



# OBOE-Mail Blast



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## Orange Board of Education Public Town Hall Meeting

The Orange Board of Education hosted a well attended Town Hall Meeting on October 28, as part of an annual review of student achievement. The informative meeting was opened by Board of Education President, Patricia A. Arthur (pictured below, right) and led by Superintendent of Schools Ronald C. Lee. Parents, staff members, Orange Township officials and other community members were in attendance.



At the meeting, Superintendent of Schools Ronald C. Lee (pictured above, left) and district administrators presented:

- 2012-2013 Student Achievement Data Analysis for NJASK (New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge) and HSPA (High School Proficiency Assessment) tests results
- The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC), the next-generation K-12 assessments in English and math
- Common Core State Standards
- Curriculum Realignment
- Student Growth Objectives (SGOs)
- Teacher and Administrator Evaluation Systems

The review detailed standardized test results for the 2012-2013 school year, as compared to statewide student averages and similar NJ school districts (former Abbott schools). District administrators, Dr. Paula Howard, Deputy Superintendent, Ms. Kathryn Carter, Director of English Language Arts and Testing, Ms. Tina Powell, Director of Mathematics and Science and Dr. Terri Russo, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Professional Development, and

Data Assessment reviewed student results, presented strategic curriculum initiatives and NJ Department of Education mandates for student, teacher and administrator evaluations. Also presenting were Supervisor of Science, Ms. Erika Hackett, Supervisor of Early Childhood Education, Ms. Jacquelyn Blanton, Mr. Peter Crosta, Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts and Director of Special Services, Ms. Shelly Harper. Each summarized their initiatives for the coming year.

At the end of the presentation, the Honorable Mayor Dwayne Warren addressed the forum, stating, "I do want to credit our Superintendent and all of our staff here on doing a great job in letting us know where we are with the assessments." He also commended the presenters for detailing plans for "moving forward." He further encouraged the school district to do all that they can to get "parents, parents, parents" involved. "All of these programs could be a hundred times better," he said, with more parent participation.



Superintendent Lee thanked his administrators for the presentation and thanked staff members for their commitment and tireless work. He stated, "We have great teaching staff members, we have great employees here in the Orange Public Schools that care about our children," adding "We know we have work to do . . . and will make sure that the work is done." The Superintendent thanked the Board for their continued support and thanked parents, saying, "Together we can make a change."

Information tables were available at the meeting that gave attendees curriculum outlines, a copy of the presentation, various community resource pamphlet and free books for students.

The Town Hall Meeting presentation can be viewed in its entirety on the Curriculum Department's Overview page on the district's website at [www.orange.k12.nj.us](http://www.orange.k12.nj.us). The meeting was also videotaped for viewing at a later date.



**Pictured: Scenes from the Board of Education Town Hall Meeting**



## **Orange Firefighters Visit Oakwood Avenue School for a Fire Prevention Assembly**



Firefighters from the Orange Fire Department presented a lively interactive Assembly at Oakwood Avenue School. The students were given some valuable information to help them and their families in the event of a fire.

“We are here! We are here!” was the chant shouted during the fire prevention assembly, the words necessary to help the firefighter team locate someone who is trapped in a burning building.

The first graders were able to state the following: “At Oakwood Avenue School, we practice fire drills, lock down drills and emergency evacuation drills.” These are all procedures necessary to help keep us safe in the event of an emergency. These students, from both Ms. Banchansky and Mr. Willis’s classes, are thanked for helping to provide information for this article.

The fire fighters explained that the key to staying safe is to prepare for emergency situations, as students were able to explain. “That is why we practice fire drills”, stated Gregory. “We want to stay safe and we should not play with matches”, stated Isaiah. “In case of a fire always remain visible”, stated the team of firefighters. “You should not hide in the closet or under the bed because you can get hurt”, was the response from Ada. Everyone was encouraged to share the information received with their families. Shaddai stated, “We should have an emergency plan to stay safe.” TeQuan demonstrated stop drop and roll, and there was also opportunity for some of the students to try on the firefighters gear.



**Pictured (above and left): Student speaks about fire safety; Student demonstrates stop-drop-and-roll.**

*Submitted by Ms. Pamela Venable, School Counselor*





## Norfolk State University Choir Visits Orange

For the second consecutive year, the Norfolk State University Choir paid Orange Preparatory Academy (OPA) a visit to perform a diverse repertoire of choral music for performing arts students from each of Orange's schools. The concert, under the choral direction of Dr. Carl W. Haywood, presented genres from motets, oratorios, spirituals, gospel and rhythm & blues. The 60 plus voices filled the OPA Auditorium with beautiful vocal sounds, some accompanied on piano by Mr. Terry W. Butler with others singing a cappella.

The performance, held on October 25, 2013, was almost a year-to-date from their first appearance in Orange with a similar yet different repertoire. This visit had many new faces in the choir and Dr. Haywood, during his podium discussion with our students, had his choir members indicate their years in the ensemble and their hometown. The vast majority of the group is new, yet their vocal signature was remarkably similar to last year.

"It is the excellence," said Mr. Peter S. Crosta, Supervisor of Visual & Performing Arts, "that we must strive to achieve in all our performing groups. The model you have heard today," he told the group of students, "must be reflected in the way you reach your own audiences through your concerts." Mr. Crosta, with the efforts of Mrs. Belinda Smiley, Human Resources Director, who arranged for the choir's visit to Orange, is counting on our students being inspired by this group's continued appearances.

After the Norfolk State University Choir completed their awe-inspiring concert, Superintendent of Schools Ronald C. Lee extended his appreciation to the group for providing this musical experience for Orange's students. The group then had the opportunity to sit in the OPA Auditorium to be "thanked" by one of our own elementary choirs.

The Lincoln Avenue School Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Wendy Mir, performed a selection a cappella, in round. The piece was appropriate for this time of the year, "Have You Seen the Ghost of John?" During Mrs. Mir's introduction of her ensemble, she shared just how inspirational the Norfolk singers were to her students last year. "Ladies and gentlemen, your initial visit to this school sparked a fierce interest in my young singers. Some of them, here today for the second time, have been anxious for your return. I saw them eagerly volunteer to perform for you today. They marvel at what you do and your sound and they hope that one day they can sound just like you!"

During the performance of the Lincoln Choir, Director Haywood was seen with tears of emotion streaming down his cheeks. He was so moved by Lincoln's performance there were no words that could express his appreciation and pleasure. "Boys and girls, you have moved me in a way that I will never forget," he told the vocal ensemble as they returned to their seats. He embraced Mrs. Mir and the students were delighted that he was so pleased.



Mrs. Smiley, (pictured left) who thanked the Choirs for performing in her closing remarks, indicated that the school would receive a copy of the performance "to reflect upon in discussions and writings at their individual schools" in the weeks ahead. Mr. Crosta recorded the live concert and the students in the Digital Recording class at

Orange High School will edit the master copy for distribution to all schools.



**Pictured (left to right): The Norfolk State University Choir; Dr. Haywood; Choir Soloist; Choir Soloist; Choir Soloist; Mr. Crosta; Lincoln School Choir with Mrs. Mir; Lincoln School Choir.**

*Submitted by Peter Crosta, Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts*



## Forest's "Project Achieve" Visits Turtle Back Zoo



During the week of October 21-25, students in grades K-4 visited Turtle Back Zoo in West Orange, NJ, as a part of the school's pioneer program known as "Project Achieve".

The program incorporates an

extended day, from 3:00 PM-4:15 PM for all students and staff. Each marking period, students in grades K-4 participate in new and innovative classes that are supplemental and enhance the current curriculum.

During the first marking period, students are actively engaged in "research", specifically animals.

As part of their research of animals, students visited the zoo and were able to see and meet some of the creatures.

*Submitted Christina Rivera, Library Media Specialist*



For some of the younger students, this was their first trip to a zoo.

This trip will certainly be remembered by all and will be a great help in the students' research!

All enjoyed the visit are thankful to Turtle Back Zoo for the great experience.



## Forest Street School Celebrates Hispanic Heritage

On Tuesday, October 22, Forest Street School paid tribute to Hispanic Heritage with a celebration of ethnic food and music. Organized by Spanish teacher, Ms. Edel Portillo, students enjoyed food from Spanish-speaking countries in Central, South America and the Caribbean. Forest Street School's parents donated the food and beverages.

During their lunch periods, students and staff, in grades Pre-K-7, ate and danced. Parents volunteered to serve students. It was a cultural experience for all!

Forest Street thanks Mr. Veloz for providing the music, Ms. Pioppi and Ms. Rivera for helping to decorate and serve food, parents for their food and beverage donations and for taking time from their day to participate in this event! Feliz Mes de la Herencia Hispana!



**Pictured: Decorations and food for Forest's Fiesta!**

*Submitted by Christina Rivera, Library Media Specialist*



**Pictured: Fourth graders dance to Spanish music.**



**Pictured: Kindergarteners wait in line to get delicious Spanish food.**





## Announcing "GI Go Jeans for Troops Day" November 6, 2013, in Honor of Veterans Day

Superintendent of Schools, Ronald C. Lee, is proud to announce that the Orange Public Schools will again join school districts statewide in honoring veterans by participating in **Jeans for Troops Day** on Wednesday,

November 6, 2013. The event offers staff an opportunity to dress down on that day and contribute \$5 to the GI Go Fund. The event will also allow students who choose to participate to wear jeans, on that day, for a \$1 donation.

(See flyer below.)



## Orange High School's Boys Soccer Team Enters First Round of State Tournament

The Orange High School Boys Soccer Team has made it to the state tournament and is ranked 3rd in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 after a shutout against Christ the King, 1-0, in Newark on October 30. Oscar A. Mendez scored for Orange and Melvin Flores is credited with three saves to give Orange the win.

The team will play Colonia High School in the first round of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) State Tournament at Orange Park, 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5, 2013. Please come out and show your support!! [Click here for tournament round information.](#)



## Orange High School's College Fair Attracts Students

The Orange High School (OHS) College Fair was held on October 24, 2013. Mrs. Jones and Mr. Wallace, School Social workers, along with support from the guidance department, media center, SPACE program and the Orange High School Cooking Club, organized the fair. Over 200 students attended the event with presenters representing 28 colleges and organizations.

OHS 11th and 12th grade students were allowed to attend the fair during the school day, in order to maximize attendance and ensure that students had an opportunity to interact with college representatives and significant staff support. School staff, including guidance counselors, were able to provide individualized support to students by directing them to speak with those representatives from schools offering their identified majors and interests.

Students were received immediate feedback regarding Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) eligibility and application completion.

Many of the schools in attendance invited Orange High School to organize a trip to tour, lunch and meet with admissions representatives from their respective schools. One such tour will be held in November when we will have students visit Rider University, Rowan University and The College of New Jersey (along with Delaware State University and Lincoln University). Each of these colleges had representatives at the OHS fair. They and excited that Orange's students will be visiting them in the very near future. Overall the OHS College Fair was a very successful event!





**Pictured: Scenes from OHS College Fair.**

*Submitted by Dana Jones, Social Worker with photos by Naheelah Irving, OHS Technology Coordinator*



## **Orange's Female Achievers Host an Informative Book Discussion**

The Female Achievers are a special group of young ladies. They are a part of a program that has mentored female students for the past eighteen years under the direction of its founder, Ms. Karen Cooper, program consultant and retired Orange School District Educator. Ms. Cooper along with a dedicated staff and volunteer Advisory Committee have guided students by modeling behaviors that will lead to a successful life.

At the group's October 16 meeting, author Saleemah Graham was a guest presenter. She led an inspirational discussion with the young ladies, using her book, "When God Was Effervescent" to share her story of triumph and achievement over life's harshest realities. Ms. Graham led an exercise where the students had to look into a mirror and write down what they saw. This exercise was developed from the author's experience as a little girl when her grandmother made her do the same thing, allowing her to truly see herself. The responses were revealing, with mentions, not only of outward appearances, such as smiles and other physical features, but also of inner strengths and resilience. The session was enhanced with a presentation of a compact mirror for each student inscribed with [www.sumthinbeautiful.com](http://www.sumthinbeautiful.com) (Ms. Grahams website)

Throughout the evening there were additional inputs from guests who shared their experiences and what has made them stronger individuals and has made them more successful in life. Their experience added to that of Ms. Graham, who overcame many odds including drug abuse to attend college and obtain advanced degrees. Her book was a true lesson for the female achievers who took away the meaning of "effervescent".

Ms. Cooper thanked the author for attending, participating in the exercise and reading passages from her book. She also thanked and acknowledged her team and the Links organization for their support.



**Pictured (left to right): Female Achievers with author Saleeman Graham; Group picture including guests and advisors; Ms. Graham; Ms. Cooper addressing students; Students doing mirror exercise; Students present poster to Ms. Graham.**





## Orange Preparatory Academy Salutes Hispanic Heritage

An excited throng of students cheered for the various country flags and capital cities shown in the slideshow presentation that opened the Orange Preparatory Academy Hispanic Heritage Celebration, "I am . . . Hispanic Heritage," held on October 29. The program was filled with poetry, having several recitations in Spanish and songs, including "Something Stupid" (An American Love Song) also in Spanish with accompaniment by music teacher, Ms. Dorcas Robinson, Assistant Principal, Mr. Noel Cruz, Spanish teacher, Mr. Freddy Camarena who spearheaded the event, and choral director, Mr. Peter Abazia.

The event was further highlighted with lively dance numbers that were performed by the Orange Dance Conservatory and Concepts in Choreography, directed by Ms. Debbie Rembert and Orange High School students performing a "Mixed Dance Presentation" and an authentic Bolivian Dance. The program closed with OPA's dance students, directed by Ms. Giana Mistry, performing "Rankankan" a Cuban dance. The students, and the presenters, who celebrated Hispanic culture with verve, enjoyed the celebration.



**Pictured: Scenes from OPA Hispanic Heritage Celebration.**



# Heywood Avenue School Hosts Two Special Events

## Pages on Parade

Storybook characters in Kindergarten to 4th grade came to life on October 31, at Heywood Avenue school, to promote the love of reading! The 1st annual "Pages on Parade" event took place in which students were permitted to dress up in costumes as a character in one of the books they are reading for the district's Follow the Reader Book Challenge and to share the books with their classmates. This event replaced the traditional Halloween celebration with a focus on literature and fostering the love of reading!



**Pictured: "A Knight in the Forest" book with Aaron Davis (Kindergarten) as the main character.**

## Publishing Parties at Heywood Promote Writers!

In conjunction with the expectations for increased rigor for writing, while meeting the Common Core State Standards, students in Mrs. Wolfe's 5th and 6th grade English Language Arts classes sent out invitations to their Publishing Party for October 25. Invited guests, which included parents, staff, and students, had the opportunity to enjoy a variety of snacks while listening to the published works of the students. The Publishing Party provides an opportunity for students to, not only write for an audience, but to also use public speaking skills.



**Pictured Carson (in pink) and**



**1st grade**

*Submitted by Principal Karen Machuca*



*Calendar of Events*

# November 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesd	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	2
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Jeans For Troops Day</b>  Cleveland Street Board Lobby Art Reception, 6 PM	<b>7</b> <b>NJEA Convention District Closed</b>	<b>8</b> <b>NJEA Convention District Closed</b>	9
10	<b>11</b> Veteran's Day Keeping it REEL Movie Competition – Harassment Intimidation and Bullying REEL submission	<b>12</b> Monthly Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 PM OPA Auditorium Marking Period 1 Ends	<b>13</b> Marking Period 2 Begins	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	16
17	<b>18</b> Departmental Meetings 2:30 PM Dismissal for Students	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Grades Pre-K-7-12 12:30 PM Dismissal - Parent Conference 1:15 PM—4:00 PM	<b>21</b> Parent Conference Pre-K-7, 6:00 PM—8:00 PM	<b>22</b> Father's Reading Club – (Check with home schools for more information)	23
<b>24</b> Fatherhood Football Fellowship 4:25 PM at Park Avenue School	<b>25</b> Grades 8-12—12:30 PM Dismissal - Parent Conference 1:15 PM—4:00 PM	<b>26</b> Parent Conference Grades 8-12, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	<b>27</b> Thanksgiving Recess 12:30 PM. Dismissal	<b>28</b> Thanksgiving Day District Closed	<b>29</b> Thanksgiving Recess District Closed	30

**See flyers below for coming attractions and visit the district's website at [www.orange.k12/nj.us](http://www.orange.k12/nj.us).**  
**For Orange High School Athletic events visit: [Tornadoes In Action](#), on the Orange High School website.**

# JEANS FOR TROOPS DAY

NOVEMBER 6, 2013 IN HONOR OF VETERANS DAY

**\$5 for Staff and  
\$1 for Students**  
to help our troops

- Find Jobs**
- Go to College**
- Get Health Care**
- Find Housing**

IN HONOR OF  
**VETERANS DAY 2013**

**On November 6, 2013, in honor of Veterans Day, join the 140,000 nationwide participants by wearing jeans to support our Troops**

*Orange Public Schools will collect a \$5 donation from each participating staff member and a \$1 donation from each participating student who wears jeans on Wednesday, November 6, 2013. All proceeds will benefit The GI Go Fund.*

*Participation is strictly voluntary.*

The GI Go Fund is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization

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- Short Order Book: A Writing Challenge 5-12 9/9/13-12/6/13  
The REEL Deal Short Movie Challenge 5-12 9/9/13-12/6/13  
Follow The Reader Book Challenge PK-12 **10/21/13-5/15/14**  
Great American Spellcheck Project Fundraiser for Reading initiatives 1-8 10/7/13  
He Said She Said: Public Speaking Competition 3-7 12/2/13  
Mathquest Secondary 8-12 1/6/14  
Spelling Bee of Champions 1-8 and The WEE Bee PK-K 2/8/14  
History Bee 5-9 3/3/14  
Mathquest Intermediate 4-7 4/7/14  
TRYMathlon 1-3 4/28/14\*  
CSI: Competitive Science Investigation 4-7 5/5/14  
WOAH: Write Out of American History: A Writer's Festival PK-12 6/7/14

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# ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL

## VARSITY FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
AUG. 24	PATERSON KENNEDY (SCRIM)	AWAY	10AM
AUG. 26	RIVER DELL (SCRIM)	AWAY	4:00
SEPT. 6	MORRIS KNOLLS (SCRIM)	HOME	8:00
SEPT. 13	WEEQUAHIC	HOME	7:00
SEPT. 20	SHABAZZ	AWAY	7:00
SEPT. 27	BARRINGER	AWAY	7:00
OCT. 4	WEST ESSEX (PINK OUT)	HOME	7:00
OCT. 11	MILLBURN	AWAY	7:00
OCT. 18	IRVINGTON (HOMECOMING)	HOME	7:00
OCT. 26	CALDWELL	AWAY	1:00
NOV. 1	BELLEVILLE	AWAY	7:00
NOV. 8	WEST SIDE	HOME	7:00

## JV FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
SEPT. 16	WEEQUAHIC	AWAY	4:00
SEPT. 23	SHABAZZ	HOME	4:00
SEPT. 30	BARRINGER	HOME	4:00
OCT. 7	WEST ESSEX	AWAY	4:00
OCT. 14	MILLBURN	HOME	4:00
OCT. 21	IRVINGTON	AWAY	4:00
OCT. 28	CALDWELL	HOME	4:00
NOV. 4	BELLEVILLE	HOME	4:00
NOV. 11	WEST SIDE	AWAY	4:00

## FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
SEPT. 7	MORRIS KNOLLS	HOME	10AM
SEPT. 14	WEEQUAHIC	AWAY	9AM
SEPT. 21	SHABAZZ	HOME	9AM
SEPT. 28	BARRINGER	HOME	9AM
OCT. 5	WEST ESSEX	AWAY	9AM
OCT. 12	MILLBURN	HOME	9AM
OCT. 19	IRVINGTON	AWAY	9AM
OCT. 26	CALDWELL	HOME	9AM
NOV. 2	BELLEVILLE	HOME	9AM
NOV. 9	WEST SIDE	AWAY	9AM

## GIRLS' VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
SEPT. 6	UNIVERSITY (SCRIM)	AWAY	4:00
SEPT. 7	UNION CITY TOURNAMENT	AWAY	TBA
SEPT. 9	SHABAZZ (SCRIM)	TBA	TBA
SEPT. 12	CHRIST THE KING	HOME	4:00
SEPT. 16	SHABAZZ	AWAY	4:00
SEPT. 20	CENTRAL	HOME	4:00
SEPT. 23	WEST SIDE	AWAY	4:00
SEPT. 25	WEEQUAHIC	HOME	4:00
SEPT. 27	TECHNOLOGY	AWAY	4:00
OCT. 3	IMMACULATE	HOME	4:00
OCT. 7	CHRIST THE KING	AWAY	4:00
OCT. 9	SHABAZZ	HOME	4:00
OCT. 14	NEWARK TECH	HOME	4:00
OCT. 16	CENTRAL	AWAY	4:00
OCT. 17	BELLEVILLE	AWAY	4:00
OCT. 21	WEST SIDE	HOME	4:00
OCT. 23	WEEQUAHIC	AWAY	4:00
OCT. 25	TECHNOLOGY	HOME	4:00
OCT. 30	IMMACULATE	AWAY	4:00

## GIRLS' VARSITY TENNIS

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
SEPT. 10	CEDAR GROVE	AWAY	4:00
SEPT. 12	SHABAZZ	HOME	4:00
SEPT. 16	GOLDA OCH	AWAY	4:00
SEPT. 23	WEEQUAHIC	HOME	4:00
SEPT. 25	BLOOMFIELD	HOME	4:00
SEPT. 30	EAST SIDE	HOME	4:00
OCT. 2	EAST ORANGE	AWAY	4:00
OCT. 7	BELLEVILLE	HOME	4:00
OCT. 9	TECHNOLOGY	AWAY	4:00
OCT. 14	SCIENCE PARK	AWAY	4:00
OCT. 16	UNIVERSITY	HOME	4:00
OCT. 21	IRVINGTON	AWAY	4:00

## VARSITY SOCCER

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
AUG. 24	SCIENCE PARK (SCRIM)	HOME	9AM
SEPT. 12	ARTS	HOME	4:00
SEPT. 14	CEDAR GROVE	HOME	4:00
SEPT. 16	WEST SIDE	AWAY	4:00
SEPT. 18	CENTRAL	HOME	4:00
SEPT. 20	SHABAZZ	AWAY	4:00
SEPT. 26	BLOOMFIELD	HOME	4:00
SEPT. 30	TECHNOLOGY	AWAY	4:00
OCT. 2	CHRIST THE KING	HOME	4:00
OCT. 5	PINGRY	AWAY	4:00
OCT. 8	ARTS	AWAY	4:00
OCT. 10	CEDAR GROVE	AWAY	4:00
OCT. 14	WEST SIDE	HOME	4:00
OCT. 16	CENTRAL	AWAY	4:00
OCT. 18	SHABAZZ	HOME	4:00
OCT. 24	BLOOMFIELD TECH	AWAY	4:00
OCT. 28	TECHNOLOGY	HOME	4:00
OCT. 30	CHRIST THE KING	AWAY	4:00

NOTE: ALL HOME GAMES PLAYED AT ORANGE PARK

## BOYS' & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
SEPT. 12	SCIENCE PARK/WEST SIDE (B)	BRANCH BROOK PARK, NEWARK	4:00
	CHRIST OF KING/MKA (G)	BRANCH BROOK PARK, NEWARK	4:00
SEPT. 17	CHRIST OF KING/ NEWARK TECH/IRVINGTON (B)	BRANCH BROOK PARK, NEWARK	4:00
	SCIENCE PARK/EAST SIDE (G)	BRANCH BROOK PARK, NEWARK	4:00
SEPT. 24	NORTH 13TH ST/SHABAZZ/ VERONA (B)	BRANCH BROOK PARK, NEWARK	4:00
	NORTH 13TH ST/GOLDA OCH ACADEMY/BLOOMFIELD (G)	BRANCH BROOK PARK, NEWARK	4:00
OCT. 1	CEDAR GROVE/GLEN RIDGE (B)	BRANCH BROOK PARK, NEWARK	4:00
	TECHNOLOGY/ GLEN RIDGE/CALDWELL (G)	BRANCH BROOK PARK, NEWARK	4:00
OCT. 8	CHAMPIONSHIP MEET	BRANCH BROOK PARK, NEWARK	4:00

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## November Board of Education Meeting



Students from Cleveland Street School (pictured left) hosted the November 12, 2013 Board of Education Meeting. After they opened the meeting with the flag salute and sang the National Anthem, Superintendent

Ronald C. Lee held a moment of silence in honor of two staff members, Ms. Debbie Moore, Attendance Officer, and retired Orange High School educator, Ms. Juanita Jenkins, who recently passed away.

The Cleveland Street students continued their performance, directed by music teacher, Mr. Brian Silvoy, singing "Bus Stop" and "Uma Familia". Their theme was "Cleveland Street is a family," which was underscored by Principal Dr. Cayce Cummins in her remarks.



After the meeting opened, student board representative, Miss Danelle Welcome (pictured left), gave an update on student elections at Orange High School.

Following her remarks, Superintendent Lee, accompanied by Board President Patricia A. Arthur and Miss Welcome stood to recognize the

Superintendent's Student of the Month (SOTM). On a monthly basis, students are recognized for exemplary behavior, academics and citizenship by their school. For the month of October (students are recognized for the previous month's actions), the following students were presented with certificates:

Student	School
Lindah Opeywa	Orange High School
Silas Bond	Orange Preparatory Academy
Davon Gillespie	Career and Innovation Academy of Orange
Jason Jean Baptiste	Cleveland Street School
Makenzy Hippolyte	Rosa Parks Central Community School
Arianna Thompson	Park Avenue School
Jasmine Ascencio	Heywood Avenue School
Amaya Whitehall	Forest Street School
Love Ewing	Oakwood Avenue School
Nicodeme St. Jean	Lincoln Avenue School



**Pictured: (top to bottom with Superintendent Lee, Board President Arthur and student representative Ms. Welcome): OHS SOTM with family and Co-Principal Alcantara; OPA STOM, parent and Principal Medley; Cleveland SOTM, parent and Principal Dr. Cummins.**



Pictured (left to right, with Superintendent Lee, Board President Arthur and Student Board Representative Welcome): Park SOTM with family and Principal Dr. Hackett; Heywood SOTM with family and Principal Machuca; Lincoln SOTM with family and Principal White.



Pictured: Mrs. Langford with her children, Superintendent Lee, Board President Arthur, Principal, Dr. Cummins and Ms. Welcome.

### Parent of the Month

A parent from the host school, Mrs. Kristal Langford, was also selected as Parent of the Month. Mrs. Langford is recognized for her energy and enthusiasm. The mother of four Clevelanders, (Nathan, Arissah, Londyn and Maurice), Mrs. Langford is in Graduate School at Rutgers. She is employed working with the deaf, is a PTO officer, and volunteers in the school. Mrs. Langford is always looking to find ways to expose Orange students to the arts and to expand their cultural and educational horizons. She is a constant presence at Cleveland Street School and she is a parent who can be counted on to assist whenever there is a need for volunteers. Mrs. Langford, and Mr. Langford, who is a longtime Cleveland basketball coach, gives unsparingly of their free time to assist Cleveland Street School and to serve the needs its students.



## Instrument Donation Program Presents Gifts to Lincoln Avenue School



Carol Michaels, founder and director of the Musical Instrument Donation Program Inc., is a true friend of the Orange Public Schools. Over the past several years, her program has donated countless instruments to the Orange School District. In mid-October, she visited Lincoln Avenue School and gave several wind instruments, a guitar, a drum set and an amplifier to support Lincoln's music program. Music teacher, Ms. Marianne Mroz, Visual and Performing Arts Supervisor, Mr. Peter Crosta, along with Ms. Mroz's guitar students, were there to receive the donated instruments and thank Ms. Michaels for her continued support.



Pictured: Ms. Mroz and her students pose with Ms. Carol Michaels and Mr. Peter Crosta.





## Only 17 Days To Go For the "He Said, She Said Public Speaking Competition"



Students in grades 3 – 7 should be preparing for the *He Said, She Said Public Speaking Competition*, scheduled for **Monday, December 2, 2013** at Lincoln Avenue School, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Don't miss out on this public speaking challenge featuring the following: Prepared Speeches, Extemporaneous Speeches and Technology Assisted Speeches. For more information [Click here!](#)



## Oakwood Avenue School Celebrates Halloween



On October 30, Oakwood Avenue School celebrated Halloween with a spooktacular Halloween parade for Kindergarten through 4th grade students. Several ghosts, vampires, vampire Ninjas, witches, superheroes, and a Ninja Turtle or two, marched to the beat of a drum as they showcased fangs, wings, and awesome powers for watching family members. Student Leaders from grades 5-7 handed out candy to the assembled "ghouls" with the help of the Oakwood Ave Community School and EECO AmeriCorps Members. It was a great day for an early dismissal.

**Pictured: Scenes from Oakwood Avenue Halloween Celebration including students (above and top right) and staff (bottom left).**

*Submitted by Principal Robert Pettit*



## Oakwood Distributes Donated Book Bags

On November 6, 2013, with the help of 6 AmeriCorps members, over 150 book bags, donated by the Jack and Jill Organization, were distributed to the students of Oakwood Avenue School. The book bags were filled with a variety of school supplies that the students will find useful throughout the school year.

The students at Oakwood Avenue School would like to thank the Jack and Jill Organization for their generous donation and will make sure that they use their school supplies to become "Soaring Eagles".



*Submitted by Rachel Bland, Community School Coordinator, on behalf of AmeriCorps member, Ericka Stevenson*

**Pictured: Oakwood Avenue students during book bag distribution.**



## Cleveland Street November Art Exhibit at the Board Office

Cleveland Street School celebrated the artwork of its students at the monthly Board of Education Art Opening and Exhibit on November 13. The display includes seasonal artwork, illustrating Thanksgiving holiday art and other creative pieces. Much of the work displayed also celebrated Native American art, in honor of Naïve American Heritage Month celebrated in November.

The event was a pleasure for the young students who were honored individually for their creativity with a certificate presented by their art teacher, Ms. Barbara Sanford, Principal Dr. Cayce Cummins, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Paula Howard and the Supervisor of Visual and Performing

Arts, Mr. Peter Crosta. Dr. Cummins praised her students, congratulated their parents and thanked her staff for their time, effort and support. Dr. Howard welcomed parents to the board office and told them how proud the Orange administration is of the work that is displayed in the lobby.

The event was made even more memorable because two of the students who received certificates were children of a former student of Ms. Sanford and Mr. Crosta, Mr. Kevin Johnson.

The exhibit will remain on display through the remainder of the month. The public is invited to view the artwork during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



**Pictured: Scenes from Cleveland Street School Art Opening including former student and his children with Ms. Sanford and Mr. Crosta; Cleveland Street faculty; Students/Ms. Sanford/Dr. Cummins pose with certificates; (bottom row) Students admiring the art/posing with artwork.**



## Parent Teacher Conferences



- **November 20: Grades Pre-K-7, 12:30 p.m. Dismissal, Parent Conference 1:15 - 4:00 p.m.**
- **November 21: Parent Conference, Pre-K-7 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**
- **November 25: Grades 8-12, 12:30 p.m. Dismissal, Parent Conference 1:15 - 4:00 p.m.**
- **November 26: Parent Conference, Grades 8-12, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**





## “ReBL” With a Cause, at Forest Street School

On November 14, Forest Street School students received Reciprocating Borrowing and Lending (ReBL) library cards, giving them borrowing privileges at participating Essex County libraries. This was part of the Forest Street School Library Registration Program Event initiated by Mr. William Donnelly, English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher. He coordinated the event in partnership with the school’s Project Achieve, extended day program, working with the Orange Public Library and Orange Township. ReBL card applications were sent home with students and over 170 were returned.

At the event, attended by Orange Public Library (OPL) Board members, Dr. Harris Enobulele, Ms. Esney Sharpe, Mr. Hakim Taliaferro and Ms. Candace Goldstein, select students visited the school’s Library Media Center to meet guests and to take part in the event, acknowledging the effort to provide access to libraries for students and the community.



As part of the event, Principal, Ms. Yancisca Cooke and Superintendent Ronald C. Lee presented Mr. Donnelly with a certificate “In recognition of initiating the Library Card Drive for the students of Forest Street School”. Also present at the event were Mr. Peter Crosta, Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, who is also

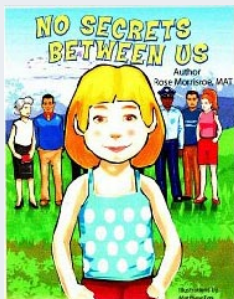
in charge of the school libraries, Ms. Erica Stewart, Administrator for Special Projects, who directs the school’s academic competitions including the District’s Follow the Reader book challenge and Ms. Caroline Onyesonwu, Supervisor of the district’s Bilingual/ESL Program, along with City official, Mr. Keith Royster and Orange Public Library staff members.



**Pictured: Superintendent Lee and Principal Cooke pose with OPL Board members Ms. Sharpe and Dr. Enobulele (center) and students; Group photo including Mr. Crosta, Ms. Onyesonwu, Mr. Taliaferro and Ms. Goldstein; Principal Cooke and Superintendent Lee present certificate to Mr. Donnelly; Group photo with students; OPL staff preparing cards for students.**



## Lincoln Avenue School’s First Grade Teacher Author’s Book



Rose Morrisroe, Lincoln Avenue School first grade teacher is the founder of “Soldiers Against Child Abuse”, a national non-profit organization dedicated to raising child abuse awareness nationwide.

She has written a picture book on the topic called, “No Secrets Between Us”, created for children in Kindergarten to fourth grade.

Ms. Morrisroe recently appeared on the News12 program “Spotlight New Jersey” hosted by Della Crews, where she discussed her book, which is “raising awareness by educating and empowering our children, parents and the public.” (News12 website)



## A Look Back At Forest Street School's Violence and Safety Week

Forest Street School recognized School Violence Awareness and Safety Week during the week of October 21 – October 25, 2013. The Guidance Office and the School Climate & Safety Committee coordinated this initiative. Activities included the following:

- Monday, 10/21/13 - VIOLENCE AWARENESS & PREVENTION WEEK KICK OFF: Students participated in a pledge against school violence.
- Tuesday, 10/22/13 - REACH THE UNREACHED: During lunch periods students engaged in a character based game to get to know at least one student they didn't know.
- Wednesday, 10/23/13 - DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOL CLIMATE / ANTI-BULLYING SURVEYS: The Guidance Office and School Climate & Safety Team developed surveys which will gather information regarding student understanding of the anti-bullying laws and school climate.
- Thursday, 10/24/13 - CULTURAL DAY: Students were invited to dress in attire that reflects cultures from around the world.
- Friday, 10/25/13 - PICTURE PEACE DAY & SCHOOL SAFETY DAY: Students came to school dressed for success. The morning announcements promoted peace. Research shows that dressing for success builds school spirit, enhances academics, and fosters a sense of pride among students. This was incorporated with the school picture day.

During the following week, activities continued with MIX IT UP AT LUNCH DAY on Tuesday, 10/29/13. During lunch periods, students in all grades swapped seats in the cafeteria and sat with students that they did not know. This was a great way of "teaching tolerance" and of having our students associate with students that they would never think of meeting.



**Pictured: Third and Fourth Grade students enjoy great conversation over lunch.**



**Pictured: Grades five - seven "Mix it Up" at lunch.**



**Pictured: Kindergarten students, from different classes, meet for the first time.**

### School Violence & Safety Assembly

An extension of the School Violence Awareness Week activities took place on 10/30/13 & 10/31/13 during school wide assemblies. Ms. Grace Introna, from NJ Transit, visited on 10/30/13 for a Rail Safety Presentation for grades 4-7. Forest Street School is thankful to Ms. Introna and NJ Transit for coming to talk to the students.

On 10/31/13 The NED show visited Forest for a character assembly servicing grades Pre-k-4 with a focus on "Never Giving Up", "Encouraging Others" and "Do Your Best". Forest Street sends thanks to the NED show for visiting their school!

*Submitted by Christina Rivera, School Library Media Specialist*





## Orange Township Celebrates Veteran's Day Honoring Female Veterans



The Orange Township Veterans Day Ceremony took place on November 11, at Military Park on Main Street in Orange. The program, presented by the Honorable Mayor Dwayne D. Warren and the Orange Municipal Alliance, was organized by the Cultural Affairs Department.

The program was filled with tradition, such as the raising of the flag by St. Matthews A.M.E. Church Boy Scout Troop

Ms. Alcantara and several of the honored veterans were on hand to accept a plaque from Mayor Warren, which was inscribed "A Celebration of Patriotism and Courage", with the name of the honored veteran and the branch of the military in which they served, along with the length of their service; closing with "With great gratitude and appreciation", Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq., City of Orange Municipal Council, Director of Community Service.

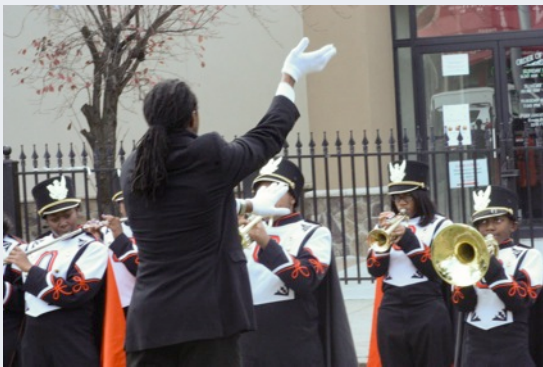
Ms. Alcantara was a Captain in the US Air Force from 1995 to 2005. She was acknowledged for her service to this country, as were the other recipients and veterans celebrated on a day set aside to honor them.

After the plaques were presented, there was a wreath placed on a war memorial to honor all veterans. A brief reception followed, hosted by the Orange Female Achievers.

The genesis of Veterans Day dates back to 1919 when President Woodrow Wilson declared November 11 as Armistice Day, a day to remember those who died in service to this country. Armistice Day became a legal holiday in 1938. In 1954, the name was officially changed to Veterans Day under President Dwight D. Eisenhower, and November 11 became a day to honor all American veterans. On this November 11, the City of Orange presented a special salute to its female veterans.

#4749, and a military tribute to Orange's female veterans by the Orange High School Band, directed by Mr. Steven Reeves.

The honored members included: Faith Alcantara, co-principal of Orange High School (pictured above with Mayor Warren); Hava A. Athill, City of Orange employee; Phyllis Swain, Orange senior citizen; Donna K. Williams, Orange Municipal Council President; Tarnisha Shelton and Ingrid Lops both Orange policewomen.



**Pictured (left to right): The Orange High School Band, directed by Mr. Reeves; OHS band; the Honorable Mayor Dwayne D. Warren; Ms. Alcantara and Mayor Warren laying a wreath in honor of Veterans Day; honored female veterans with Councilmember Ms. Tency Eason and Ms. Pam Taylor; Female Achievers lending a helping hand.**



## Orange High School and Orange Preparatory Academy Presents "The Great Gatsby"

The Visual and Performing Arts Department of Orange High School (OHS), in association with Orange Preparatory Academy are proud to announce their upcoming production of F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*, directed by Dana Levin, drama instructor at Orange High School. In this play, the students retell the classic 1920s inspired tale of love and loss. Nick Carraway (Furqan Bilal), a new resident of Long Island's West Egg, stumbles upon a love triangle between his cousin (Daisy Buchanan), her husband (Tom Buchanan), and the mysterious Jay Gatsby (Emilio Del Villar). Lavish parties, secret speakeasies, and a trail of deceit paint the backdrop of this unforgettable story.

Performances are December 5th, 6th, and 7th: Thursday and Friday at 7:00 pm and two Saturday shows with a 2:00 pm matinee and 7:00 pm final performance.

Dana Levin is excited about the opportunity to direct F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*. Most recently, Ms. Levin directed the OHS/OPA production of *Little Shop of Horrors*. She has also previously directed the musical *The 25th Annual Putman County Spelling Bee*. Ms. Levin additionally serves as the advisor of the OHS chapter of the International Thespian Society and directs the OHS Drama Showcase. Ms. Levin states, "I am thrilled to be working with the amazingly talented cast and crew of *The Great Gatsby*!" Emilio Del Villar, playing the part of Jay Gatsby, says, "I'm excited each time I perform a role in a play because I take on a new persona. Being a different character allows me to see the world in a new light."



Pictured: Headshots of major cast members in "The Great Gatsby"

*The Great Gatsby* 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 \$5.00. They may also be purchased at the door for \$7.00. Tickets are also available for senior citizens and students (with a valid student identification card) for \$3.00 at all times. Please call (973) 677-4000 ext. 5665 or email [lazzizro@orange.k12.nj.us](mailto:lazzizro@orange.k12.nj.us) with any questions. (See flyer below)

Press Release, Ms. Rosa Lazzizera, Production Manager



## Orange High School Cheerleaders and Dancers Sponsor Zumbathon Fundraiser

**SURPRISE GUEST INSTRUCTORS**  
**ZUMBATHON**

PRICE : \$10 - ADULTS \$5 - STUDENTS

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TIME: 2:00PM - 4:00PM

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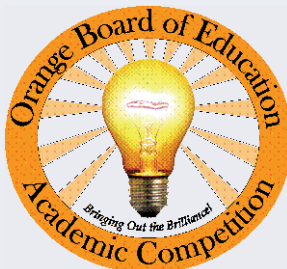


Calendar of Events

November 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesd	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6 Jeans For Troops Day	7 NJEA Convention District Closed	8 NJEA Convention District Closed	9
10	11 Veteran's Day Keeping it REEL Movie Competition – Harassment Intimidation and Bullying REEL submission	12 Monthly Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 PM OPA Auditorium Marking Period 1 Ends	13 Cleveland Street Board Lobby Art Reception, 6 PM Marking Period 2 Begins	14	15 Only 17 days to go for the “He Said, She Said Public Speaking Competition” <a href="#">Click here!</a>	16
17	18 Departmental Meetings 2:30 PM Dismissal for Students	19	20 Grades Pre-K-7-12 12:30 PM Dismissal - Parent Conference 1:15 PM—4:00 PM	21 Parent Conference Pre-K-7, 6:00 PM—8:00 PM	22 Father's Reading Club – (Check with home schools for more information)	23 OHS Zumbathon 2 – 4 PM OHS Gym
24 Fatherhood Football Fellowship 4:25 PM at Park Avenue School	25 Grades 8-12—12:30 PM Dismissal - Parent Conference 1:15 PM—4:00 PM	26 Parent Conference Grades 8-12, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	27 Thanksgiving Recess 12:30 PM. Dismissal	28 Thanksgiving Day District Closed	29 Thanksgiving Recess District Closed	30

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



See flyer below for district academic competitions or visit: [Academic Competition Experience webpage on the district website.](#)

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Great American Spellcheck Project Fundraiser for Reading initiatives 1-8 10/7/13  
He Said She Said: Public Speaking Competition 3-7 12/2/13  
Mathquest Secondary 8-12 1/6/14  
Spelling Bee of Champions 1-8 and The WEE Bee PK-K 2/8/14  
History Bee 5-9 3/3/14  
Mathquest Intermediate 4-7 4/7/14  
TRYMathlon 1-3 4/28/14\*  
CSI: Competitive Science Investigation 4-7 5/5/14  
WOAH: Write Out of American History: A Writer's Festival PK-12 6/7/14

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# OBOE-Mail Blast



November 22, 2013

VOLUME 3, NUMBER 11



### Thanksgiving Recess:

- Wednesday, November 27, 2013  
12:30 PM Dismissal
- Thursday, November 28, 2013  
District Closed for Thanksgiving
- Friday, November 29, 2013  
District Closed



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### Parent Teacher Conferences for Grades 8 - 12

- Monday, November 25: Grades 8-12, 12:30 p.m. Dismissal, Parent Conference, 1:15 - 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 26: Grades 8-12, Parent Conference, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.



## Calling All Men - Fatherhood Football Fellowship



On Sunday, November 24, 2013 at 4:00 p.m., the district will sponsor the final football event of the year. All are invited to join the festivities, watching the game on a large screen TV, having children, ages 6-12, entertained with video and board games, as well as other

activities. There will also be free books for children, valuable information on job opportunities and more.

The Fatherhood Football Fellowship is part of Orange Township School District's effort to increase parental involvement with several unique events targeted to fathers.

As part of the **Calling All Men Campaign**, Mr. Matthew Stevens, responsible for district community relations, has orchestrated this and several other events to engage more dads in school activities.

On the first day of school, Orange participated in the Million Father March where dads walked their children to school. On a monthly basis schools host the Father's Reading Club, inviting dads to come into classrooms on the last Friday of the month to read to students. At the Fatherhood Football Fellowship father's and family members can join together in "fellowship" to watch a Sunday football game at Park Avenue School.

(See flyer below)



## Oakwood Avenue School Family Cultural Feast 2013

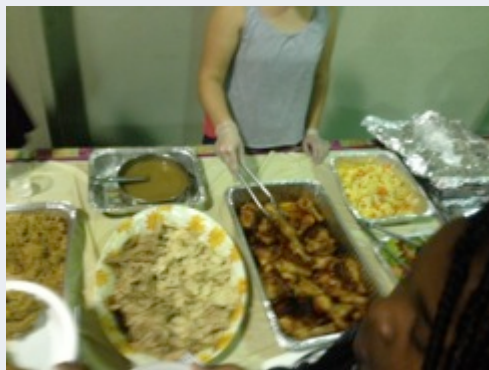


The Oakwood Avenue School Annual Cultural Feast took place on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 (pictured left). The students and their families joined the Oakwood faculty and staff for a

fun filled evening. The Student Leadership Council was the host for the feast. With the support of the Oakwood faculty and staff, Americorps, the Community School and our St. Matthews Mentors the school was able to serve well over 250 people.



Oakwood thanks the "Strings" musicians (pictured above) and the Soaring Eagles Chorus for providing the entertainment for the evening and members of the Yearbook Club who provided the photographs for this article.



The menu consisted of the traditional Thanksgiving turkey and stuffing, as well as other cultural recipes. The banquet tables were filled with rice and peas, collard greens, green beans,

pasta salad, stewed chicken, curried chicken, yams, macaroni & cheese, yellow rice, dirty rice and a variety of desserts. (See picture above left) This social event allowed for a relaxed atmosphere where the Oakwood faculty and staff were able to socialize and get to know the students and their families outside of the academic setting.



**Pictured: Scene from Oakwood's Cultural Feast.**

To the entire Orange Public School District family and friends, have a safe and joyous Thanksgiving.

*Submitted by Ms. Pamela Venable, School Counselor/Student Leadership Council Advisor*





## Orange Township Public School Newcomers Academy



The Orange Township Public School District has expanded its support of English Language Learners (ELL) with the Orange Newcomers Academy. The academy, launched this school year, supports students in grades 4 – 7.

The program serves students new to U.S. schools who have limited

English proficiency. They are placed in the Newcomers Academy for a 9-week intensive English language program at the district's Scholars Academy, located at 268 Capuchin Way in Orange.

The goals of the program are to:

- Develop students' essential English language listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills.
- Assist students with understanding the culture of U.S. schools and community.
- Prepare students with the necessary academic language in critical content courses in language arts, math, science, and social studies.

After completing the 9-weeks of instruction, students return to their school of service.

The Orange School District provides a strong ESL/Bilingual Program with alignment of lessons to the Common Core and WIDA (World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment). English Language Learners are tested annually, through the WIDA ACCESS, (Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State) to measure their English language acquisition.

For more information visit: [Bilingual/ESL Programs on the district's website.](#)

Contributed to by Franklin Tafur, Newcomers Academy Coordinator



## New Date for the "He Said, She Said Public Speaking Competition"



Students in grades 3 – 7 have more time to prepare for the *He Said, She Said Public Speaking Competition*, which has been rescheduled for **Monday, January 13, 2014**, at Heywood Avenue School, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

This public speaking challenge features: [Prepared Speeches](#), [Extemporaneous Speeches](#) and [Technology Assisted Speeches](#). "He Said, She Said" is a perfect opportunity for students to develop speaking and presentation skills, to acquire knowledge on topical issues and to improve writing and critical thinking skills. For more information visit the [Academic Competition Experience](#) page on the district's website.



## OPA Students Make a Drug Free Pledge for Red Ribbon Week



During Red Ribbon Week, October 23 – October 31, 2013, Orange Preparatory Academy (OPA) students made a pledge to be drug free. Each student signed the pledge card, "A healthy me is drug free," which is posted in the main

corridor at OPA, acknowledging strong student sentiment. The pledge is part of a national program which seeks to educate youth and encourage participation in drug prevention activities.

Since 1988, the National Family Partnership has sponsored the National Red Ribbon Celebration in honor of slain DEA Agent Enrique Camarena. For 25 years, the campaign has reached millions of children and families across the U.S. This pledge will be on display for the entire month of November.



Pictured: Red Ribbon Pledge display at OPA



Submitted by Malika Berry, School Social Worker



## Career Day at the Prosecutor's Office

On November 20, Cleveland Street School and Rosa Parks Community School students (pictured below) participated in the Essex County Prosecutor's Project I CAN. They were chosen to participate by Mr. Vernon Pullins, Student Support Services Supervisor, and Mr. Matthew Stevens district Community Relations. Cleveland Street School Social Worker, Carol Lukoff, Rosa Parks Community School Counselor, Natasha Murphy, and the District Student Assistance Coordinator, Jacob Martin, escorted students to the Essex County Prosecutor's Office.



**Pictured: Scene from Essex County Prosecutor's Office during Project I CAN**

Project I CAN is a "career day" program geared towards students in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades. Students had the opportunity to learn about the judicial system and how law enforcement plays an integral role in government. They had the opportunity to meet several New Jersey government officials such as Acting Prosecutor, Carolyn Murray, and The Honorable Judge Sherry Hutchins. Students learned about the voting process from Superintendent of Elections Kathy Sumter. They used a real voting machine to cast their vote for their favorite superhero on the ballot. This was an exciting opportunity for the students. The Essex County Prosecutors office will host another event on Thursday, December 19.

*Submitted by Natasha Murphy, School Counselor*



**Pictured: Scenes from Project I CAN school trip.**



## Seton Hall University Teams Up with Forest Street for Student Achievement

On October 20, Seton Hall University and their mascot (the Pirate) visited Forest Street School to kick off a program to honor Student Achievement. The program was an incentive plan, developed in collaboration with Seton Hall University, that gave Forest Street School's students in grades 3-7 the opportunity to earn a free Seton Hall University Men's Basketball ticket, after they completed 5 books and book tickets, as part of the *Follow the Reader District Book Challenge*. The program ran from the start of the District Book Challenge through November 6. After November 7, approximately 20 students received the basketball tickets.

During the event, the Pirate posed for pictures, interacted with the students and distributed SHU mugs for every child. Forest Street School is proud of the Seton Hall Student Achievers and hopes that students continue reading.



**Pictured: Seton Hall representative shares details of the program.**

Forest Street thanks Seton Hall University and the Pirate for visiting and for collaborating with Forest in helping students reach their goals! This event was truly one for the court! Go Pirates and Go Team Forest!





**Pictured: Forest's Basketball players and Cheerleaders (along with coaches) pose with Seton Hall's Pirate!**



**Pictured: Seton Hall's Pirate revs up Forest's students for the challenge.**

*Submitted by Ms. Christina Rivera, Library Media Specialist*



## **Ronald McDonald House Visits Forest Street School for Character Education Assembly**



On November 20th, as part of Forest's Character Education Assemblies, the Ronald McDonald House visited Forest Street School and presented their "Character Counts" program to students in grades Pre-K-4th. Ronald McDonald (pictured left) led the program.



**Pictured: Ronald selects staff and students to participate in a game to demonstrate the pillar of "Fairness".**

Students and staff participated in Ronald's program and covered topics from trustworthiness to fairness - key pillars in Character Development Education. The program was enjoyed by all and students learned a lot from Ronald's presentation.

Forest Street would like to thank the Ronald McDonald House and Ms. Quiyon Peters, guidance counselor, for hosting and facilitating the event. Forest's students really showed their character!



**Pictured: Ms. Donnerstag (Kindergarten teacher) and Ms. Peters (Guidance Counselor) participate in an activity with Ronald, discussing "Trustworthiness".**

*Submitted by Ms. Christina Rivera, Library Media Specialist*



## Forest Street School Hosts College Awareness Week

The Forest Street School family hosted its Annual College Awareness Week, November 11 - November 15, 2013.

The following colleges/ universities were invited participants for the event:

- Bloomfield College
- Lincoln Tech
- Kean University
- Rowan University
- New Jersey City University
- Essex County College
- The Wight Foundation
- The College of NJ
- Seton Hall University

The representatives from the institutions of higher education spoke with the students, in their classrooms, regarding the importance of education, the various course offerings available, types of financial assistance, effective study habits, along with answering student questions. Each presentation stressed to our students that their choices today will determine their destiny!



**Pictured: 7th Grader, Ma-Ziah Williams, ponders programs at New Jersey City University.**



**Pictured: 4th grade students are actively engaged in reviewing collegiate materials/brochures.**



**Pictured: Mr. Donnelly, ESL teacher, proudly sports his Kean University memorabilia.**

*Submitted by Ms. Christina Rivera, Library Media Specialist*

During our daily morning announcements, students were invited to participate in a college trivia game which highlighted the history and programming of the colleges and universities attended by the staff of Forest. Classroom visits for grades 3-7 convened approximately 40 minutes at a time and included a group/panel discussion with the admissions counselors and students from the respective colleges/universities. This was a life changing experience for our students! The event was coordinated by Mrs. Quiyon N. Peters, School Counselor.



## Orange High School Students to Participate in NJIT Showcase

Orange High School students are participating in the New Jersey Institute of Technology Fall 2013 CCS Capstone Showcase on December 4, from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m., in the Campus Center Atrium. This semester's showcase will feature two entrepreneurship teams with new products to the market, fourteen industry-sponsored projects, a six-department Android development company built and run by high school students and coached by NJIT students and four STEM projects related to education, Hurricane Sandy and surgery. The event will begin with a ribbon cutting by Marek Rusinkiewicz, dean of the College of Computing Sciences. ([NJIT website](#)) (See flyer below)



## Preschool Registration Announced

The Orange Township Public School District announced preschool registration dates for the months of December, January and February. Registration will take place at Orange Early Childhood Center, located at 397 Park Avenue. For more information, call 973 677-4000, ext. 1904 or ext. 1918 (See flyer below).

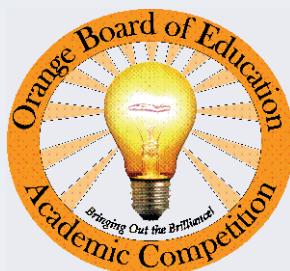


*Calendar of Events*

# November 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesd	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Jeans For Troops Day	<b>7</b> NJEA Convention District Closed	<b>8</b> NJEA Convention District Closed	9
10	<b>11</b> Veteran's Day Keeping it REEL Movie Competition – Harassment Intimidation and Bullying REEL submission	<b>12</b> Monthly Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 PM OPA Auditorium  Marking Period 1 Ends	<b>13</b> Cleveland Street Board Lobby Art Reception, 6 PM  Marking Period 2 Begins	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Only 17 days to go for the “He Said, She Said Public Speaking Competition” <a href="#">Click here!</a>	16
17	<b>18</b> Departmental Meetings 2:30 PM Dismissal for Students	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Grades Pre-K-7 12:30 PM Dismissal - Parent Conference 1:15 PM—4:00 PM	<b>21</b> Grades Pre-K-7 Parent Conference 6:00 PM—8:00 PM	<b>22</b> Father's Reading Club – (Check with home schools for more information)	<b>23</b> OHS Zumbathon 2 – 4 PM OHS Gym
<b>24</b> Fatherhood Football Fellowship 4:00 PM at Park Avenue School	<b>25</b> Grades 8-12 12:30 PM Dismissal Parent Conference 1:15 PM—4:00 PM	<b>26</b> Heywood Avenue School Spelling Bee 9:30 AM  Grades 8-12 Parent Conference 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	<b>27</b> Thanksgiving Recess 12:30 PM. Dismissal	<b>28</b> Thanksgiving Day District Closed	<b>29</b> Thanksgiving Recess District Closed	30

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



See flyer below for district academic competitions or visit: [Academic Competition Experience webpage on the district website.](#)



Orange Public Schools  
Presents  
**Fatherhood~Football~Fellowship**



# GIANTS VS. COWBOYS

## Sunday ~ Nov 24, 2013

**We're Asking Fathers To Join Us**

**Watch the game on a  
100-Foot TV Screen**  
(Game Starts at 4 p.m.)

Obtain **FREE** children's  
books to build a home library

**Children ages 6 – 12 play video,  
board and light recreation games**

Local employment & men's health  
information available

**Who's The Best In the East?**



**Location & Time**  
**Park Ave School**  
231 Park Ave, Orange, NJ  
4:00 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Please RSVP by contacting  
Matt Stevens, Dept. of Special Programs  
(973) 677-4500 (6086) [Stevenma@mail.orange.k12.nj.us](mailto:Stevenma@mail.orange.k12.nj.us)  
[www.Orange.K12.NJ.US](http://www.Orange.K12.NJ.US)





DATE: TUESDAY  
NOVEMBER 26, 2013

TIME: 9:30AM

LOCATION: HEYWOOD AVE. SCHOOL  
AUDITORIUM

 NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY PRESENTS

# CCCS CAPSTONE

PRESENTED AT CAMPUS CENTER ATRIUM  
12.04.13



# ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL

## THE GREAT GATSBY

DECEMBER 5-7

Orange Prep Academy

AUDITORIUM

7:00 PM EACH NIGHT

2:00 PM Matinee Dec 7

*Call for Tickets/Info*  
973-677-4000 x5665

**GENERAL ADMISSION: \$7**  
**STUDENTS/SENIORS: \$3**





WE ARE TAKING  
MEASURES FOR  
STUDENT GROWTH



Orange Board of  
Education  
Academic Competiton

Invitation to  
Participate



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Academic Competiton  
Bringing Out the Brilliance

Short Order Book: A Writing Challenge 5-12 9/9/13-12/6/13

The REEL Deal Short Movie Challenge 5-12 9/9/13-12/6/13

Follow The Reader Book Challenge PK-12 **10/21/13-5/15/14**

Great American Spellcheck Project Fundraiser for Reading initiatives 1-8 10/7/13

He Said She Said: Public Speaking Competition 3-7 **1/13/2014**

Mathquest Secondary 8-12 1/6/14

Spelling Bee of Champions 1-8 and The WEE Bee PK-K 2/8/14

History Bee 5-9 3/3/14

Mathquest Intermediate 4-7 4/7/14

TRYMathlon 1-3 4/28/14\*

CSI: Competitive Science Investigation 4-7 5/5/14

WOAH: Write Out of American History: A Writer's Festival PK-12 6/7/14

Check Website for Catalog and Registration Details  
as dates are subject to change  
[www.orange.k12.nj.us](http://www.orange.k12.nj.us)

973-677-4000 EXT 6038  
[stewarer@orange.k12.nj.us](mailto:stewarer@orange.k12.nj.us)

# 2013 Essex County Holiday Lights Spectacular



**FREE ADMISSION!!**

5 to 9 PM

November 29 & 30; December 1

December 6 to January 1

*Closed December 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>*

Essex County South Mountain Recreation Complex

Essex County Turtle Back Zoo

560 Northfield Avenue, West Orange

973-731-5800 ~ [www.essexcountynj.org](http://www.essexcountynj.org)

*Carousel Rides are \$2*

*Sponsored by PSE&G, Covanta Energy,  
The Essex County Parks Foundation  
and The Zoological Society of New Jersey*

*Donations of non-perishable food; new, unwrapped toys; and  
new & gently used winter coats for the needy are appreciated.*





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## **PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION**

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- **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 be included in their lease agreement. Notarized letters stating you rent a room/apartment/house will not be accepted.**

**Registration Days:            WEDNESDAYS**  
**December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**January 2014 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>**

**February 2014 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>**

**TIME: 10A.M. – 1:00P.M.**

**Last sign in 12:30pm**

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

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***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 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: Miercoles Diciembre 4, 11, 18, 2013**

**Enero 15, 22, 29, 2014**

**Febrero 5, 12, 2014**

**10:00am. - 1:00 p.m.**

**Tiene que firmar antes de las 12:30pm**

**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.**

[Please click here to send comments or questions.](#)