



OBOE-Mail Blast



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SUMMER EDITION



Revised Start Date for GED Program

For Orange residents interested in getting their New Jersey high school equivalency diploma, it's not too late to get screened and assessed for the Orange Public School District's GED Program. The district has added another screening session, to accommodate adults 18 years and older, on **August 5, 2013** at the Career and Innovation Academy of Orange. Please be prompt, the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) takes 2 to 3 hours! Individuals must test above the 9th grade level on the TABE, to participate in the program. Classes will be taught by JVS (the Jewish Vocational Service of MetroWest NJ).

The cost for the GED Preparation Classes is \$100, payable by money order, to JVS to cover books and materials. For more information call Orange Public School District's Special Services Department at 973 677-4000, ext. 6089. Also, see flyer below for details. For more information about JVS, visit <http://www.jvsnj.org/>.



Students Enjoy Orange Preparatory Academy Transitional Program

For the second year in a row, Orange Preparatory Academy (OPA) offered a four-day transitional program for incoming 8th grade students. Students had the opportunity to review required classes and their locations, important school rules, available opportunities for students and to participate in team building activities.

The Transitional Program at OPA addressed the need for appropriate social interacting and developing good citizenship by breaking down personal barriers such as differences, stereotypes, and associated myths. This was accomplished by using student-to-student relationships; that included both one on one interactions and connections in small groups. The program also offered workshops on self-esteem, goal setting, anti-bullying and self-imagining. Because the students participated in engaging activities, it makes it far more likely that critical information was received and will be remembered. Students had the opportunity to attend one of two sessions offered in July. Session I was the week of July 15th and Session II the week of July 22nd from 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.



Pictured: Scenes from OPA's Transitional Program showing classroom activities and team activities on the auditorium stage.

Submitted by Darryl R. Smith, M.Ed., School Counselor



It's All About Botany at Orange High School

Three classes at Orange High School are undertaking the theme "All About Botany" this summer. Students are learning everything about plant life by cultivating their own produce including doing computer research.

Ms. Minette Salomon, Ms. Jennifer Higgins, and Mrs. Leila Ladj's students have a garden, at the high school, which has already yielded tomatoes. Peppers, carrots, and spinach will be planted as soon as the spouts are large enough.

Students also take local field trips to the Garden State Urban Farm's greenhouse located on Tompkins Street in Orange. They help Ms. Liz and Ms. Wendy at the greenhouse with all facets of running the operation. This will prepare the students for managing and utilizing the greenhouse that will soon be operational at Orange High School. "We are all having a fun and an educationally 'hands on' summer," exclaimed Ms. Higgins.





Oakwood Students Travel to Atlanta for Bridge Tournament



Seven students from the Oakwood Avenue Bridge Club are attending the Atlanta Youth North American Bridge Championships (NABC) 2013 at the Hyatt Regency in the heart of downtown Atlanta. The tournament runs from August 1 – August 3, 2013. This trip was made possible through the generous support of District 3 of the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL). District 3 provided substantial subsidies for the students' attendance at the tournament. Additionally, the Shrine Bridge Club of Livingston, NJ contributed funds, along with donations from family members of Ms. Barbara Clark to the Orange Education Foundation (OEF) for transportation of the bridge club members. "We are so excited about this wonderful opportunity for our students and community," said Ms. Clark, retired Director of Special

Services and a bridge instructor and advisor for the Oakwood Avenue Bridge Club. Ms. Clark, who helped to organize and fund the trip, accompanied the students along with Ms. Pamela Venable, school counselor and Oakwood Avenue parent, Ms. Lisa Bryant. Ms. Clark is also the treasurer of the OEF.

Each summer a Youth NABC is held during the ACBL Summer NABC and \$1,000 college scholarships are awarded to the winners of the National Youth Open Pairs. In addition, a \$4,000 college scholarship, to be divided amongst the team, is awarded to the winners of the National Youth Open Swiss Team. ([As posted on Youth4Bridge.org](http://Youth4Bridge.org))



Summer Reading Reminder



Hopefully, your children have been enjoying a wonderful summer of reading and other fun activities. Reading will help your children do better in school!

In a note to families posted to the Curriculum Department's Language Arts Summer Reading-2013 webpage, parents are asked to encourage their children to "stay sharp and read this summer," because "reading research has shown that reading just a few minutes a day significantly increases a child's reading ability." For a list of recommended books by grade level and suggestions on how to inspire young readers, visit the Orange Public School District - Department of Curriculum and Instruction.



Mr. Franklyn Ore Joins the Orange Board of Education



During a Special Public Board of Education Meeting, on June 25, 2013, Board of Education President Patricia A. Arthur introduced a newly appointed board member Mr. Franklyn Ore. Mr. Ore was welcomed by the board, Superintendent of Schools Ronald C. Lee and Board Secretary and School Business Administrator Mr. Adekunle O. James. Mr. Ore replaces Dr. Harris Enobulele.

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FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Orange Township Public Schools Present
General Education Development (GED®)
Preparation Classes



Create a Brighter Future by Gaining a
High School Equivalency Diploma
Through the GED® Tests

Screening and preparation classes will be taught by JVS at Orange School District's Career and Innovation Academy of Orange (CIAO) and are designed for individuals 18 years or older who have not completed high school and test above the 9th grade level on the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE).



Follow These Steps To A Brighter Future:

- ✓ Attend screening session
- ✓ Take a pre-test to assess appropriate class levels
- ✓ Have program eligibility determined
- ✓ \$100 money order payable to JVS to cover books and materials
- ✓ Attend classes two times per week
- ✓ Get classroom instruction in math, science and language arts
- ✓ Pass GED® tests
- ✓ Gain a New Jersey high school equivalency diploma

It's not too late . . .

**GED Program
Screening/Testing
Date Added:**

DATE: Monday, August 5, 2013

TIME: 5:00 p.m.

**PLACE: CIAO
123 Cleveland Street
Orange, NJ**



New Class Schedule

Classes Begin

Monday, August 12, 2013

5:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Mondays – Math and Science

Wednesdays – Language Arts

(For 20 Weeks)

For more information call
973 677-4000, ext. 6089