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YOUR VOTE COUNTS! The Follett Challenge, Making the Greenhouse a Major Success



The Orange High School greenhouse is showcased in the "Follett Video Challenge", which offers a \$30,000 grand prize for the best video with a collaboration theme. From its inception, many people have come together to ensure the hydroponics system and business venture is a success and a highlight of what Orange

High School students are capable of accomplishing.

The team asks that you vote for their video and come to the greenhouse to enjoy some of the produce.

To vote, visit:

http://www.follettchallenge.com/video.cfm?id=110#.UxmMh_1dUjo.

Submitted by Jonathan Rosenthal, OHS science teacher

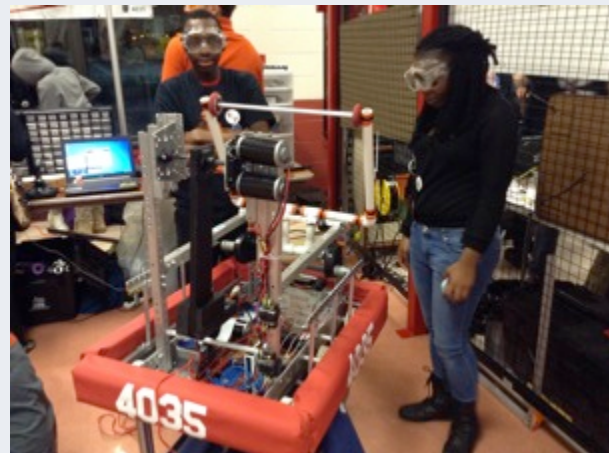


Orange Robotics Show Their Creative Strength, Getting 3rd in Mount Olive Competition

On March 2, the Orange Robotics Team culminated their first competition at the Mount Olive High school among 38 teams from NY, PA, and throughout NJ. The Tornadoes were amazing, winning 9 matches to finish in the semifinals. They are in good standing to make the regional championship, and are eagerly anticipating their next competition at Clifton High School, Saturday, March 15 and Sunday, 16, at 9:00 am. They invite you to come out and show your support at this free event.



Pictured: Prince Boateng and Angel Torres doing quick repairs, in between the matches.



Pictured: Marc Cadet, Captain and Avondaya Wardlaw, Safety Officer, giving one last look at the robot before competition.

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Rosa Parks Community School Stamp Unveiling

From start to finish, the Rosa Parks Community School's Black History program, "Deeply Rooted, Deeply Guided . . . Celebrating Our Roots", was a powerful tribute to the accomplishment of African Americans. The tributes by students were in the form of music, dance, poetry, and recitation. There was a special "Stamp Unveiling", made by the United States Postal Service of the Oranges that capped of the event and a guest performance by the Montclair State University Dance Department.



The dance and percussion students (shown left), directed by Ms. Nadiyah Smith-McCoy and Ms. Jesenia Cruz, respectively, opened the program with an energetic West African rhythm and

dance routine.



The opening also included 3rd grader, K'Lynn Jackman (pictured left), accompanied on the trumpet by Mr. Kevin Perry, district custodian, performing "Lift Every Voice".

The dancers performed another West African piece and a lively choreographed dance to Pharrell Williams' "Happy".

The choral groups sang such tunes as "A Tisket, A Tasket" and Duke Ellington's "It Don't Mean a Thing, If it Ain't Got That Swing", by the lower grades, directed by Mr. Scott Clark, and the grades 4 - 7 Chorus, directed by Ms. Mariel Elmera, performed selections such as "Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me 'Round" and "Woke Up This Morning" (freedom song).

There were interludes of poetry by Langston Hughes, "I Look at the World" by Alrick Coder, "The Song of Smoke" by Leodson Jean-Baptiste, Marvelous Ekeh and Schundnax Emmanuel and "Mother to Son" by Nayeli Giorlando.



The Kindergartners, directed by Mrs. Mitchell, recited the ABC's of Black History Skit, naming noted African Americans from A to Z. The second graders, led by Mrs. Horne, presented "Famous African Americans", reading about each prominent African American historical figure (shown left).

The violin students, under the direction of Ms. Beulah Cox, played "I'm Gonna Sing", and "Peace Like a River". Guest pianist, teacher, Mrs. Cutugno, also provided music for the event.



Pictured: Ms. Rita Ridley, Manager of Learning Development and Diversity, Superintendent of Schools Ronald C. Lee, Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Postmaster Virginia Garrett, USPS Representative and Principal Debra Joseph-Charles

A highlight of the program was the unveiling the Shirley Chisholm Stamp, the 37th stamp in the Black Heritage series that features a painting of Ms. Chisholm by artist Robert Shetterly. The United States Postal Service of the Oranges represented by Virginia L. Garrett, Postmaster and Ms. Rita Ridley, Manager of Learning Development and Diversity made the unveiling. Ms. Ridley read a statement, giving a biographical sketch of Ms. Chisholm, who began her career as an educator and in 1968 became the first black woman ever elected to Congress. Ms. Chisholm marked another historic first in 1972 when she declared her candidacy for the Democratic nomination for President of the United States.

Another highlight of the program was the Montclair State University (MSU) Dance Department's performance of Claire Porter's "Sentenced to Sentences", under the direction of Dr. Elizabeth McPherson. The MSU dancers, blending text with movement, gave a spectacular performance that was both instructional and creative, with choreography that captivated the audience. The dance demonstrated the form and function of "sentences" with movement and description.

Additionally, Principal, Debra Joseph-Charles, who hosted her school's program, introduced Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee and the Honorable Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq. Each gave accolades to the performers and staff for a rousing tribute and Stamp Unveiling. She then introduced the last performance that closed the program. It was an emotionally charged rendition of Kirk Franklin's "Lean On Me" by the grades 4-5, led by teachers, Ms. Tynes, Ms. Holman and Ms. Devose. Students sang, performed skits, "rapped" and brought the audience to their feet, to end the program.



Pictured (left to right): Violin students; poetry reading; poetry reading.



Pictured: MSU Dance Department.



Pictured: Dance students and chorus.



Pictures: Kindergarten students and chorus (K-1, 2-3).



Pictured: Poetry reading, final performance, Visual and Performing Arts teachers.



Registration for Preschool



The Special Programs Department, Office of Early Childhood Education, has scheduled preschool registration for: Tuesday – Thursday, March 11, 12 and 13, from 3 – 7 PM, at the Orange Early Childhood Center, located at 397 Park Avenue.

See flyer below for registration requirements for Orange preschoolers who will be 3 or 4 years old by October 1, 2014.



Read Across America Celebrated with “Cat in the Hat” at Heywood Avenue School

The Cat in the Hat, with his trademark red and white stovepipe hat, visited Heywood Avenue School on February 27, to help celebrate the National Education Association’s Read Across America. Ms. Gloria Stewart, paraprofessional at Heywood and Essex County Pride Chairperson for the Essex County Education Association, arranged for a visit from the Cat himself.

Students were thrilled to see “the Cat in the Hat,” and hear from Principal Karen Machuca about the annual celebration of reading, honoring the late Theodor Seuss Geisel (better known as Dr. Seuss). The event is celebrated nationwide by the National Education Association to commemorate Dr. Seuss’s birthday. In New Jersey, the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) in partnership with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities and the New Jersey Library Association promotes Read Across America in district schools and local community organizations.



Heywood received two Dr. Seuss books (shown above), from the “Cat”, for the school’s library, “The Lorax” and “Sneetches”, inscribed with a message “Read, read, read.” The short program closed as the students, who were observing 100 days in school, greeted the inspiring feline with “high-five” as they exited the auditorium.



Pictured: “Cat in the Hat” with Kindergarten class (left); Ms. Stewart with “Cat in the Hat”.



Pictured: “Cat in the Hat” greeting students.



The Mighty Tornadoes Boys Basketball Advances to Round II



The Orange High School Boys Basketball team defeated Chatham in the 2nd round of the state tournament! Orange moves on to play Eastside HS this Friday, March 7, at Eastside High School.

GOOD LUCK TORNADOES!



Cleveland Street School Celebrates Read Across America Day



Cleveland Street School celebrated Read Across America Day on Friday, February 28, with free books galore, for students, staff and parents. The entire school visited the library, where they chose several books to keep from among the hundreds of new and gently used books that were available from various donations.

At the end of the day, students, teachers, custodians--and the principal, Dr. Cummins (shown above with students), dropped everything, got comfortable and sat down for a good read with their new books.



Pictured: Scene from Cleveland Street School's Read Across America Day, end of day "read-in".



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

Submitted by Principal Dr. Cayce Cummins.



El Sistema Inspired Program at Oakwood Gives First Mini-Concert



The first mini-concert, "An Afternoon with the After School Strings Program," was held on March 6 at Oakwood Avenue School.

This year, in collaboration

with Montclair State University, lead agency for the Orange Public School District's newly formed University Assisted Community School, an El Sistema inspired program was born. Students in grades K - 2 have strings, music appreciation, and music theory, along with academics, four days each week after school. The strings teacher is Ms. Beulah Cox.

Parents gathered to see the progress of students and to hear the benefits of learning to play an instrument as recounted by Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, Mr. Peter Crosta. Principal Robert Pettit, thanked all for attending, stating this was the first of many such concerts.

The Oakwood program was motivated by the acclaimed El Sistema youth orchestra system, which began 38 years ago in a parking garage in Caracas, when Dr. José Antonio Abreu gathered together 11 children to play music. The program now teaches music to more than 500,000 of Venezuela's most vulnerable children, demonstrating the power of ensemble music to noticeably change the life course of hundreds of thousands of a nation's youth while transforming their communities.



Pictured: Students on the strings.



Pictured: Students demonstrate their practice exercise.



Pictured: Students on the strings.



Rosa Parks Community School Lobby Art Opening

At the monthly Board of Education art opening, Rosa Parks Community School presented a sampling of the work that students completed, under the direction of art teacher, Ms. Agnes Wszolkowski. The event was festive, with student drummers providing drum rhythms befitting the art displayed. There were traditional African masks, mud-cloth prints adorning the walls, Pablo Picasso replica paintings, and more, for friends and family to enjoy. Specifically, in support of the school's Stamp Unveiling Black History Program, three students completed a canvas painting of the Shirley Chisholm Stamp.

Superintendent Ronald C. Lee was on hand to greet the attendees, complimenting the students for their talent and staff for their support. Principal Debra Joseph-Charles greeted all enthusiastically, with additional accolades. Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, Mr. Peter Crosta opened the program with introductions and congratulations.



Pictured: Scene from Lincoln's Art Opening with student drummers (center), teachers Ms. Cruz (rear left with her daughter), Ms. McCoy, Superintendent Lee and Principal Joseph-Charles (right).



Pictured: African masks.

Dance teacher Ms. Nadiyah Smith-McCoy, who assisted the drummers on the congas, instrumental music teacher, Ms. Jesenia Cruz, Assistant Principal Mr. Dennis Peterson and other staff members, supported the evening.



Pictured: Replicas of artist Nakinte Diarra's mud-cloth



Pictured: Edtefani Mendez with her Pablo Picasso inspired painting.



Pictured: Students with their certificates, Principal Joseph-Charles, art teacher Ms. Wszolkowski, Superintendent Lee and Supervisor Crosta at RPCS's Art Opening.



Pictured: Students who painted replica of the Shirley Chisholm stamp with Assistant Principal Dennis Peterson.



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Call 973-677-4000
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Advanced Tickets: \$7.00
Senior/Student: \$5
TICKETS AT THE DOOR: \$10.00



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Behind the Curtain Featuring "The Music of the Beatles"

On February 28, the Orange Preparatory Academy auditorium stage was the setting for the "Behind the Curtain" series featuring songs by the Beatles, as performed by the Orange High School's Voices in Harmony (ViH). "There is no shortage of pride I possess when it comes to Orange High School's elite vocal ensemble, Voices in Harmony," said Mr. Peter Crosta, Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts. The fundraising show, put on by ViH, under the leadership of Choral Director, Mr. David C. Milnes, was a musical treat and an extraordinary example of bridging the gaps in generations.

Before performing, the singers spoke about each song with confidence and sang from their heart.

The 90-minute program, done in a café-style setting, was attended by a wide array of people, from young to old, soaking up the sounds of the talented students. Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, and district administrators were also in attendance. Superintendent Lee expressed his pride in the students and was thankful to those who supported the effort.

"Urban Chicken" of Montclair provided the food served during the event.



Pictured: ViH singing "Black Bird".



Pictured: Singing "Twist and Shout", soloist Tarrayah McGill (center), back-up singers (right), Serena Constant, Bashi Clary and Jaida Taylor, accompanied by Mr. David Milnes (left).

Photos by Mr. Peter Crosta, Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts



Pictured: Chinwendu Obi and Serena Martin performing "Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da".



Pictured (left to right): Mr. David Milnes, Reginald Miles and Bashi Clary singing "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band/With a Little Help From My Friends".

Calendar of Events

March 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesd	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3  Tornadoes Girls Basketball game @5 PM, Boys Basketball game @ 7 PM, at OHS	4 High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA)	5 High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA) RPCS Board Lobby Art Reception, 5:30 PM (PreK-1), 7:00 PM (Grades 2 – 7))	6 High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA) Oakwood Afterschool Strings Program concert, 4:20 - 5PM	7 Park Avenue Black History Program with Orange Dance Conservatory at 7PM	8
9 	10 Progress Reports Sent Home	11 HSPA Make-up Testing Monthly Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 PM OPA Auditorium	12 HSPA Make-up Testing	13 HSPA Make-up Testing Forest Street School ESPY Awards, 6 PM (See flyer below)	14	15 Orange High School Robotics Team at Clifton High School (beginning at 9 AM)
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23	24	25	26	27 OEA Meeting 2:30 PM Dismissal  7 PM at OPA	28 Father's Reading Club – (Check with home schools for more information) Kids in Concert at Long Branch H.S.  7 PM at OPA	29 Youth Summit (See flyer below) Orange HS Spring Musical Production, 2 PM and 7 PM  2 & 7 PM at OPA
30	31 District History Bee Grades 5-9 					

For Additional Events and Activities:

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



ESPY

The Forest Street Family

*cordially invites you to
attend our*

ESPY AWARDS

*Come and join us as we honor African - American men and women who
have achieved excellence in sports and all areas of their lives.*

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Six o'clock in the evening.

Dinner will be served

The
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2014

*Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Rho Gamma Omega Chapter's
Emerging Young Leaders Mentoring Program
Presents*

Design Your Future



*Change The World Summit
for students in grades 6-8*



Location: Forest Street School
651 Forest Street, Orange, NJ
Date: March 29, 2014
Time: 10:00 am-2:00pm
RSVP: By March 14, 2014
Rho Gamma Omega Chapter
PO Box 1064, South Orange, NJ 07079
Yonda K. Johnson, President

For more information, visit: www.akarhogammaomega.org

REGISTRATION FORM

Complete and mail to address above or email to rgoeylsummit@gmail.com

Student's Name : _____ Age: _____ Male/Female _____
School: _____ Grade: _____
Parent's Name: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Workshop Choices (students: please check one workshop for each session)
*Parent Communication is for parents only

Session I
 Building Self-Esteem
 Anti-Bullying/Bystander

Session II
 Zumba
 Financial Fitness
 Parent Communication *

Session III
 Social Media Pros/Cons
 Color My World



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PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

REQUIREMENTS:

- **3 years old by 10/01/14** **4 years old by 10/01/14**
- **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 be included in their lease agreement. Notarized letters stating you rent a room/apartment/house will not be accepted.

Registration Days: MARCH 2014
Monday 3rd, Wednesday 5th,
Tuesday 11th Wednesday 12th, Thursday 13th
TIME: 3 P.M.–7:00P.M.

Last sign in 5:30pm
Place: ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
397 PARK AVE, ORANGE, NJ 07050
973- 677-4500 ext. 1904 or 1918

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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- 3 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/14
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- DEBE SER RESIDENTE DEL MUNICIPIO DE ORANGE
- PARTIDA DE NACIMIENTO ORIGINAL
- EXPEDIENTE DE INMUNIZACIONES 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 USTED ESTA VIVIENDO CON UN FAMILIAR O AMIGO TIENE QUE ESTAR INSCRITO EN EL CONTRATO DE ARRENDAMIENTO. NO SE ACEPTARA CARTAS NOTARIZADA.**

REGISTRACIÓN: Marzo 2014

Lunes 3, Miercoles 5.

Martes 11, Miercoles 12, Jueves 13.

3:00pm. - 7:00 p.m.

Tiene que firmar antes de las 5:30pm

**LUGAR: ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
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SI USTED ESTA PREOCUPADO POR QUE SU HIJO/HIJA ESTA DESARROLLANDO ALGUN PROBLEMA DE APRENDISAJE O APRENDIENDO DIFERENTE FAVOR DE CONTACTAR AL DEPARTAMENTO DE SERVICIOS ESPECIALES EN EL DISRITO.



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Orange Public School District Calendar Revised to Reflect 180 Days



At the March 11 board meeting, the Orange Board of Education approved revisions to the 2013-2014 Orange Public School District Calendar, to reflect 180 days of instruction.

The following days have been added to the calendar:

- ✓ **Thursday, March 20, 2014 (full day for students and staff)**
- ✓ **Saturday, April 5, 2014, 12:30 PM dismissal**
- ✓ **Friday, April 18, 2014, 12:30 PM dismissal (Good Friday)**

The original calendar reflected 183 school days for students. However, due to inclement weather, schools were closed for 6 days (January 3 and 22, February 3, 5, 13 and 14) leaving three days to be made up to meet the 180 days of school mandated by the State of New Jersey.

Additionally, the Orange Education Association (OEA) requested changes to their meeting dates. The OEA meeting is now Wednesday, April 30, 2014. Students will be dismissed at 2:30 PM. The OEA meetings, previously scheduled for March 27 and May 8, have been canceled. Students will have regular dismissal on those days.

See calendar below.



Pride Expo at the Livingston Mall, March 14 – March 21, 2014



The PRIDE in PUBLIC EDUCATION EXPO, sponsored by the Essex County Education Association, takes place Friday, March 14 through Friday, March 21, 2014, at the Livingston Mall. Orange schools will be represented with colorful art displays showing the talents of our students.

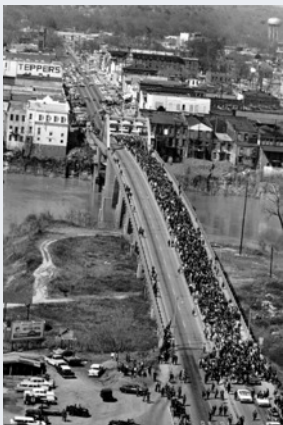
Also, the Expo will showcase performances by Orange students, as follows:

- Monday, March 17, 7 PM, Heywood Avenue School Concert Band and Choir
- Tuesday, March 18, 11 AM, Oakwood Avenue School Strings Ensemble
- Thursday, March 20, 7 PM, Park Avenue School Dance Ensemble & Orange Dance Conservatory
- Friday, March 21, 9 AM, Lincoln Avenue School Chorus/Dance/Guitar Ensemble

See flyer below.



Annual MLK March on Saturday, March 22, 2014



The City of Orange Township, along with the Orange Board of Education, will hold the Annual MLK March on Saturday, March 22, 2014. The event will celebrate the 49th anniversary of the historic march from Selma to the State Capitol of Montgomery, Alabama, over the Edmund Pettus Bridge. The march concluded several attempts for a peaceful protest, led by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., for African-American voter registration rights, on March 21, 1965.

The community is invited to attend the re-enactment march, which will kick off the city's **Neighborhood Watch Program**, using lessons taught by Dr. King and the civil rights movement to bring the community together for a common cause.

- **Date:** March 22, 2014
- **Time:** 9:00 AM (Assemble in front of Orange City Hall, 29 North Day Street)
- MLK March begins at 10:00 AM
- **Rain Date:** March 29, 2014

For more information, call Mr. Godfrey, 973 266-4045.

Pictured: Civil rights marchers cross the Alabama River on the Edmund Pettus Bridge at Selma, March 21, 1965. (Photo credit AL.com)

See flyer below.





YOUR VOTE COUNTS! For Orange High School in the Follett Challenge

DON'T WAIT ANOTHER DAY!

Vote for our Follett Challenge entry today!

follettchallenge.com

Students in Orange High School's Business and Science Departments (Digital Media, Culinary, Business, Graphic Arts classes, and others) have teamed up for the opportunity to win a \$30,000 Grand Prize for the best video with a collaboration theme in the "Follett Video Challenge". The OHS team is asking the Orange community to vote for their video, "Orange School's Hydroponic Greenhouse Business", showcased on www.follettchallenge.com.

Individuals can vote daily, **now through Friday, April 4, 2014**. Every vote counts! Spread the word and help ensure that Orange High School's hydroponic system and business venture is a success for the team and the Orange Public School District.

The video is prominently displayed on the Orange High School website for viewing.



Pictured: OHS Greenhouse.

[Click here to vote!](#)



"Where We Have Been and Where We Are Going", A Black History Month Presentation

On March 7, friends and family of Park Avenue School's students and those of students in the Orange Dance Conservatory packed the cafetorium for an enjoyable evening of dance, poetry and song, in honor of Black History Month. The Park Avenue dancers and the Orange Dance conservatory, under the direction of Mrs. Deborah Rembert, led the concert with several inspiring dance pieces.

Students gave voice to poetry recitations and the Park Avenue Chorus, under the direction of vocal music teacher, Mr. Paul Stephen sang "Stand By Me". There were also two special presentations "Mandela Tribute Presentation" and "Black History - Our History Presentation".



Pictured: Park Avenue Chorus.



Pictured (above): Orange Dance Conservatory, grades 2-3.



Pictured: Orange Dance Conservatory, grades 4-6.



Pictured: Orange Dance Conservatory, grades 7-12.



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"Grease", On Stage at Orange Prep, March 27 – 29, 2014

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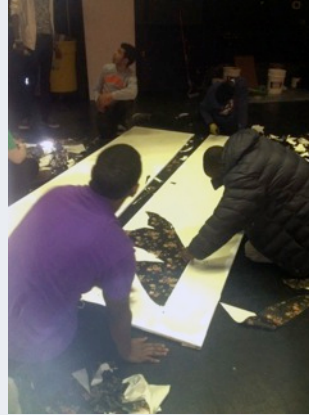
The Visual and Performing Arts Department of Orange High School, in association with Orange Preparatory Academy, transport you back to a time of rock and roll, drive-in movies and American Bandstand, with their production of "Grease".

It promises to be a fun theater experience. "Grease" follows the story of Danny – the rough, tough, and oh-so-handsome leader of the T-Birds, and Sandy, the quiet new girl, who hangs out with the ultra-cool Pink Ladies. As they try to stay true to themselves and their friends, Danny and Sandy find themselves at a crossroads when they fall hopelessly in love. So "Grease" up your hair, put on your dancing shoes, and prepare to hand jive with the coolest high school students in Orange!

Performances are March 27th, 28th, and 29th: Thursday and Friday at 7:00 pm and two Saturday shows with a 2:00 p.m. matinee and a 7:00 p.m. final performance.

Dana Levin is excited about the opportunity to direct Warren Casey and Jim Jacobs' "Grease". Most recently, Ms. Levin directed the OHS/OPA production of F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Great Gatsby". She has also directed "Little Shop of Horrors" and the musical "The 25th Annual Putman County Spelling Bee". Additionally, Ms. Levin serves as the advisor of the OHS chapter of the International Thespian Society and directs the OHS Drama Showcase. She states, "Directing "Grease" has always been a dream for me, because it was one of the first musicals that sparked my own career choice to be a drama teacher. I was a 'Pink Lady' in my high school's production of "Grease" and I always wanted to share my experience and thrill of the stage with my own students. Now I have that chance and the students totally love this show. I'm also proud to say that this is one of the largest casts we have had on the stage for a musical! This means our program is strong and will get even stronger in the years ahead. Such talented students-you just have to see them!"

David C. Milnes, Orange High School's award winning choral director, returns as musical director for "Grease". Mr. Milnes' work has shone in many previous musicals, including "Dreamgirls", "Beauty & the Beast", and "Little Shop of Horrors".



"Ms. Levin and Mr. Milnes are really demanding a lot from the cast and this is going to be one terrific show," says Tarrayah McGill, who plays the part of Sandy Dumbrowski. "I've been having a lot of fun! Everyone has become such a strong unit. Nothing is better than working with a loving, supportive crew." (Pictured left, student work together on scenery)

Peter Crosta, Supervisor of Visual & Performing Arts for the Orange Public School District indicated that the live performances in Orange are welcoming the community with open arms. "We are seeing more and more members of the community coming out to support our students. Why not? They are talented and pour their hearts and souls into their work. If you haven't yet joined us for a live performance, you will be pleasantly surprised!"

"Grease" 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. General seating tickets may be purchased in advance for \$7.00 or at the door for \$10.00. Tickets for senior citizens and students (with a valid student identification card) are \$5.00 at all times. Please call (973) 677-4000 ext. 5665 or email lazzizro@orange.k12.nj.us with any questions.



Pictured: Cast members of "Grease" prepare for upcoming production.



Pictured (left to right): Cast of "Grease" in rehearsals; Dance Director Tosha Brown, with cast; Music Director David Milnes.

Submitted by Rose Lazzizera, "Grease" Production Manager. Photos by Rose Lazzizera (top) and Peter Crosta (bottom row).

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**Essex County
Education Association**

**PRIDE EXPO
at
LIVINGSTON MALL**

*Friday, March 14
through
Friday, March 21, 2014*

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THE STUDENTS OF
ESSEX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

- * **LIVE PERFORMANCES**
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Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq.

MOVING ORANGE FORWARD

The City of Orange Township and the
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11th Annual

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MARCH AGAINST CRIME



Celebrating the 49th
Anniversary of the
historical "March Across
the Edmund Pettus Bridge"

Also kicking off our
Neighborhood Watch
Program

Date: March 22, 2014

Time: 9:00 AM

(assemble in front of Orange City Hall)

March begins at 10:00 AM

Rain Date: March 29, 2014

Inviting the communities of Orange

For more information call:973-266-4045

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*Change The World Summit
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*Location: Forest Street School
 651 Forest Street, Orange, NJ
 Date: March 29, 2014
 Time: 10:00 am-2:00pm
 RSVP: By March 14, 2014
 Rho Gamma Omega Chapter
 PO Box 1064, South Orange, NJ 07079
 Vonda K. Johnson, President*

For more information, visit: www.akarhogammaomega.org

REGISTRATION FORM

Complete and mail to address above or email to rgoeylsummit@gmail.com

Student's Name : _____ Age: _____ Male/Female _____
 School: _____ Grade: _____
 Parent's Name: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

**Workshop Choices (students: please check one workshop for each session)
 *Parent Communication is for parents only**

Session I
 Building Self-Esteem
 Anti-Bullying/Bystander

Session II
 Zumba
 Financial Fitness
 Parent Communication *

Session III
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Annual MLK March on Saturday, March 22, 2014



Students are invited to participate in the City of Orange Township and the Orange Board of Education's Annual MLK March on **Saturday, March 22, 2014**. The event commemorates the 49th anniversary of the historic march from Selma to the State Capitol of Montgomery, Alabama, over the Edmund Pettus Bridge.

The re-enactment march also serves to kick-off the city's **Neighborhood Watch Program**, using lessons taught by Dr. King and the civil rights movement to bring the community together for a common cause.

- **Date:** March 22, 2014
- **Time:** 9:00 AM (Assemble in front of Orange City Hall, 29 North Day Street)
- MLK March begins at 10:00 AM
- **Rain Date:** March 29, 2014

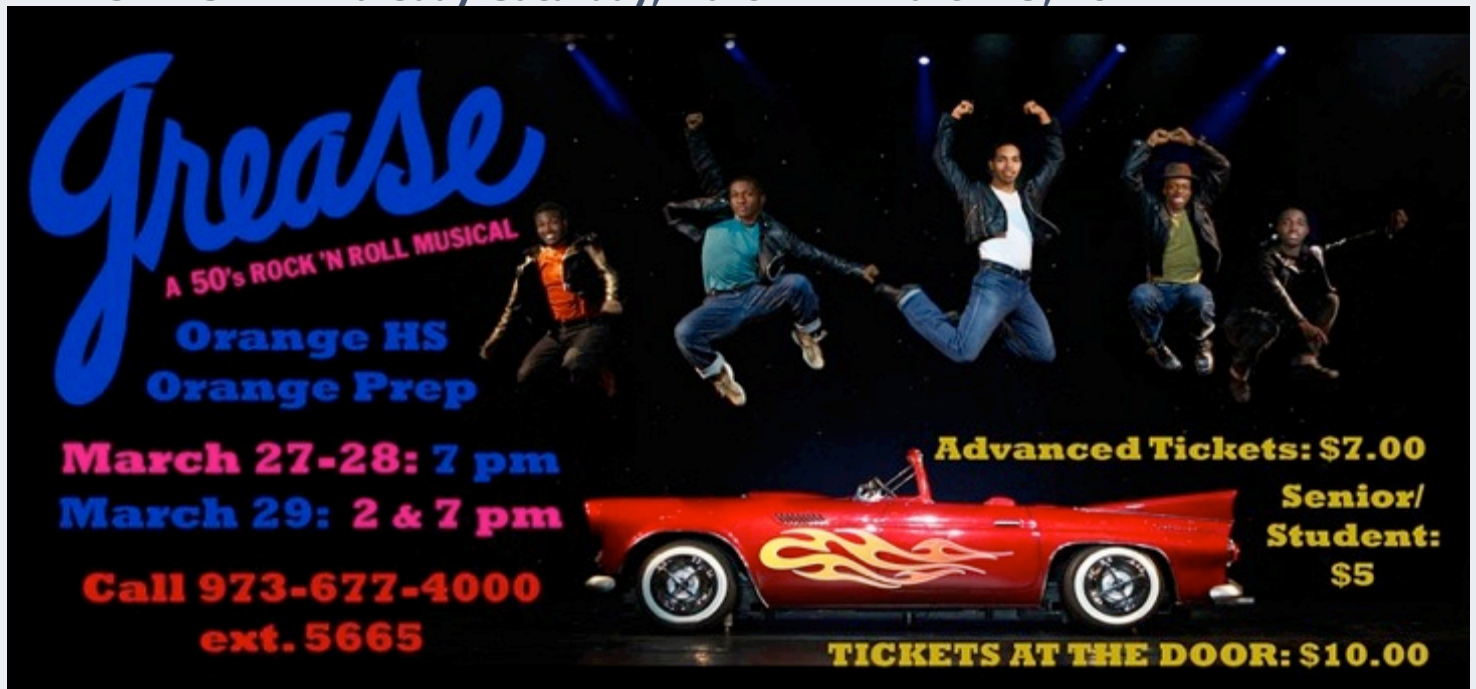
For more information, call Mr. Godfrey, 973 266-4045.

See flyer below.

perspective on civil rights or as a biographical snapshot of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



"GREASE" – Thursday-Saturday, March 27 - March 29, 2014



Grease
A 50's ROCK 'N ROLL MUSICAL

**Orange HS
Orange Prep**

**March 27-28: 7 pm
March 29: 2 & 7 pm**

**Call 973-677-4000
ext. 5665**

**Advanced Tickets: \$7.00
Senior/
Student:
\$5**

TICKETS AT THE DOOR: \$10.00



"School to Work Day – Preparing Today's Youth for Careers"

On March 19, Orange High School hosted "School to Work Day - Preparing Today's Youth for Careers". This career day event was the initial stage of a three-phase project designed to expose high school students to various careers. During this phase, students participated in a question and answer session in several classrooms with guest speakers who represented varied career fields. Each speaker highlighted their educational backgrounds, career paths and the requirements for their professions.



Pictured (left to right): William Parrish, President, Noble Strategy Inc., Arthur Griffa, Vice President, Orange Board of Ed., Superintendent of Schools Ronald Lee, Nicole Graves Watson, Community Justice Coordinator, David Bell, Network Engineer, Verizon, Michael Maron, Sr. Program Analyst, TATA Consultancy Services, Alfred Blake, Assistant Program Director, Rutgers Business School, Walter Douglas, Chief Operating Officer, Rutgers Medical School.

The companies/organization that participated in Phase 1 included Verizon, Noble Strategy Inc., Rutgers Business School, Rutgers Medical School, Essex County Prosecutor's Office, Local Talk Newspaper and TATA Consultancy Services.

The event was deemed highly successful with students asking insightful questions of the speakers and discussing their own career aspirations.

The follow up phases of this project will include Phase 2, which involves students "job shadowing" at the respective workplaces. Phase 3 includes educational opportunities including summer work/internships.



Superintendent of the Orange Public Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee (pictured left), and the Mayor of Orange, the Honorable Dwayne D. Warren, opened the event, emphasizing the importance of exposing students to viable career options and workplace readiness. Students were encouraged to inquire about the

requisite skills for the fields represented including construction management, entrepreneurship, legal services, information technology and telecommunications.



Pictured: Danela Welcome (left), President of Student Council introduced Mayor Dwayne Warren (right).



Pictured: Ms. Graves Watson with students.

Submitted by Dana Gaines, Assistant Principal



Pictured: In meetings with students (top row) Mr. Bell; Mr. Maron; Mr. Parrish, (bottom row) Mr. Blake; Mr. Dhiren Shah, Local Talk Newspaper; Mr. Douglas.



Cleveland Students Attend Health Career Fair at Overlook Hospital



On March 13, forty-eight 5th, 6th and 7th graders from Cleveland Street School attended a spectacular Health Careers Fair at Overlook Medical Center in Summit. Students were exposed to the wide variety of health related professions in this expanding field, including: physical therapy, nutrition, respiratory therapy, ultrasound technicians, physician assistants, dentistry and dental hygienists, child life specialists, mechanical

engineers, radiology techs, medical librarians, occupational therapists, laboratory techs, and numerous nursing specialties (maternal/child health, wound care, cardiology, emergency room, orthopedic nursing, oncology).

Students came away with exciting ideas for future careers, and with the Affordable Care Act, employment opportunities in these areas will be growing in the coming years.



Students were impressed with the breadth of career opportunities available in this wide-ranging field, and were overheard saying, "I'm going to work with babies!" and "I can't believe how much money a physician's assistant earns!"

Thank you to Mrs. Kristal Langford, parent and PTO vice-president, for assisting with this outstanding opportunity for our students.



Pictured: Cleveland Street students at the Health Careers Fair at Overlook Medical Center in Summit.

Submitted by Cleveland Street School



Spring Registration Dates Set for Preschool

Preschool Registration




Preschool registration has been scheduled for: **April 2014** on Tuesdays - 1st, 8th, 15th and 29th. **May 2014** on Tuesdays - 6th, 13th, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with the last sign-in at 12:30 p.m. at the Orange Early Childhood Center, 397 Park Avenue. For more information call 973- 677-4500 ext. 1904 or 1918. See flyer below.



District History Bee To Be Held March 31

**The Orange Public Schools Present:
The Second Annual District History Bee**



**Monday, March 31
Lincoln Avenue School
6:00 p.m.**

Ronald C. Lee, Superintendent
Coordinated by Erica Stewart
Secondary Principal for Special Projects

Students in grades 5 – 7 will compete in the Second Annual District History Bee on March 31, 2014, 6:00 PM at Lincoln Avenue School.

Students will compete in a game show format using reference material provided by the National History Bee. This is a fun-filled academic event that will recognize a district history bee champion.

Following this event, the Orange Public School District will host the National History Bee 2014 New York Regional Finals, on Thursday, April 17, 2014, from 5:00 P.M. – 8:00 p.m., at Orange Preparatory Academy.



Forest Street School ESPY Awards

In a formal ballroom setting of black, red and silver, parents, VIP guests and students of Forest Street School enjoyed dinner and celebrated achievement on March 13, 2014. The date marked the school's annual ESPY Awards (short for Excellence in Sports Performance Yearly) and included costumed portrayals by students of African-American sports celebrities who also value academic achievement.

After opening remarks, Principal Yancisca Cooke passed the spotlight to a team of students who hosted and directed the remainder of the program. Most visible among them were two students who acted as "Masters of Ceremony." Seventh graders Ruthchamar Jolibois and Joseph Ceciliano stood before an audience of almost 200 people and introduced each presenter in Academy Award style.

The program was a combination of presentations by students from kindergarten through seventh grade along with individual awards presented to honored celebrity guests.

The Kindergarten presenters included: Jared Robinson, Julianna Auguiste, Sklya Jeter, Catherine Harris, Luca Gamboa and Steven Jean-Baptiste, First Grade: Aiden Dennisseur and Jaylen May-Green; Second Grade: Mia Gourdet and Maurice Williams; Third Grade: Jahni Williams and Savir Gordon; Fourth Grade: Amy Paiz and Benslyne Lazaarre; Fifth Grade: Rachel Menjivar, Adrian Silva, Sophia Estape and Tairi Johnson, Sixth Grade: Jah'fari Brown and Nekeisha Delgarde; and Seventh Grade: Glenmarie Alonzo-Perez and Amaya Whitehall.

The students dressed in the outfits and costumes of the athletes they were representing. They marched onto stage in character, many carrying symbols of the sports in which their historical figure excelled, and gave short speeches that recalled their lives.

In between the student performances, special honorary trophies were presented to adult guests Reginald Miller, Bellva May, Jayson Green and Kassin Messiah, some of whom gave acceptance speeches.



Pictured: Masters of Ceremony, Seventh Graders Ruthchamar Jolibois and Joseph Ceciliano get the crowd ready for a great night!



Pictured: Mohammed Ali (Second Grader -Maurice Williams) stands proudly as his daughter Leila Ali (Second Grader - Mia Gourdet) accepts her ESPY in boxing.

A much-appreciated, memorable highlight of the evening was a dramatic dance performance by the Orange High School "Legacy" troupe, directed by Student Manager Ms. Cathelyne Etienne. Thanks are extended also to the members of the OHS Girls and Boys Basketball teams, and Coach Pia Frazier, who volunteered to serve the catered dinner to guests. A special thanks to all Forest staff and students that assisted, especially Ms. Peters for headlining the event. Go Team Forest!

Submitted by Christina Rivera, School Library Media Specialist and Bill Donnelly, ESL teacher



CIAO Students Read Across Rosa Parks

Students from the Career Innovation Academy of Orange (CIAO), Davon Gillespie, Yolette Mathurin, Breana Ross, Melvin Bailey, Kashonna Ball and Robbie Samuel (pictured right) were volunteer readers for the annual Read Across America activity held at Rosa Parks Central Community School (RPCS). Ms. Cindy Pagano, RPCS school social worker, organized the activity. Mr. Donald Nicholson, school social worker for CIAO, rallied CIAO's Peer Leaders to coordinate the effort and secure participants for this annual event to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday and to promote reading to students.



Submitted by Donald Nicholson, School Social Worker



Tornadoes Robotics Team Wins "Judges Award"

Mathematics teacher and Orange High School's Robotics Coach, Erin Gavigan, is pleased to announce that the Tornadoes team competed at Clifton High School's District Event, March 15 and 16, and were made captains of their alliance group and successfully entered the quarterfinal rounds.



On top of their success with the robot on the field, the team was also presented with the "Judges Award" (pictured left) for using FIRST Robotics as an Educational Bridge for the students' success in the classroom.

The Tornadoes will go on to compete at the Regional Championship in Pennsylvania this April.

"On behalf of my fellow coaches and mentors, I would like to thank you for supporting the Robotics program at Orange High School," said Ms. Gavigan, "Over the 3 year span of being a team, we have grown from a small program into the winning team that is in place today. Once again, I thank you for your continued support of the Robotics program and anticipate making Orange proud at the Regionals."

From comments by Erin Gavigan, Mathematics Teacher/Robotics Coach

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Health and Safety Fair Announcement



The Orange Public School District's Health/Physical Education Department will host a Health & Safety Fair on Saturday, May 10, 2014, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. If you are interested in being an exhibitor and provide services and information to the community of Orange, please contact Sandra Gray, Supervisor of Health/Physical Education at 973-677-4000 ext. 5042.



PRIDE In Public Education Week at Livingston Mall

Orange pride was apparent at the PRIDE in PUBLIC EDUCATION EXPO, sponsored by the ESSEX COUNTY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, held Friday, March 14 through Friday, March 21, 2014, at the Livingston Mall.

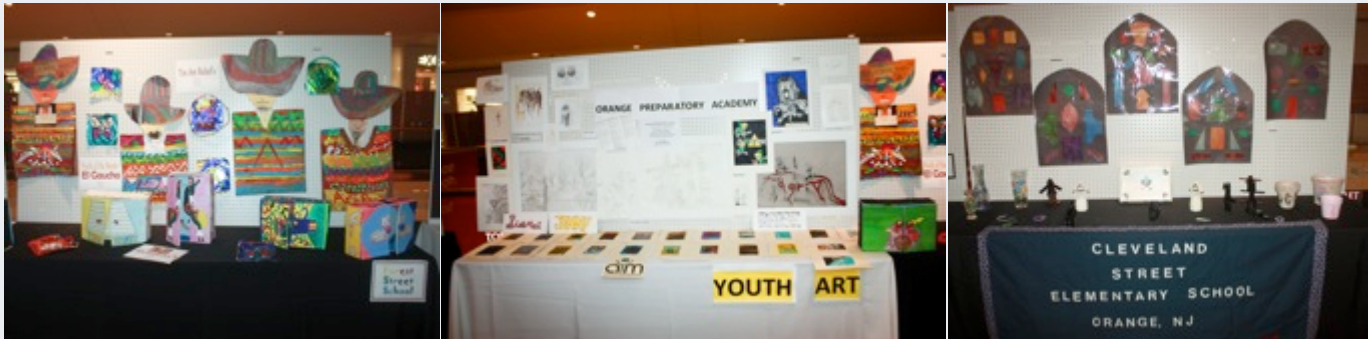
The Expo showcased performances by Heywood Avenue on March 17, Oakwood Avenue School on March 18, Park Avenue School on March 20 and Lincoln Avenue School on March 21. Orange's schools were also represented with colorful art displays, further showing the talents of our students.



Pictured: Heywood Avenue Concert Band and Strings Ensemble (far right), under the direction of Erin Leigh VanOrden. Student artwork was also displayed.



Pictured (left to right): Art display by Orange High School; Rosa Parks Community School; mall visitor and member of the Orange Print Shop staff, Jairam Kissoon.



Pictured (left to right): Art display by Forest Street School; Orange Preparatory Academy display; Cleveland Street School display.



Pictured: Oakwood Avenue Strings Ensemble, under the direction of Beulah Cox, also (far right) an impromptu solo performance.



Pictured: Park Avenue School dancers, under the direction of Deborah Rembert. There were two "line dance" selections that included audience participation.



Pictured: Lincoln Avenue School's Guitar Ensemble, directed by Marianne Mroz; Lincoln's Chorus, directed by Wendy Mir; Lincoln Dance Ensemble, directed by Michelle Rosolen.



Family Breakfast Seminar Series

The Family Breakfast Series in the Community Room of Rosa Parks Community School (RPCS) had its first seminar on March 12. Mr. Glenn Best, Director of Business Development, and Mr. Stan Williams, participant in the Mature Workers Program of the Urban League of Essex County, did a presentation on Cover Letter and Resume Writing. Ten family members of Rosa Parks Community School students participated in the workshop. Environment, Education, and Community Outreach (EECO) AmeriCorps Members, Daphkar Lahens and Michelle Toledo and Community School Intern Carin Leiva were on hand to translate the presentations in Creole and Spanish for some of the participants.

Participants gave feedback that they appreciated the knowledge that was shared and look forward to attending future seminars. One of the parents has already come back to the community room to work on her resume and cover letter.

The next seminar will be on Wednesday, March 26, from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., in the Community Room. Mrs. Natasha Murphy, one of the guidance counselors at RPCS will be presenting a seminar entitled "How to Help Your Child Prepare for Standardized Tests". See flyer below for future seminars.



Submitted by Kory M. Saunders, Community School Site Coordinator and Natasha Murphy, Guidance Counselor

Pictured: Scenes from "Family Breakfast Seminar Series".

See important flyers below!

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March 2014

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Dwayne D. Warren, Esq., Mayor



Ronald C. Lee, Superintendent

The City of Orange Township and The Orange Board of Education

Invite all students to participate in
The commemoration of
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s
1965 March from Selma to Montgomery Alabama



This event can serve as a culminating activity for character education, historical perspectives on civil rights in America, or a biographical snapshot of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

ALL schools (K-12) are being asked for student representation. District staff will identify memorable posters, banners, and props created and used by students and schools and students will be recognized for their effort and participation.

Date: This Saturday, March 22, 2014

Time: 9:00 AM

All will assemble at Orange City Hall [29 Day St.]

March begins at 10:00 AM

Rain Date: March 29, 2014

More information is available at 973-266-4045



**Please Join Us for the
Rosa Parks Community School
Community Room
Family Breakfast Seminar Series**



Time: 9:00am – 10:30am (doors open at 8:30am)

(Information to help you and your child succeed. Breakfast will be served.)

Wednesday March 12th Resumes/ Cover letters and Interviewing Skills
Glenn Best – Director of Business Development
Urban League of Essex County

Wednesday March 26th How to Help Your Child Prepare for Standardized Tests
Ms. Murphy – Guidance Counselor
Rosa Parks Community School

Wednesday April 9th Child Advocacy and School Culture
Ms. Murphy – Guidance Counselor
Rosa Parks Community School

Wednesday April 30th Social Services
TBD

Wednesday May 14th Training on Bullying
Ms. Murphy Guidance Counselor
Rosa Parks Community School

Wednesday June 4th Supporting Student Learning Over the summer
TBD

Wednesday June 18th Community Room Celebration

DATE TBD Understanding Core Curriculum & Homework/Study Help
TBD

Rosa Parks Community School
Community Room Location:
33 Cleveland Street
Orange, NJ 07050

Contact Person: Kory M. Saunders
Site Coordinator
973-677-4515 or 973-985-9166
Saundeko@mail.orange.k12.nj.us

Family Literacy Night: We're Game to Read

Night for Family
Literacy



Date: March 27, 2014

Time: 6pm-7:30pm

Location: Heywood Ave. School

Heywood Avenue School is celebrating Family Literacy Night for grades 3-5. If you are interested in attending please return the bottom portion of this flyer to your child's teacher by Tuesday, March 25, 2013.

There will be prizes
&
Refreshments will be served!!!

HEYWOOD AVENUE SCHOOL FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT 2014

Student's Name _____ Grade _____

_____ Our family WILL attend Family Literacy Night. Number of Family members attending: _____

_____ Our family WILL NOT attend Family Literacy Night.

Return to:
April Stokes or Krista Browne
Heywood Avenue School
421 Heywood Avenue
Orange NJ, 07050

Fax#: (973)672-2107 Phone: (973)677-4105

Email: stokesapi@orange.k12.nj.us
brownekr@orange.k12.nj.us



Kids in Concert

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2014

AT 6:30 PM

LONG BRANCH HIGH SCHOOL

THE PERFORMANCE IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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LINCOLN AVENUE SCHOOL - ORANGE

LONG BRANCH HIGH SCHOOL - LONG BRANCH

PERTH AMBOY HIGH SCHOOL - PERTH AMBOY

ROSA PARKS HIGH SCHOOL - PATERSON

SE SHULL SCHOOL - PERTH AMBOY

UNIVERSITY MIDDLE SCHOOL - IRVINGTON

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PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

REQUIREMENTS:

- 3 years old by 10/01/14 4 years old by 10/01/14
- 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 be included in their lease agreement. Notarized letters stating you rent a room/apartment/house will not be accepted.

Registration Days: APRIL 2014 - TUESDAYS - 1st, 8th, 15th, 29th.
MAY 2014 - TUESDAYS - 6th, 13th.
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Last sign in: 12:30 p.m.

Place: ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
397 PARK AVE, ORANGE, NJ 07050
973- 677-4500 ext. 1904 or 1918

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 10/01/14
- 4 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/14
- DEBE SER RESIDENTE DEL MUNICIPIO DE ORANGE
- PARTIDA DE NACIMIENTO ORIGINAL
- EXPEDIENTE DE INMUNIZACIONES 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 USTED ESTA VIVIENDO CON UN FAMILIAR O AMIGO TIENE QUE ESTAR INSCRITO EN EL CONTRATO DE ARRENDAMIENTO. NO SE ACEPTARA CARTAS NOTARIZADA.**

REGISTRACIÓN: Abril 2014 Martes 1, 8, 15, y 29.

Mayo 2014 Martes 6 y 13.

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tiene que firmar antes de las 12:30 p.m.

**LUGAR: ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
397 PARK AVE, ORANGE, NJ 07050
(973) 677-4500 ext 1904**

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Ronald C. Lee, Superintendent
Coordinated by Erica Stewart
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Students will compete as a team, rather than individuals, in a game show format using reference material provided by the National History Bee. The first round is American History, the second round is World History, and the final round (top three school teams) is a combination of both.

The Bee will follow the following structure:

- Teams will be assessed points for correct answers and points will be deducted for incorrect responses.

- The format of the questions will be a list of clues and the pairs will buzz-in when they know the answer. Only one team will be able to answer each question.
- There will be 25 possible questions in each of the first two rounds and 30 in the final.
- The school scores from rounds one and two will determine which three schools will advance to the final round.
- In the event of a tie, there will be 5 questions for the tied teams only.

The winning teams will receive trophies (one for each team member) and the first, second, and third ranked school will earn curriculum cash for the interdisciplinary support of the Common Core standards in English Language Arts, pending final approval.



"GREASE" – Saturday, March 29 Performances at 2 PM and 7 PM



Orange High School and Orange Preparatory Academy students brought to life counterparts from 1950s Rydell High, in "Grease", on the stage of OPA Auditorium. The show premiered to an enthusiastic, record-breaking opening night audience.

Don't miss this upbeat, timeless, rock musical. The last performances are Saturday, March 29 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10, general admission and \$5 for senior citizens and students with a valid ID.



Penning "The Hidden Treasures of Our Orange"

The 6th - 8th grade core Humanities students, led by instructor, Mr. Terrance Brooks, have been actively exploring the history of The City of Orange Township, throughout this school year, putting together "The Hidden Treasures of Our Orange". On March 17, they interviewed local "historian", Ms. Rosemary Iverson, who recounted her formative years in Orange growing up in an apartment, where her family shopped, the factory where her father worked and her graduation from Orange High School.

The purpose of the interview was to supplement the pictures and the scavenger hunt students completed in the beginning of the school year to explore the following topics:

Seven Oaks	Sanitary Bakery
Union Baptist Church	Ippolito's Funeral Home
St. Johns Church	The Construction of Route 280
Woody's Home For Service	Orange Board of Education
The Hat Factories	Orange Park
ORNG INC	Merchants on Main Street
Main Street and Highland Ave. train stations	The Center Street Border of Division
Orange Memorial Hospital	Orange Public Library
Sgt. Joyce Carnegie Memorial	

Keturah Cohen	8th grade OPA
Eduardo Farjardo	8th grade OPA
Jenny Rodriguez	8th grade OPA
Maya Suarez	8th grade OPA
Anaija Hillard	6th grade Cleveland
Akaylia Richards	7th grade Oakwood
Chennel Mahabir-Smith	7th grade Oakwood
Curtis Mark	7th grade Lincoln
Loodmey Altema	6th grade Rosa Parks
Nia Thomas	6th grade Rosa Parks
Pamela Moldanado	6th grade Rosa Parks
Nayeli Giorlando	7th grade Rosa Parks
Miphilove Malord	6th grade Rosa Parks
Brianna Thomas	6th grade Rosa Parks
Schudnax Emmanuel	7th grade Rosa Parks
Victoria Remkie	7th grade OPA
Medina Craig	6th grade Forest Street
Megeenah Dacy	7th grader Forest
Tanyiah Ward	7th grade Forest

Mr. Khemani Gibson and Ms. Molly Rose Kaufman are assisting the book project. Mr. Gibson is a 2010 graduate of Orange High School, who will graduate from Drew University in May and will be a Doctorial candidate in History at New York University. Ms. Kaufman is a community organizer for HANDS, Inc. (Housing And Neighborhood Development Services, Inc.), a nonprofit organization, founded for the betterment of the Orange community. Also involved are Ms. Candace Goldstein, who is Director of Special Programs and Scholars Academy Principal, Ms. Debbie Luckey.



Students participating in the interview on March 17 were from Lincoln Avenue School, Oakwood Avenue School, Orange Prep Academy and Cleveland Street School (pictured left). They asked interesting questions of the guest and in-turn discussed their current research and feelings about the schools they attend. They were also gracious, giving hand-made thank you cards to their guests.



Orange High School Celebrated National Pi Day on March 14 (3.14)



The Orange High School (OHS) Math Department celebrated National Pi Day on March 14th. The number Pi is a mathematical constant, the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter, approximately equal to 3.14159. All math classrooms engaged in a fun-filled day of activities centered on learning more about the history and application of Pi in mathematics.

Students moved between various math classrooms and participated in Pi Day Scavenger Hunts, Pi Day Bingo, Pi Day Chain Links and Pi Day Story Writing. The Culinary Club, "Tornadoes on the Go", provided apple, sweet potato, lemon meringue, and other types of pies for students to enjoy after rotating through all of their class-based activities.

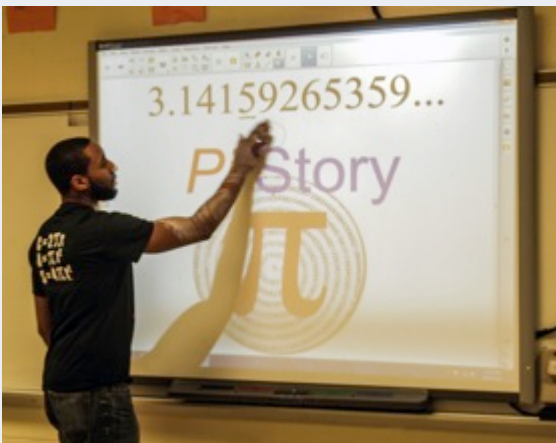
A Pi Memorization competition was held after school, attended by several students, with one student successfully memorizing 102 digits of this irrational number, resulting in her winning a Ti-84 graphing calculator. The Math Department ins"pi"red an appreciation for how challenging and fun learning mathematics can be.



Pictured: Students creating Pi Day Chain Link.



Pictured: OHS Math Department.



Pictured: Scene from OHS Pi Day.

Submitted by: Faith Alcantara, Co-Principal



Pictured: Scene from OHS Pi Day.



23rd Annual Blacks at Microsoft Minority Student Day - "Closing the Opportunity Divide"

On March 14, Microsoft Minority Student Day began with registration and breakfast, followed by the keynote speaker of the day, Stephanie Lampkin. In a twist this year, Microsoft hosted students to be on their career panel. Two of the three panelists were Orange High School representatives, Xivandell Emmanuel and Conroy McDonald. They were asked a variety of questions concerning "STEM" (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and the challenges they faced as progressive students interested in technology. They answered the questions well.

The remainder of the day included a tour of the Microsoft Technology Center, discussion on Demystifying Online Social Media and the infamous Elevator Pitch. Microsoft added a Teacher and Faculty Roundtable, Youth Spark and a session on internships and recruiting this year, to keep the day interesting and exciting. Irvington High School, also participated in this "awesome" technology day.

Kudos to Medjyna Jean Baptiste, who was a winner in the Demystifying Social Media session, and Conroy McDonald, a runner up in the essay contest. Prizes were awarded to these participants. Xivandell Emmanuel contributed his star performance in the elevator pitch, with his demonstration of how tough the *Microsoft Toughbook* really was. His group won the elevator pitch contest.

Submitted by: Max Nixon, SmartLab Facilitator



Pictured: C. McDonald and X. Emmanuel; M. Jean Baptiste



Pictured: OHS Group photo with Mr. Dunner and chaperones. On behalf of the students, Mr. Max Nixon thanks Mr. Michael Dunner, Microsoft Corporation, Ms. Patricia Thomas, North Jersey Chapter of the Links and Ms. Karen Cooper, Female Achievers for their support.



March Board of Education Meeting



On March 11, Rosa Parks Community School hosted the monthly Board of Education meeting. They presented an encore performance of three selections from their Black History Month presentation. The first was "It Don't Mean a Thing (If it Ain't Got That Swing)" sung by the 2nd and 3rd Grade Choir, led by Mr. Scott Clark, an uplifting dance

routine by the Dance Ensemble members to Pharrell Williams' Happy, directed by Ms. Nadiyah Smith-McCoy and a show-stopping performance to Kirk Franklin's "Lean On Me" by students in grades 4-5, led by teachers, Ms. Tynes, Ms. Holman and Ms. Devose. Students sang while enacting the lyrics, "rapped" and filled the audience with emotion.

RPCS received enthusiastic applause! Assistant Principals, Isabel Colon and Dennis Peterson opened and closed their segment, respectively, thanking parents and teachers for their support.



Pictured (above): Students dance to "Happy"; perform to "Lean on Me"

2014-2015 District Budget Presentation



Mr. Adekunle O. James, Business Administrator and Board Secretary gave an overview of the 2014-2015 District Budget. The \$86.12 million budget includes \$3.8 million in reductions. He stated, "We are basically flat funded," adding that this effort would be administered carefully "without cutting services to students." He

announced the Board of Schools Estimate meeting for March 27 at the Board of Education building. This meeting will be highlighted in an upcoming edition.

Female Achievers Celebrity Read/North Jersey Chapter Links and Presentation of Awards by the United Way Celebrity Read



The Female Achievers mentoring program, led by Ms. Karen Cooper (pictured left), gave a presentation to the Board regarding their participation in the United Way of Essex and West Hudson's Annual Celebrity Read program.

As part of the presentation, the North Jersey Chapter of the

Links, Ms. Robin Pitts and Ms. Patricia Thomas, who partnered with the United Way to include the Female Achievers as volunteers, gave accolades to the students for their effort to support childhood literacy and discussed their programs for the students of Orange.

Further, the young women received certificates from representatives of the United Way, including Ms. Catherine Wilson, Director of Community Impact, thanking them for their service.

Summer Program Presentation

At the Board meeting, the City of Orange Township representative, Mr. Louis Copeland, presented to the Board, the Summer Program initiative being undertaken by the Township.

Staff Recognition



Ms. Gianna Pasceri, English Language Arts Coach (pictured right with President Arthur and Superintendent Lee), was presented with a Certificate of Completion for receiving National Board Certification for "Professional

Teaching Standards in Early and Middle Childhood/Literacy: Reading and Language Arts".



Pictured: Ms. Pitts and Ms. Thomas, North Jersey Chapter of the Links



Pictured: Female Achievers receive certificates from the United Way

School District/School Grades Report under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act

Director of Special Services, Ms. Shelly Harper presented the district's grades, under the State's Anti-bullying legislation. The anti-bullying grades are based on a self-assessment, developed by the Department of Education, to measure each school's implementation of the state's tough anti-bullying law enacted to protect students from harassment and to create a safe school climate. The district scored 51 out of 75, overall. The grades are posted on the district's website at www.orange.k12.nj.us.

Student of the Month

Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee and Board of Education President, Mrs. Patricia A. Arthur, presented students with certificates for being selected Student of the Month (SOTM). On a monthly basis, students are recognized for exemplary behavior, academics and citizenship by their school. Students selected for February 2014 are as follows:

Blanca Humala	Orange High School
Franca Estimable	Orange Preparatory Academy
Robbie Samuel	Career and Innovation Academy of Orange
Felipe Abarca	Cleveland Street School
Asianna Kennedy	Rosa Parks Community School
Breanna Clarke	Park Avenue School
Adrian Pierre	Heywood Avenue School
Gerverson Deroseney	Forest Street School
Latreesha Milford	Oakwood Avenue School
Sohail Salley	Lincoln Avenue School



Pictured (left to right) Student of the Month with family members, principal, Board President and Superintendent: OHS, Park, Heywood, Forest, Lincoln and Rosa Parks Community School.

March Parent of the Month

Ms. Sandra McDonald was Parent of the Month for Rosa Parks Community School. Ms. McDonald has worked at Rosa Parks Community School for the last three years, as a lunch aid. Before coming to the school as an employee, Ms. McDonald volunteered on a regular basis. Mrs. Horne, her daughter's kindergarten teacher, commented on how Ms. McDonald assists, not only her daughter's class, but also the school as a whole. As an example, Ms. Horne shared that Ms. McDonald supplied the school with treats for Halloween.

Further, she has made snacks for the students for school dances, stayed after school and helped with student activities. It is not uncommon to see her preparing refreshments for the After School Program before she leaves for home each day.

Ms. McDonald advocates for all students and parents. She is quick to intervene if she senses a need such as informing classroom teachers or the administrative team of any problems she notices.



Pictured: Ms. McDonald with Assistant Principal Dennis Peterson, Board President Arthur and Superintendent Lee.

Ms. McDonald is quiet by nature and does not seek recognition for any of her extra efforts. Rosa Parks Community School is honored to have a parent who is always going above and beyond the call of duty. Congratulations to Ms. McDonald, on behalf of the Rosa Parks School community.



Oakwood Avenue School Students Visit the Nation's First Historically Black College/University



During this year's African American History Month February 2014, Oakwood Avenue School paid tribute to Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCU). Alumni of

HBCUs come from a tradition that has a rich heritage built upon a strong foundation. This foundation equips students to be great leaders in the workplace and in their community. This is a goal of Oakwood Avenue School.

On February 11th Oakwood Avenue School students and chaperones visited Cheyney University. Cheyney University of Pennsylvania is the first Public Institution of Higher Learning established for freed African Americans, in 1837. Before traveling to Cheyney Oakwood's students learned that there are 106 Colleges and Universities that are part of the Historically Black College & University legacy.

This legacy began with the African Institute known today as Cheyney University of Pennsylvania. The students and chaperones were taken on tour by a Cheyney Keystone Scholar. A Keystone Scholar is a student who applied to the program as a high school senior. That senior's GPA had to be at least a 3.0. It was explained to Oakwood students that though a student may apply to be a Keystone Scholar with a 3.0 GPA the average Keystone Scholar has a 3.7 GPA.



When asked about their knowledge of colleges and universities, Oakwood Avenue students shared their recent experience in conducting research and creating presentation boards to reflect the information they gained about one college or university.

On behalf of Oakwood Avenue School, School Counselor, Ms. Pamela Venable, would like to thank Mr. Alphonse, Ms. Blowe, Ms. Peitote and Ms. Siddiq for their assistance as chaperones, stating, "You helped to make the day a success".

Submitted by: Pamela Venable, School Counselor

Oakwood Avenue Students are College Bound

The culminating activity for Oakwood's College and Career Readiness Component included a project to create College Readiness Presentation Boards. The boards include facts and other forms of information gathered to help the students become aware of the requirements for college entry, as well as the yearly expense. Students also wrote an essay giving details why they want to attend college.

Each day, from February 26 through February 28, a select group of students were given the opportunity to become college recruiters. These students discussed the details of their essays and other points of interest that helped to make their boards their own.



Oakwood Avenue Students are Career Ready



Oakwood Avenue School students received a wealth of information on February 28, Career Day. It was a huge success! There were well over 50 guests who shared information about their education and careers. The guest list included a councilman (the Honorable Elroy Corbitt, pictured left), a firefighter, residents of Covenant House who are currently in college, college professors, a choreographer, and journalist.

Rashon Battle, former student of Oakwood Avenue School, spoke about his experiences in school and how important it is to be respectful. Mr. Battle attended Bloomfield College and completed two tours of duty in the Navy.

Oakwood thanks Mr. Nicholson for attending their career day with four students from The Career & Innovation Academy of Orange. The student Interns did an outstanding job presenting to the classes. Captain Bruce Meyer, retired pilot who is the curator at the Aviation Museum in Teterboro, NJ has invited the 7th graders to explore the museum and gain additional insight into the world of aviation. Additionally, sports commentator Brandon Robinson would like to partner with Oakwood and explore the possibility of hosting a journalism camp.



Pictured: Student "Boards" on display at Oakwood Avenue School.

The students were very proud of their work and Oakwood is proud to announce that Mayor Dwayne Warren has invited Oakwood to display the College Readiness Project at Orange Township City Hall and the Orange Public Library. Details of a reception will be provided at a later date.

Submitted by: Pamela Venable, School Counselor



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Pictured (above): Brad Robinson, sports journalist, addresses students; Students listen to presentations.



Kids Emergency Closet Ribbon Ceremony



On March 24, Park Avenue School held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the "Kids Emergency Closet" with the National Council of Jewish Women/Essex. The closet provides students with clothing, such as coats, outerwear, pants, shirts, socks, tights and/or undergarment, in an emergency.

The National Council of Jewish Women/Essex designed the program to provide for the emergency needs of children while in school. The "Kids Emergency Closet" is now in operation and has been a great success. The closet is housed downstairs, in a small room, accessible by the School Social Worker/Counselor (Guerdy Baguidy) and the main office.



Ms. Baguidy is pictured, above and right, with Principal Dr. Myron Hackett and with members of the National Council of Jewish Women.



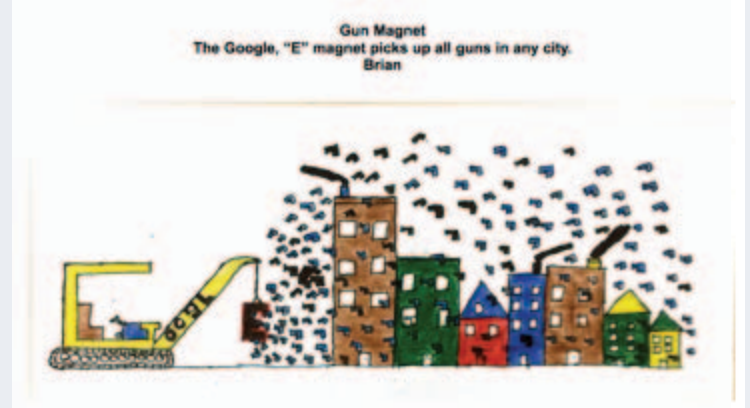
Park Avenue School thanks Patti Nathan, the Closet Coordinator from the National Council of Jewish Women/Essex, for her support and effort in making "Kids Emergency Closet" a reality at Park Avenue School.

Submitted by: Guerdy Baguidy, School Social Worker/Counselor PAS



Park Students Participate in Doodle4Google Competition

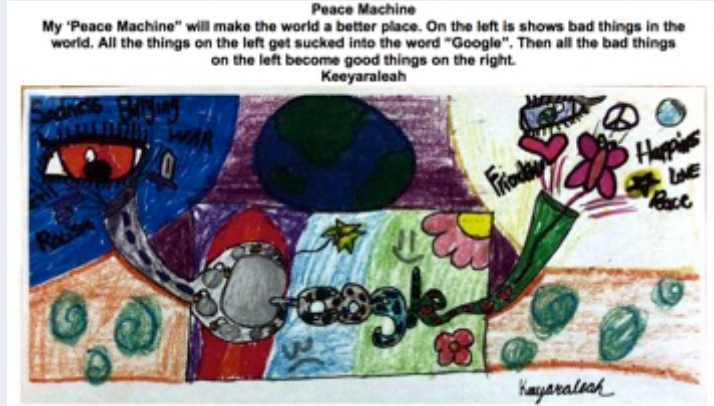
Students at Park Ave participated in the 2014 Doodle4Google competition. This year's theme was "If I could invent one thing to make the world a better place..." The Google organization strongly believes that making small doodles can produce large ideas. Technology coordinator Denise Harlem and art teacher Benay Lipstein introduced this contest collaboratively. Students focused on a personal experience and that was the basis for their drawing, invention, and explanation. Shown below and on the right are two examples of the 13 projects submitted to Google.



Gun Magnet
The Google, "E" magnet picks up all guns in any city.
Brian

To see all Park Avenue student submissions, go to this link: <http://tinyurl.com/nvxa7to>

Submitted by: Dr. Denise Harlem, Technology Coordinator



Peace Machine
My "Peace Machine" will make the world a better place. On the left it shows bad things in the world. All the things on the left get sucked into the word "Google". Then all the bad things on the left become good things on the right.
Keeyaraleah



Health and Safety Fair Announcement



The Orange Public School District's Health/Physical Education Department will host a Health & Safety Fair on Saturday, May 10, 2014, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. If you are interested in being an exhibitor and provide services and information to the community of Orange, please contact Saundra Gray, Supervisor of Health/Physical Education at 973-677-4000 ext. 5042.



Spring Registration Dates Set for Preschool

Preschool Registration



Preschool registration has been scheduled for: **April 2014**, on Tuesdays - 1st, 8th, 15th and 29th. **May 2014**, on Tuesdays - 6th, 13th, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with the last sign-in at 12:30 PM

Registration takes place at:
Orange Early Childhood Center
397 Park Avenue
Orange, NJ 07050

Submitted by: Carol Daly, OECC School Counselor

For more information call 973-677-4500 ext. 1904 or ext. 1918. See flyer below.



Week of the Young Child

The Orange Early Childhood Center (OECC) will celebrate the **Week of the Young Child** throughout the district, from April 6 to April 12, 2014.

The OECC will host a Parent Night on Wednesday, April 9, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., at 397 Park Avenue in Orange.





MLK Commemorative March

On March 22, the Orange Public Schools joined the City of Orange Township in a march to commemorate the historic Selma to Montgomery protest, led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., for voter registration. The event, which took place 49 years ago, began at City Hall and ended at Orange Preparatory Academy (OPA). The march symbolized Dr. King's belief in non-violence, which was stressed as marchers walked the chosen route.

Superintendent of Schools, Ronald C. Lee, led students from Heywood Avenue School and Cleveland Street School, along with community activists, parents, teachers, and city officials with chants of "stop the violence."

The Student Council from Heywood brought painted banners and signs, while the Cleveland Street Cheerleaders came with their school banner. They were enthusiastic supporters and were thanked by Superintendent Lee for their support of the event.

For students who participated, this was an opportunity to understand the historical significance of the civil rights movement. At the end of the march, Superintendent Lee addressed students and family members, gathered in the OPA gym for an athletic competition, recounting the importance of the event.



Pictured: Students and staff from Heywood Avenue School and Cleveland Street School gather for the MLK March.



Pictured: The MLK March on N. Day Street and on Main Street.



Pictured: Marchers on Main Street and Superintendent Lee speaking at the OPA gym.

Calendar of Events

March 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesd	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3  Tornadoes Girls Basketball game @ 5 PM, Boys Basketball game @ 7 PM, at OHS	4 High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA)	5 High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA) RPCS Board Lobby Art Reception, 5:30 PM (PreK-1), 7:00 PM (Grades 2 – 7))	6 High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA) Oakwood Afterschool Strings Program Concert, 4:20 - 5PM	7 Park Avenue Black History Program with Orange Dance Conservatory at 7PM	8
9 	10 Progress Reports Sent Home	11 HSPA Make-up Testing Monthly Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 PM OPA Auditorium	12 HSPA Make-up Testing	13 HSPA Make-up Testing Forest Street School ESPY Awards, 6 PM (See flyer below)	14 Pride Expo Opening at Livingston Mall	15 Orange High School Robotics Team at Clifton High School (beginning at 9 AM)
16 Orange High School Robotics Team at Clifton High School (beginning at 9 AM)	17 Departmental Meetings (2:30 PM Dismissal for Students) Heywood Ave. School at Livingston Mall, 7 PM	18 Oakwood Ave. School at Livingston Mall, 11 AM	19 Pre-K-12 Articulation (12:30 PM Dismissal for Students)	20 Full day of school for staff and students! Park Ave. School at Livingston Mall, 7 PM 	21 Lincoln Ave. School at Livingston Mall, 10 AM	22 MLK Re-Enactment March 
23	24	25	26 RPCS Breakfast Series, Community Room, 9:00 AM	27 OEA Meeting canceled – regular dismissal time for students. Heywood Literacy Night, 6PM  7 PM at OPA	28 Father's Reading Club – (Check with home schools for more information) Lincoln at Kids in Concert, Long Branch HS, 6:30PM  7 PM at OPA	29 Youth Summit (See flyer below) 10 AM Forest Street School  2 & 7 PM at OPA
30	31 District History Bee Grades 5-9, 6 PM at Lincoln Ave. School 					

For Additional Events and Activities:

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



**Please Join Us for the
Rosa Parks Community School
Community Room
Family Breakfast Seminar Series**



Time: 9:00am – 10:30am (doors open at 8:30am)

(Information to help you and your child succeed. Breakfast will be served.)

Wednesday March 12th Resumes/ Cover letters and Interviewing Skills
Glenn Best – Director of Business Development
Urban League of Essex County

Wednesday March 26th How to Help Your Child Prepare for Standardized Tests
Ms. Murphy – Guidance Counselor
Rosa Parks Community School

Wednesday April 9th Child Advocacy and School Culture
Ms. Murphy – Guidance Counselor
Rosa Parks Community School

Wednesday April 30th Social Services
TBD

Wednesday May 14th Training on Bullying
Ms. Murphy Guidance Counselor
Rosa Parks Community School

Wednesday June 4th Supporting Student Learning Over the summer
TBD

Wednesday June 18th Community Room Celebration

DATE TBD Understanding Core Curriculum & Homework/Study Help
TBD

Rosa Parks Community School
Community Room Location:
33 Cleveland Street
Orange, NJ 07050

Contact Person: Kory M. Saunders
Site Coordinator
973-677-4515 or 973-985-9166
Saundeko@mail.orange.k12.nj.us

*Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Rho Gamma Omega Chapter's
Emerging Young Leaders Mentoring Program
Presents*

Design Your Future



*Change The World Summit
for students in grades 6-8*



*Location: Forest Street School
651 Forest Street, Orange, NJ
Date: March 29, 2014
Time: 10:00 am-2:00pm
RSVP: By March 14, 2014
Rho Gamma Omega Chapter
PO Box 1064, South Orange, NJ 07079
Yonda K. Johnson, President*

For more information, visit: www.akarhogammaomega.org

REGISTRATION FORM

Complete and mail to address above or email to rgoeylsummit@gmail.com

Student's Name : _____ Age: _____ Male/Female _____
School: _____ Grade: _____
Parent's Name: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Workshop Choices (students: please check one workshop for each session)
*Parent Communication is for parents only

Session I
 Building Self-Esteem
 Anti-Bullying/Bystander

Session II
 Zumba
 Financial Fitness
 Parent Communication *

Session III
 Social Media Pros/Cons
 Color My World



ORANGE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Administration Building
451 Lincoln Avenue Orange, New Jersey 07050
Tel: (973) 677-4015
Website:<http://www.orange.k12.nj.us>

Candace Goldstein
Director of Special Programs

Mr. Ronald C. Lee
Superintendent of Schools
Jacquelyn Blanton
Supervisor of Early Childhood

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

REQUIREMENTS:

- 3 years old by 10/01/14 4 years old by 10/01/14
- 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 be included in their lease agreement. Notarized letters stating you rent a room/apartment/house will not be accepted.

**Registration Days: APRIL 2014 - TUESDAYS - 1st, 8th, 15th, 29th.
MAY 2014 - TUESDAYS - 6th, 13th.
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Last sign in: 12:30 p.m.**

**Place: ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
397 PARK AVE, ORANGE, NJ 07050
973- 677-4500 ext. 1904 or 1918**

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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Administration Building
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Tel: (973) 677-4015
Website: <http://www.orange.k12.nj.us>

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REGISTRACIÓN PREESCOLAR

REQUISITOS:

- 3 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/14
- 4 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/14
- DEBE SER RESIDENTE DEL MUNICIPIO DE ORANGE
- PARTIDA DE NACIMIENTO ORIGINAL
- EXPEDIENTE DE INMUNIZACIONES 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 USTED ESTA VIVIENDO CON UN FAMILIAR O AMIGO TIENE QUE ESTAR INSCRITO EN EL CONTRATO DE ARRENDAMIENTO. NO SE ACEPTARA CARTAS NOTARIZADA.**

REGISTRACIÓN: Abril 2014 Martes 1, 8, 15, y 29.

Mayo 2014 Martes 6 y 13.

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tiene que firmar antes de las 12:30 p.m.

**LUGAR: ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
397 PARK AVE, ORANGE, NJ 07050
(973) 677-4500 ext 1904**

SI USTED ESTA PREOCUPADO POR QUE SU HIJO/HIJA ESTA DESARROLLANDO ALGUN PROBLEMA DE APRENDISAJE O APRENDIENDO DIFERENTE FAVOR DE CONTACTAR AL DEPARTAMENTO DE SERVICIOS ESPECIALES EN EL DISRITO.