Instructor at Orange High School. This is a "one-of-a-kind" rock musical by composer Alan Menken and writer Howard Ashman that incorporates many fine elements of theatre. Clever dialogue, comedic satire, outrageous puppetry and charismatic song and dance routines are strategically combined to stimulate and entertain the viewing audience.

Little Shop of Horrors is about a "nerdy" florist shop worker who raises a plant with a carnivorous appetite. There are many show stopping tunes, such as the title song, "Somewhere That's Green" and "Suddenly, Seymour" that are reminiscent of early rock and roll, doo-wop and Motown, in this lively production.

Performances are April 18th, 19th and 20th: Thursday and Friday at 7:00 p.m. and two Saturday shows with a 2:00 p.m. (matinee) and 7:00 p.m. final performance.

Ms. Levin is excited for the opportunity to direct Little Shop of Horrors for the Orange School District. This is Ms. Levin's first year at Orange High School. She comes from a theatrical background with experience on and off stage. A graduate of the American University, in Washington, D.C., with a degree in Musical Theater and Education, Ms. Levin commented, "The students involved in this production are truly funny! They are a wonderful cast. People should not miss this production. It promises side-splitting laughter and great song and dance."

Earl Nelson, playing the part of the nervous dentist, Seymour, said, "If you thought the last production (Shakespeare) was funny, you haven't laughed HARD yet!" "This play is a completely different style from my last role, and I'm enjoying the difference!" wrote Micaelia Gibson who plays Audrey. Miss Gibson was Belle in last year's Beauty and the Beast Disney musical that drew record audiences to the OPA Auditorium. Little Shop of Horrors is anticipating the same turnout of audience members and hopes to break those records!

Little Shop of Horrors will be presented at Orange Preparatory Academy Auditorium, located at the intersection of Lincoln and Central Avenues, in Orange, New Jersey. The theatre is wheelchair-accessible with assisted hearing units available for the hearing impaired. Tickets are available at the door, \$10.00 for general admission, \$5.00 for Senior Citizens and Students (with a valid student identification card). Tickets are now available by calling 973-677-4000 x5020 or for more information write to <u>rhodesdi@orange.k12.nj.us</u>

Press Release submitted by Ms. Diana Rhodes, "Little Shop of Horrors" - Production Manager



Orange High School Robotics Competition - Saturday, March 23 and Sunday

March 24, 2013 The Orange High School Robotics Team will be attending two events this year:

March 23rd - 24th - **Mount Olive FIRST Robotics District Competition** Mount Olive High School 18 Cory Road Flanders, NJ 07836 Phone: 973-927-2208

April 6th - 7th - **Bridgewater-Raritan FIRST Robotics District Competition** Bridgewater-Raritan High School 600 Garretson Road Bridgewater, NJ 08807 Phone: (908) 231-8660

Along with the team, Mr. Patrick Ariea, the team's advisor, hopes that the Orange community will come out to support them at these exciting events and show some Orange Pride! Wearing orange is encouraged.

For more information on the Orange High School Robotics Team, visit: OHS Robotics



Community Resource Fair Planned for Saturday, April 20, 2013

The Orange Public School District will hold a Community Resource Fair on Saturday, April 20, 2013 at Lincoln Avenue Elementary School. The fair will run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. A variety of agencies and businesses will provide information about home ownership, summer school programs, personal finance, recreation, entrepreneurship, employment resources, technical training, adult education and much more. There will also be information about critical advancements in the school district including the new teacher evaluation requirement, changes in standardized tests and the new common core curriculum.

Nearly 40 service agencies and vendors will be represented with information tables at the fair. In addition, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee will host a panel discussion with the Honorable Mayor of Orange, Dwayne D. Warren, two parent representatives and two student representatives. The proposed topic for the discussion will be "What's Working in Orange" and to field questions and comments from parents concerning the school district.

"There are many community-based services available to assist families with fundamental needs and we want to provide a one-stop-shop opportunity for our parents to be exposed to some of these providers," said Superintendent Lee. "We also want to insure that our families are aware of the many changes to the district's curriculum, standardized tests and accountability measures that have been mandated by the state. We know that our students fare better when families are provided with necessary resources and parents are actively involved in the educational lives of their children. We hope that this fair will help achieve that for many of our families."

Among the agencies that will be represented are Rising Tide Capital, City of Orange Township Youth Employment, Capital One Bank, Essex County Community College WISE Woman Center, Jewish Woman's Center, Essex County Addictive Services, NJ Chamber of Commerce, Essex County Pan Hellenic Council, County of Essex Department of Employment and Training, NJ institutions of higher education, Rutgers University Talent Search, and many more.

The event is being organized by Mr. Matthew Stevens, Department of Special Programs. He can be reached at 973-677-4000 ext. 6086, or email stevenma@orange.k12.nj.us.



Kids In Concert 2013

On March 21, 2013, Lincoln Avenue School's Grade 5 – 7 Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Wendy Mir and Orange High School's "Voices in Harmony" Choir, directed by Mr. David Milnes, made Orange very proud. They performed beautifully at **Kids in Concert 2013**.

Following this year's concert theme "The Garden State", Lincoln's students sang a wonderful rendition of "Good Lovin" by the Young Rascals, a late 60s group from Garfield, New Jersey and Voices in Harmony performed a Lauryn Hill medley and "crushed it". Lauryn Hill is a singer/songwriter from neighboring South Orange, NJ. They performed along with nine other

schools at Long Branch High School in Long Branch.

The Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, and the Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, Mr. Peter S. Crosta, on hand for the show, congratulated Lincoln Avenue Students for an outstanding first-time performance. This was the first year that students from Lincoln were selected to participate in this gala event. The veterans, "Voices in Harmony", have been chosen to appear in **Kids in Concert** for the past 7 years.

Families and friends who traveled "down the shore" for the event were pleased with Orange's performance. Also present to lend support were district Business Administrator, Mr. Adekunle O. James, OHS Assistant Principal, Mr. Oliverto Agosto, OHS art teacher, Mr. Christopher Cosmillo and Lincoln Avenue music teacher, Mrs. Marianne Mroz.

Kids in Concert (KIC) is presented by the Education Law Center to celebrate the talents of New Jersey's public school students in high-need school districts. KIC, now in its fifteenth year, is presented in partnership with the New Jersey Education Association.



Pictured: Scenes from Kids in Concert 2013 taken by Mr. Peter Crosta of the Lincoln Avenue Chorus.



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STEM Community Night at Lincoln Avenue School

Lincoln Avenue School is still buzzing from the electricity of its first STEM Community Night program held on March 20 in its handsome and spacious gymnasium. This monumental STEM night, showcasing science, technology, engineering and mathematics, was jam-packed with hands-on, inquiry-based activities that challenged the mind. Every Day Math, Connected Math, Full Option Science System, CPO Science, LEGO Robotics and numerous games of strategy were demonstrated by students, from grades Kindergarten through seven, aligned with the model curriculum of the Common Core Standards initiative. Mr. Hopeton Smith, Musical Engineering, brought the world of music production to the Lincoln students.

Sponsored by the Lincoln Parent Teachers Organization (PTO), led by Mr. David Armstrong, and supported by Elaine Meredith (4th grade Science and Social Studies Teacher) and Yashmine Cooper (2nd Grade Teacher), the event proved to be a catalyst for STEM Education in the Orange Public School District and impressed parents, students, teachers and administrators alike. Parents witnessed the technical expertise of their children and had what is known as "Ah-Ha" moments.



Pictured: Scenes from Lincoln Avenue School STEM Community Night

Mr. Dennis Peterson, Master Science Teacher, and Mrs. Asale Harris, Master Mathematics Teacher, were the originators of the Family STEM event at Lincoln Avenue School. They headed a collaborative team of specialists including Ms. Miriam Martin, Lincoln's Technology Coordinator, Mrs. Linda Lloyd, Technology Coordinator at Oakwood Avenue School, Ms. Kawana Harris, Master Teacher of Language Arts, Mrs. Bola Powell, Administrative Assistant, Mr. Robert Pettit, Principal, and the School Management Team. The night would not have been successful without the support of the teachers initiating awesome grade level appropriate activities. Mrs. Grant, and her STEM "Save a Brain" Challenge, Ms. Jones and Mr. Flournoy helping families to program robots, and Mr. O'Bryan with his levers and fulcrum experiment truly had the children and their parents excited about learning.

The importance of STEM education in our country was exemplified by words from President Barak Obama through the magic of Youtube.com. Additionally, Ms. Erika Hackett, District Supervisor of Science, Lincoln Avenue School's STEM night has raised the academic bar in Orange Township to new heights and the levels of achievement even higher!

Submitted by Lincoln Avenue School



Orange High School Pi Day Winners

As previously reported, for Pi Day, the Orange High School (OHS) Math Department organized students in a variety of projects including a Pi-Chain of 1000 plus links, a Jeopardy game and a formula for determining hat sizes based on Pi. Pi Day was March 14 (3/14).





Pictured: Scenes from Orange High School's Pi Day celebration. The group photo is of OHS's Math Department.

OHS's celebration culminated in a Pi Day competition to see how many numbers beyond 3.14 students could remember. The competition, held after school, produced three winners; each received a TI-84 calculator, courtesy of Mr. Terry Caliste, Director of Mathematics and Science. Three students received Dunkin Donuts gift cards, courtesy of Co-Principal Mrs. Faith Alcantara, as consolation prizes. The winners of the competition were:

- Shaquan Pridgen First Place
- Stania Jean Second Place

Garfield Amay - Third Place

- Consolation Prizes when to:
 - Ryan Bazilo
 - Laurent Pierre
 - Thiery Dazulma

Mr. Caliste has extended the challenge to see how many students can memorize 200 digits by Friday, March 29, 2013 to further support the importance and use of Pi in the study of mathematics.



OPA Drama Showcase 2013

In front of an intimate group on the stage at Orange Preparatory Academy Auditorium, Mrs. Maren Sugarman, OPA Drama Society Advisor and Director, led the OPA Drama Society in their second of two performances on March 15. Orange Preparatory Academy Drama Society members are: William Collins, Destiny Jones, Shannon Lake, Hannah Nzedinma, Danielle Polidor, Cariola Richard and Startasia Wright.

The Drama Showcase featured students doing warm-up exercises such as "Big Booty," acting exercises including "Emotional Mini-van" and "Character Hat" that called for audience participation in guessing what the actors were portraying. There were also several monologues as well as poetry and scenes from movies and other productions, with outstanding presentations by the drama students. A responsive audience appreciated their talents and dedication to their craft.

At the end of the performance, three of the OPA Drama Society members were inducted into the International Junior Thespian Society. William Collins, Shannon Lake and Danielle Polidor became eligible for the honor society by completing the required hours of work in the theatre and related arts. Named for the "first actor", Thespis, The International Thespian Society's guiding principal is a dedication to excellence in educational theatre. The Society honors those students who do theatre well.





Pictured: Scenes from the OPA Drama Showcase



Congratulations for Spelling Bee Competitors

Six Orange students participated in the Morris, Essex and Rockland division of the North Jersey Spelling Bee on March 20, 2013. They vied for an opportunity to represent North Jersey and Rockland County in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in May, along with students who competed in the Bergen County division competition held on March 21.



Pictured (left to right): Eduardo Fajardo, Forest Street School, Ashleigh Howard-Jones, Rosa Parks Central Community School, David Purnell, Heywood Avenue School



Pictured (left to right): Da'Naya Rollins, Cleveland Street School, Ibrahima Sacko, Park Avenue School, Keshima Smith, Lincoln Avenue School with Superintendent Lee

Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee was present to show his support for Orange's students. He proudly congratulated each for their effort, speaking with them and their parents. Ms. Erica Stewart, Administrator for Special Projects, who organized the district's "Spelling Bee of Champions", with support from the district's Language Arts Specialists and the school administrators of each participating school, was also there, along with teachers from Rosa Parks Central Community School and Park Avenue School. All were pleased with Orange's students, confident that this exposure was a notable achievement in their academic career that will help to improve their positions in next year's spelling bee.

Coming Attractions

- Saturday-Sunday, March 23 24, 2013 Mount Olive FIRST Robotics District Competition
- Monday, March 25, 2013 Students dismissed at 2:00 p.m.
- Friday, March 29, 2013 Schools in session District closes at 12:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 18 Saturday, April 20, 2013 Save the Date, Orange High School Presents "Little Shop of Horrors" at Orange Preparatory Academy Auditorium
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- Saturday, May 18, 2013 Save the Date "Write on Track Writer's Festival" (See flyer below)

New LOWER Price! 2 classes for only \$25 6-week session Private Lessons \$120

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PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS

30 minutes - By appointment only Grades 1 – Adult Instructor: Mr. Clark

\$120 per instrument for 6-weeks All instruments offered, including piano, guitar, woodwinds and brass. *Students must provide their own instrument! Limit 6 students.*

Registration begins Saturday, March 16, 2013 at 8:30am. Parents must be physically present to register children and complete additional forms with payment. NO DROP OFFS ALLOWED THE FIRST DAY! *Class sizes are limited*!! First come–First Served! For more information contact Mrs. Mroz at 973-677-4130 or mrozmari@orange.k12.nj.us

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NEW LOCATION Held at Oakwood Avenue School

135 Oakwood Avenue Orange, NJ



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Jacquelyn Blanton Supervisor of Early Childhood

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

REQUIREMENTS:

Director of Special Programs

Candace Goldstein

• 3 years old by 10/01/13

Must be resident of Orange Township

- Original Birth Certificate
- Child's Immunization record
- Current lease or Mortgage Statement
- 2 Proofs of Residency (PSE&G bill, telephone or cable bill)
- Picture ID

If you are living with a friend or relative, you **must bring their** current lease or mortgage statement. In addition, you must bring a **completed Residency Affidavit (you must pick this** form up from the District Registrar, complete form and return to registrar for approval)located at 400 Lincoln Avenue, Orange High School during the hours of 9:00 A.m. to 12:00 Noon, prior to registering your child.

Registration Days: TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

Date: MARCH 2013

Time: 10AM – 3:00 P.M.

PLACE:

Last sign in 1:30pm OECC @ ST. JOHN SCHOOL 455 WHITE STREET, ORANGE, NJ 07050 973- 677-4000 ext. 6052

IF YOU ARE CONCERNED YOUR PRESCHOOL CHILD IS DEVELOPING OR LEARNING DIFFERENTLY, YOU CAN CALL THE DISTRICT TO REQUEST AN EVALUATION FOR PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES.

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- PARTIDA DE NACIMIENTO ORIGINAL
- EXPEDIENTE DE INMUNIZACIÓNES DEL NIÑO/NIÑA
- DECLARACIÓN ACTUAL DEL ARRIENDO O DE LA HIPOTECA
- Identificación de fotos
- 2 Pruebas de Residencia (recibo de PSE&G, teléfono o recibo del cable) deben ser actual.
- Si esta viviendo con un amigo o un pariente en una casa privada, el propietario tiene que proporcionar la prueba de residencia. Adicionalmente, el Affidávit debe ser completado por usted y por el propietario. Si usted reside con un amigo en un edificio de apartamento, el Propietario o la Agencia que Maneja el edificio, deben de completar el Affidávit formulario proporcionado en Orange High School entre 9:00am – 12:00 PM. Cuando completen el affidávit debe de ser aprobado por el registrador del distrito antes de venir al Ministerio de Educación a hacer la matricula.

REGISTRACIÓN: Todos los Martes y Miercoles en Marzo

10:00am. - 3:00 p.m.

Tiene que firmer antes de las 1:30pm

LUGAR: OECC @ ST JOHN SCHOOL 455 WHITE STREET, ORANGE, NJ 07050 (973) 677-4000 ext 6052

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The Orange Public Schools COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR



Information & Resources For Parents, Children, & Families



SATURDAY APRIL 20, 2013

8:30 A.M. - 12:00 NOON

LINCOLN AVE SCHOOL

216 LINCOLN AVE

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Child Care Available

FREE TO THE PUBLIC

RESOURCE INFORMATION

START A SMALL BUSINESS

The Rising Tide Capital Corporation offers a course at the Rosa Parks School to help improve and start small businesses

OBTAIN INFO ON COLLEGES

The NJ Equal Opportunity Fund Program (EOF) representatives provide opportunities for parents and students to learn about N.J. colleges

SEEK NEW JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Various resource organizations provide information on new employment and training opportunities in and around Essex County

SECURE FAMILY RESOURCES

Various organizations provide resources that assist in the areas of finances, health, counseling, public assistance and child care

LEARN ABOUT WEALTH INITIATIVES

The Capital One Corporation provides an interactive session focusing on home ownership and investment strategies

LOCAL SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH Registration for summer and fall programs will be available. Sports include: baseball, basketball, football, tennis, golf, softball, double dutch, chess.

REGISTER FOR ADULT EDUCATION

Various agencies will be available to provide information on GED, English as a Second language, and U.S. Citizenship Courses

REGISTER FOR CULTURAL PROGRAMS Various agencies will be available to provide information on youth activities, summer jobs, and cultural programs with local agencies

And Much More Over 40 Resource Tables

For more information please contact Matt Stevens, Department of Special Programs

(973) 677-4000 (6086) - <u>StevensMa@mail.orange.k12.nj.us</u>

www.Orange.k12.nj.us





Applications Now Available in Your Home School Forest Street Lincoln Avenue Park Avenue Rosa Parks Orange Preparatory Academy

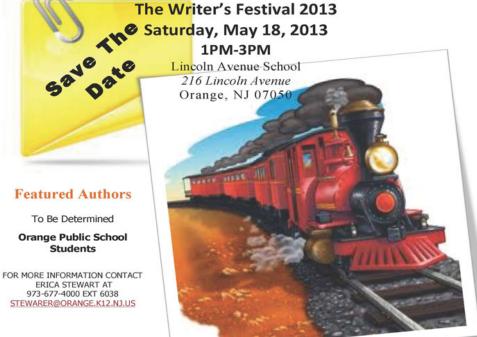
Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Breakfast and Lunch Provided

Math Games** Research**Debate Reading**Art**STEM Exploration Robotics**Chess**Journalism



July 8 - August 8, 2013 Open to Orange Public School Students Currently in Grades K - 8





Students should select their best work from their portfolios to develop into an award winning presentation.

- Meet the Author Book Sale
- Book Pantry Book Give A Ways
- Refreshments for Students

OBOE-Mail Blast

MARCH 29, 2013

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Reminder – Calendar Changes

The Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, announced additional early dismissal dates for students to facilitate training for the new educator-evaluation system. The remaining early dismissal dates for students, <u>including dates already</u> <u>scheduled</u>, are as follows:

- Monday, April 1, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, April 15, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.
- Monday April 22, 2013 at 2:30 p.m.
- Monday, May 20, 2013 at 2:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at 12:30 p.m.
- Monday, June 17, 2013 at 2:30 p.m.

For more information on the early dismissal dates and the new educator-evaluation system, visit <u>www.orange.k12.nj.us</u>.



The First Annual District History Bee Rescheduled for April 17, 2013

Postponed from March 18, the Orange Public School District will hold its **First Annual District History Bee** on Wednesday, April 17, 2013, 6:00 p.m. at Lincoln Avenue School. This bee is a fast paced academic competition, in a game show format, that promises to be fun for the entire family.

The Orange school community is invited to join Superintendent of School, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, as he hosts nearly 30 students in grade 4 – 8 competing for district championship.

The First Annual District History Bee includes four students from Orange Preparatory Academy who have already qualified for the National History Bee Regional Finals to be held on Thursday, April 18, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., at Saunders Trade and Technical High School in Yonkers, NY. The students are Al-Kamar Cooper, Duneelle Devalon, Brieana Mitchell and Silas Bond. The full roster of competitors is:



Grade Four	Grade Five	Grade Six	Grade Seven	Grade Eight
Uoolayah Murphy	Nayelis Fernandez	Isiah McCullum	Jean Mora	Silas Bond
Ibrahima Sacko	Salbrina Teal,	Joel Etinoff	Sayeed Bennett	Alexis Chambers
Kayla Sanchez	Angel Correa	Michael Sanchez	Temilola Babilola	Al-Kamar Cooper
Kyla Craddock	Yaslee Ocean	Brian Mitchell	Nicole Craddock	Duneelle Devalon
	Jason Jean-Baptiste	Basirah Porter-Moore	Stephanie Quarshie	Brieana Mitchell
	Brianna Larsen		Feven Negussie	Shamora Vassell
	Jasmine Glaude		Jaylen Wright	

The new venue for the event is the "gymnatorium" at Lincoln Avenue School. See you at the "Bee".



NJ ASK to Transition to PARCC

The last week in April marks the start of the 2013 NJ Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJ ASK) standardized testing for student in grades 3-8. The test of English language arts, mathematics and science measure the proficiency levels of NJ's students based on core curriculum content standards and are meant to give the state an assessment of each district. This is a transition year for the NJ ASK, as the test will be phased out once there is full implementation of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). These standards, already adopted by 45 states, create a more uniform curriculum across the country that will change the criteria for each state's standardized testing. The 2013 NJ ASK will measure the CCSS within the current NJ ASK blueprint. The assessment is "transitional" because it will not measure the full range of the CCSS until a new assessment is instituted.

The NJ ASK standardized test for elementary students will be replaced with the Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) test during the 2014-15 school year. PARCC is a consortium of 22 states plus the U.S. Virgin Islands that is developing a common set of K-12 assessments for English and math that will prepare students for college and careers. These new K-12 assessments will build a "pathway to college and career readiness by the end of high

school," validate students' progress toward this goal beginning in the 3rd grade, and provide teachers with timely information to update instruction and provide necessary student support.

PARCC will include digital assessment, which means results will be immediately available, and be administered at different points during the school year, allowing students to demonstrate their knowledge on an ongoing basis at that grade level. For more information on PARCC visit: http://www.parcconline.org/about-parcc.

The NJ ASK schedule for 2013 is as follows:

Grade	English Language Arts and Mathematics	Science (Grades 4 & 8 Only)	Make-Up Testing
7 & 8	April 29 - 30, May 1 - 2	May 2	May 6 - 10
5 & 6	May 6 - 9	-	May 13 - 17
3 & 4	May 13 - 16	May 17	May 20 - 24



Orange Innovators

Orange Innovators, a new afterschool program for students in grades 8 – 12, kicked off on March 27 at Orange High School with an open house and an introduction to the various science and technology "tracks" being offered. Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, greeted interested students, encouraging them to pursue these cutting-edge extracurricular opportunities. Also there in support of the program was Ms. Candace Goldstein, Director of Special Programs.

Ms. Jessica Liatys, S.T.E.M. teacher at Scholars Academy organized the program, which will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, at Orange High School, from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Students may sign up for one of the following "tracks":

Instructor	Track
Miles Mosley	Computer Modding
David Aufiero	Architectural Design
Eileen Ninivaggi	Entrepreneurship
Justin Niemczyh	Film Production
Jessica Liatys	Computer Forensics
Jonathan Rosenthal	Alternative Energy

Each track will be taught concurrently on both evenings. Any student interested in the Orange Innovators program should email Ms. Liatys at: liatysje@orange.k12.nj.us.



Pictured: Scenes from Orange Innovators Open House.

Register for the Orange Recreation Spring Sports Program

Parents are reminded to register their children for the following Recreation Spring Sports Programs:

- Little League Baseball (1st 8th grade)
 Saturday Soccer (1st 8th grade)
 Track & Field (4th 8th grade)

- 4. NFL Flag Football (1st 8th grade)

Applications can be obtained at a student's home school or the Division of Recreation, 29 North Day Street or by calling 973 266-4045.



Heywood Avenue Art Students Honored at Essex County Hall of Records

Students in Ms. Kelly Grzesiak art class at Heywood Avenue School had their artwork selected for the Essex County Art Educators Exhibition at the Hall of Records in Newark. The student's artwork was on display from March 1 - 19, in celebration of March as Youth Art Month (YAM). This is the ninth consecutive year for the event featuring work by students in Essex County schools.

On March 19, the students, their families and Mrs. Grzesiak attended a special reception and lunch hosted by Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. and the Art Educators of New Jersey (AENJ). The event welcomed 74 students from throughout Essex County to the Hall of Records to receive a certificate of participation from the County Executive, State Senator Teresa Ruiz and Marion Rescinti, AENJ Essex County YAM Chairperson. The Heywood students who received certificates were: Breena Stephen, Marihah Payton, Akasha Baranello, Elijah Carter, Justin McDaniel, Leylla Joseph and Morgan Carson.



Pictured (left to right): Heywood Avenue students with certificates at Hall of Record; Students with County Executive DiVincenzo (center), art teacher Ms. Grzesiak (right) and YAM Chairperson, Marion Rescinti (left).

Coming Attractions

- SPRING 2013 CONCERT CALENDAR SEE BELOW FOR THE VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS ACTIVITIES
- Monday, April 1, 2013 Students dismissed at 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 3, 2013 Rosa Parks Central Community School Art Opening, 6:00 p.m. at Orange Board of Education (See flyer below)
- Monday, April 15, 2013 Students dismissed at 2:00 p.m.
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ROSA PARKS CENTRAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD LOBBY ART SHOW 2013

DATE & TIME: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2013 AT 6:00 in the Evening Place: Orange Board of Education Building 451 Lincoln Avenue Come Join the Celebration!



Art by Gina Zhinin, grade 5

PRINCIPAL: MS. CAYCE J. CUMMINS Assistant Principals: Mrs. Debra Joseph-Charles and Ms. Kirstin Riddick

ART INSTRUCTORS: MS. SUE KASDON AND MS. AGNIESZKA WSZOLKOWSKI

The Orange Public Schools Present: The First Annual District History Bee

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April 18, 2013	OHS Musical "Little Shop of Horrors"	7:00 PM	OPA Auditorium
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April 26, 2013	National Dance Week Flash Mob	T.B.A.	Park Avenue School
April 28, 2013	DANCEFEST	9:00 AM	Lincoln Avenue School
May 8, 2013	Forest Street Art Reception	6:00 PM	Administration Building
May 16, 2013	OPA Spring Dance Concert	7:00 PM	OPA Auditorium
May 20, 2013	Lincoln Avenue School-wide Art Exhibit	6:00 PM	Lincoln Cafeteria
May 20, 2013	Lincoln Avenue Spring Concert	7:00 PM	Lincoln Gymnatorium
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May 30, 2013	Park Spring Dance Concert	7:00 PM	OPA Auditorium
May 31, 2013	Oakwood Avenue School-wide Art Exhibit	5:30 PM	Oakwood Auditorium
May 31, 2013	Oakwood Avenue Spring Concert	6:00 PM	Oakwood Auditorium
June 3, 2013	9th Annual OHS School-wide Art Exhibit	6:00 PM	OHS Gymnasium
June 4, 2013	4th Annual Drama Project	7:00 PM	Lincoln Gymnatorium
June 5, 2013	OPA Art Reception	6:00 PM	Administration Building
June 6, 2013	Forest Street School-wide Art Exhibit	6:00 PM	Forest Hallways
June 6, 2013	Forest Street Spring Concert	7:00 PM	Forest Gymnatorium
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HOOKED ON DRAWING AND PAINTING Grades 4-7

9:00 - 10:30 Instructor: Ms. Kwon

This course will offer students opportunities to explore a variety of drawing methods and materials including pastels, charcoals, ink and brush, and paints. Projects will include still-life, portraiture, cartooning and cityscape. Printmaking process will also be introduced and students will create prints by carving images on printing blocks.

PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS

30 minutes - By appointment only Grades 1 – Adult Instructor: Mr. Clark

\$120 per instrument for 6-weeks All instruments offered, including piano, guitar, woodwinds and brass. *Students must provide their own instrument! Limit 6 students.*

Registration begins Saturday, March 16, 2013 at 8:30am. Parents must be physically present to register children and complete additional forms with payment. NO DROP OFFS ALLOWED THE FIRST DAY! *Class sizes are limited*!! First come-First Served! For more information contact Mrs. Mroz at 973-677-4130 or mrozmari@orange.k12.nj.us

Name:	Cell phone:		
Class #1:	Class #2:		
School:	Grade:		
Instrument:			
	Office Use Only: Received by: \$		
	Paid via: CASH M.O.		



The Orange Public Schools COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR



Information & Resources For Parents, Children, & Families



SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2013

8:30 A.M. - 12:00 NOON

LINCOLN AVE SCHOOL

216 LINCOLN AVE

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Child Care Available

FREE TO THE PUBLIC

RESOURCE INFORMATION

START A SMALL BUSINESS

The Rising Tide Capital Corporation offers a course at the Rosa Parks School to help improve and start small businesses

OBTAIN INFO ON COLLEGES

The NJ Equal Opportunity Fund Program (EOF) representatives provide opportunities for parents and students to learn about N.J. colleges

SEEK NEW JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Various resource organizations provide information on new employment and training opportunities in and around Essex County

SECURE FAMILY RESOURCES

Various organizations provide resources that assist in the areas of finances, health, counseling, public assistance and child care

LEARN ABOUT WEALTH INITIATIVES

The Capital One Corporation provides an interactive session focusing on home ownership and investment strategies

LOCAL SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH Registration for summer and fall programs will be

Registration for summer and fall programs will be available. Sports include: baseball, basketball, football, tennis, golf, softball, double dutch, and chess.

REGISTER FOR ADULT EDUCATION

Various agencies will be available to provide information on GED, English as a Second Language, and U.S. Citizenship Courses

REGISTER FOR CULTURAL PROGRAMS

Various agencies will be available to provide information on youth activities, summer jobs, and cultural programs with local agencies

> And Much More Over 40 Resource Tables

For more information please contact Matt Stevens, Department of Special Programs

(973) 677-4000 (6086) - <u>StevensMa@mail.orange.k12.nj.us</u>

www.Orange.k12.nj.us

ORANGE DANCE CONSERVATORY SPRING DANCE FESTIVAL SUNDAY APRIL 28, 2013

RONALD C. LEE, SUPERINTENDENT

National Dance Week Celebration

Dancers Ages 8 and up!



Festival Showcase-4:30PM Lincoln Avenue School Gym 216 Lincoln Avenue Orange NJ Doors Open at 4:00pm General Showcase Admission \$10 Free showcase admission for all festival participants **Festival Participation**

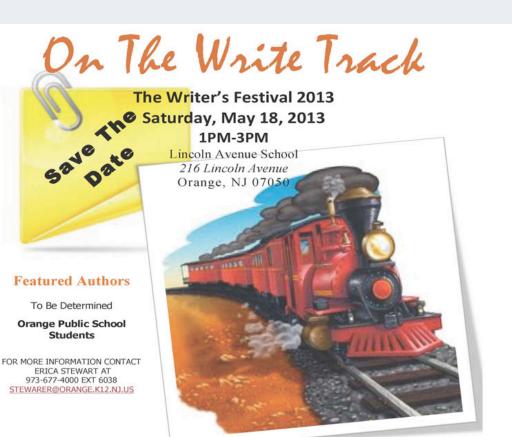
Fee \$20 per dancer/ participant

For information please email

remberde@orange.k12.nj.us

Early registration is encouraged! Space is limited!

Dance Students, Adult Dance Enthusiast, Dance Studios, Dance Clubs, Performing Arts Schools, High Schools and School Dance Programs are encouraged to participate. The festival goal is to bring students and teachers who have a passion for dance together. Festival will include Master Teachers from Dance Theatre of Harlem, Alvin Ailey School and Broadway Dance Center, as well some of New Jersey's top Dance Educators.



Students should select their best work from their portfolios to develop into an award winning presentation.

- Meet the Author Book Sale
- Book Pantry Book Give A Ways
- Refreshments for Students

ORANGE PUBLIC Schools Summer Program



Applications Now Available in Your Home School Forest Street Lincoln Avenue Park Avenue Rosa Parks Orange Preparatory Academy

Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Breakfast and Lunch Provided

Math Games** Research**Debate Reading**Art**STEM Exploration Robotics**Chess**Journalism



July 8 - August 8, 201: Open to Orange Public School Students Currently in Grades K - 8