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## A New Look for the OBOE-Mail Blast

Welcome to the revised Orange Board of Education weekly newsletter, the OBOE-Mail Blast. We have modified the appearance of the weekly district newsletter and welcome your feedback regarding the new format. More updates to the document are planned, for this school year, stay-tuned.



## Calling All Parents, On the First Day of School

The Orange Public School District is "Calling All Parents" for the opening of school. On Monday, September 8, when the district welcomes back 10th, 11th and 12th grade students, parents are invited to accompany their children to school. Parents who register at our tables will receive a "Calling All Parents" T-shirt, while supplies last (one per family).

On Tuesday, September 9, the district welcomes back students in Pre-K through grade 9, and again parents are invited to escort their children to school, meet school staff and community volunteers and receive a T-shirt.

The "Calling All Parents" walk your child to school has expanded from the "Calling All Men" back-to-school effort conducted in the past. Mothers, fathers or guardians can be recognized for supporting their children on the first day of school. "Calling All Parents" is part of the district's plan to increase parental involvement and engage more parents in school and student activities. With the collection of contact information, the district will reach-out to school families with unique programs, in an effort to make schools more inviting and provide the necessary support to improve student academic achievement.



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## 2014-2015 Superintendent's Forum



On September 2, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, welcomed over 800 staff members to the 2014 -2015 school year, at the annual Superintendent's

Forum, "Putting the Pieces Together". The highlight of the annual event was the presence by Dr. Bill Cosby, a surprise guest who inspired the audience.



**Orange Dance Conservatory.**

The program opened with a repertoire by the Orange Dance Conservatory, directed by Ms. Deborah Rembert, one of the district's renowned dance educators. Her students gave a rousing performance to the packed Orange Preparatory Academy auditorium.

Before the main agenda items of the morning, Mrs. Belinda Smiley offered welcome remarks and asked for a moment of silence for paraprofessional, Jannie Young, who recently passed away. This tribute was followed by several speakers: the Board of Education president, Mrs. Patricia A. Arthur, the new president of the Orange Education Association, Mr. William Nussbaum and the president of the Orange Administrators and Supervisors Association, Ms. Faith Alcantara. Their messages were expressions of encouragement and anticipation for a successful school year.



Prior to Dr. Cosby's introduction by the honorable Mayor Dwayne Warren, 4th grader Tamyra Rumble (pictured left) recited, "Strength and Decency" by Theodore Roosevelt, a speech reprised from her winning

recital in the district's "He Said, She Said" competition. When she concluded, Superintendent Lee proudly stated, "This is what our great work is about," and asked her accompanying parent to also stand and take a bow. Tamyra had the enviable position of being the "opening act" for Dr. Cosby.



**Dr. Bill Cosby.**

Dr. Cosby was led to a seat on stage and spoke candidly to the audience about educating today's youth, the responsibilities of teachers, school administrators and parents. He addressed the ills of some communities and offered advice to counter negative behavior by modeling appropriate community responses. Before ending his discussion, he stated, "We have to save our children, we have to save our future."

Dr. Cosby was applauded for his attendance and remarks. Superintendent Lee thanked Mayor Warren and the city for facilitating his appearance, stating, "He's the one who made it happen." He thanked Dr. Cosby for dropping by to give his thoughts, adding, "I don't know what we are going to do next year."

The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to business matters. Superintendent Lee unveiled his 2014-2015 Goals and Objectives: Improve Student Learning, Communications/Community Relations and Financial Management and Facilities. He covered these areas after stressing one key item for the Orange School District to focus on this school year. It was aptly illustrated in the “Putting the Pieces Together” puzzle image that served as a theme for his forum. He reviewed several “pieces”, such as “Rigorous Curriculum” and “Innovative Programs” and said the one “piece” we haven’t stressed enough is “Family Advocacy”, to make our schools more inviting to our parents and show our students and their families that we care. “Family Advocacy is difficult to measure, but when you do it, it goes a long way.” Additionally, Superintendent Lee will advance this effort with a series of parental engagement initiatives, including a “Parent Academy” and support for school parent/teacher organizations. He detailed achievement targets for the year and reviewed the major initiatives/accomplishments achieved by individual schools.



**New Teacher Exemplar Award recipients.**

To acknowledge the work effort of staff, awards were given in a number of categories representing the levels of commitment and service to the students in the Orange School District. This much anticipated segment of the forum was a celebration of the district’s accomplished staff. The award categories and those nominated and accepted by the district cabinet, based on written descriptions of the staff’s achievement, are presented below:



**Support Staff Exemplar Award recipients.**



**Paraprofessional Exemplar Award recipients.**



**Perfect Attendance Award recipients.**



**Mentorship Award recipient.**



**Family Advocacy Award recipients.**



**Innovation Award recipients.**



**Best Practices Award recipients.**



**Spirit Award recipients.**



**Team Player Award recipients.**



**Shining Star Award recipients.**



**Technology Integration Award recipients.**



**Life Long Learner Award recipients.**



**Leadership Award recipients.**

<b>Awards</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Position</b>
New Teacher Exemplar	Samantha Rosado	Rosa Parks	Teacher-Health/P.E.
	Leah Baguidy	Cleveland	Teacher-Kindergarten
Support Staff Exemplar	Tyrone Dorsey	District	Food Services Manager
	Maribel Montalvo	OHS	Secretary
	Simone Davis	Cleveland	Secretary
	Augustin Benitez	OHS	Custodian
	Elsie Green	Park	Security Guard
	Juliana Perez	Cleveland	Security Guard
	Jacques Narcisse	District	PCI Manager Of Custodial
	Evelyn Fernandez	Heywood	Custodian
	Milton Hooker	Heywood	Custodian
	Luis Solano	OHS	Custodian
Paraprofessional Exemplar	Renee Rodgers	Forest	Secretary
	Julie Antoine	Heywood	
	Debbie Moore	Heywood	
Perfect Attendance	Arlene Freeman	Cleveland	
	Jenefer Campbell	Rosa Parks	Teacher-1st Grade
	Sandra Johnson	Oakwood	Security Guard
Mentorship	David Guglietti	OPA	Teacher-Health/P.E.
	Jennifer Moran	OPA	Teacher-Math
	Shalice Toney	OPA	Teacher-ELA
	Jose Valdez	OPA	Teacher-Math
	Mary Ellen Berberich	Early Childhood	Paraprofessional
	Jacquelyn Blanton	District	Supervisor-ECC
	Dr. Paula Howard	District	Deputy Superintendent
	Robert Coles,	Park	Teacher-Spec. Ed
	Valerie Vazquez	Heywood	Teacher-Resource
	Stephanie Ross	OHS	Teacher-ESL
Family Advocacy	OPA	OPA	Secretary
	Jason Belton	CIAO	Principal
	Bernard Rawls	Heywood	Teacher-Spec. Ed.
	Erin-Leigh Van Orden	Heywood	Teacher-music
	Luke Russo	OHS	Teacher-Social Studies
Innovation	Jonathan Rosenthal	OHS	Teacher-Science
	Nazi Badruddin	OHS	Teacher-Culinary Arts
	Lynda Jackson	Cleveland	Teacher-Kindergarten
	Ester Lawal	Rosa Parks	Teacher - Gr 3 Math
	Elizabeth Tague	Heywood	Teacher-Math
Shining Star	Chelsey Lipinski	Rosa Parks	Teacher-5/6 Gr SS
	Devonii Reid	Park	Assistant Principal
	Dr. Kelisha Morgan	OHS	Co-Principal
Life Long Learner	Dr. Cayce Cummins	Cleveland	Principal
	Dr. Tina Powell	District	Director Math/Science
	Saundra Gray	District	Supervisor P/E
	Gianna Pasceri	District	Teacher Coach Gr 3-5
Best Practices	Nicole Syperski	Lincoln	Guidance Counselor
	Darryl Smith	OPA	Guidance Counselor
Significant Improvement/Turnaround	Michael Hanley	OHS	Teacher-SS
	Erin Gavigan	OHS	Teacher-Math
	Carol Lukoff	Cleveland	Guidance Counselor
Team Player	Kathleen Gengaro	OPA	Teacher-SS
	Brian Lew	OHS	Teacher-Math
Technology Integration	Jose Valdez	OPA	Teacher-Math
	Tammy Baldwin	OPA	Teacher-PE
	Mohammed Abdelaziz	OHS	Asst. Prin./Athl. Dir.
Leadership	Ketsia Jean-Baptiste	Cleveland	Teacher
	Lisa Catanzarite	Rosa Parks	Teacher
	April Stokes	Heywood	Teacher
	Bernice Budha	OHS	Technology Coord.
	Mary Karriem	Lincoln	Paraprofessional

Before the eventful morning closed, the Superintendent presented his “Superintendent’s Award”, to the following:

Tina Powell	Director -Math	District
David Milnes	Choral Director	OHS
Faith Alcantara	Co-Principal	OHS
Kalisha Morgan	Co-Principal	OHS

He then thanked all for their attention and presented a video montage to “Yes You Can” by Donnie McClurkin, led by memorial slides of departed employees: Deborah Moore, Henry Fagan and Jannie Young.



**Superintendent's Award recipients.**

## For Your Information



and what it takes to participate in the business academy. Classes for the Community Business Academy are taught in English and Spanish. See the flyer below for additional information.

Rising Tide Capital, one of the Orange Public School District's partners, is holding a free information session for their “Community Business Academy”, tomorrow, Saturday, September 6, from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM at Rosa Parks Community School, located at 369 Main Street. If you are interested in starting your own business, please join Rising Tide Capital to learn about this 12-week adult education program. During the session, you will get an overview of their non-profit organization

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## **Welcome Back Students**

### **Opening Day at OHS and CIAO**



**Students on their way to OHS.**

On September 8, 10th through 12th grade students returned to school at Orange High School (OHS) and the Career and Innovation Academy of Orange (CIAO). Students had to put their electronics and cell phones away as they entered the building in approved school attire ([See Student Dress Policy on district website](#)).

For many it was a day of “firsts”. The 10th grade students were transitioning from their academic groundwork at Orange Preparatory Academy and there were many new students attending Orange schools for the first time.

At OHS students gathered in the gym to receive their schedules and left for their assigned course. At CIAO students got acclimated to their new classes and instructors.

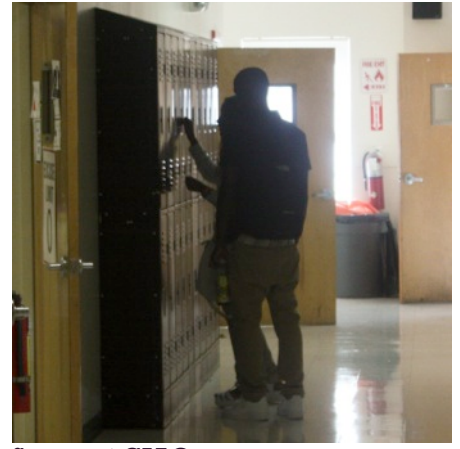
Superintendent of Schools, Ronald C. Lee was on hand to greet students, along with school administrators, Co-Principal Jason Belton and Co-Principal Dr. Kalisha Morgan, Assistant Principal Dana Gains and Assistant Principal Mohammed Abdelaziz. District administrators, led by Deputy Superintendent Dr. Paula Howard, were also present to welcome all to a new school year. “We are pleased with opening day,” said Superintendent Lee, “Our students are following new scheduling routines with relatively few missteps and I congratulate the school for the preparation and our students for their responsiveness.”



**Students gather in the OHS gym, before receiving their schedules.**



**Students receive their schedules at OHS.**



**Scene at CIAO.**

## **Pre-K Through Grade 9 Students Head Back to School**

There was much activity on September 9 when approximately 5,000 students, their parents and school staff greeted each other to mark the first day of school for students in Pre-K through grade 9. There were some tears being shed, as 3 and 4 year olds entered school for the first time. At each of the district's elementary schools students moved from lower to upper grades with anticipation and Orange Preparatory Academy welcomed 8th graders from across the district. At Scholars Academy, the Orange Early Childhood Center added three additional Pre-K classes.

Each school had special procedures for gathering their students and leading them to their classrooms. At several schools students gathered on the "black-top" and collected by class, to be escorted inside by their teachers. Several schools assembled students for reviews of the "Code of Contact", highlighting the school dress policy, tardiness, attendance and such things as plagiarism.



**Principal Alcantara greets parent at Heywood Avenue School.**



**Students receive instruction at Heywood Avenue School.**

At Orange Preparatory Academy there was a convocation for each class. The 9th graders heard a discussion regarding their status as high school students. They met their new principal, Ms. Aretha Malloy, who gave them a frank discussion on her expectations for a successful school year. Students also heard from Assistant Principals Noel Cruz, Carrie Halstead and Samantha Sica Fossella. The convocation closed after the viewing of a video "Allergic to Average" by motivational speaker Eric Thomas. Technology Coordinator, Ms. Tara Phipps, introduced the video with comments regarding the use of "shut-up". The term is not condoned by OPA, however, in context of the video, the value of the message outweighed the use of the expression.



**Superintendent Lee addresses students at Lincoln Avenue School.**



**Lincoln's Principal, Denise White, solicits questions from students.**



**OPA Principal Aretha Malloy addresses 9th grade students during convocation.**



**Oakwood students and teachers on the first day of school.**



**OECC students and teachers, at Scholars Academy, on the first day of school.**

## “Calling All Parents” On Opening Day



OHS parents sign-in for “Calling All Parents” T-shirts from teacher, Ms. Wells.

The Orange Public School District held a “Calling All Parents” event at the opening of each school. Parents who accompanied their children to school, and registered at tables set up at each facility, received a “Calling All Parents” T-shirt. Volunteers from the community, local churches and school staff manned the tables, asking parents for their names and contact information. The district coordinated the sign-in, working with each school and “A Few Good Men” working group. The Orange Public School District sought to acknowledge parents for the role they play in the educational lives of their children, by reaching out to them on the first day of school. “Calling All Parents” is part of the district’s plan to increase parental involvement and engage more parents in school and student activities. Future initiatives are planned for parents in during the 2014-2015 school year.



Heywood parents get their “Calling All Parents” T-shirts from PTO parents, volunteers and Superintendent Lee.



Forest Street volunteers with coordinator, Reggie Miller (A Few Good Men); Principal Yancisca Cooke, Assistant Principal Dr. John Young and students.

## September Board of Education Meeting

The Monthly Board of Education meeting was held on September 9. The Orange Early Childhood Center (OECC) students welcomed guests by opening the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance by Chukwuezugo Aluka and Hanna Hutchinson. They performed several lively tunes, “If You are Happy and You Know It”, and “Happy” by Farrell Williams. The audience was delighted at how enthusiastic the students were, given that it was their first day of school. Board President Patricia Arthur thanked them for a wonderful job and Supervisor of Early Childhood, Ms. Jacquelyn Blanton, thanked her students, parents and her staff for their outstanding support.



**OECC students at the September 9 meeting (left); Mrs. Marable with Principals Faith Alcantara and Karen Machuca.**

The meeting included three presentations. First, Mrs. Eyesha Marable, Local Implementation Manager for Activity Works, presented a gift to principals of participating schools and awarded select staff members gift cards for their involvement in the Johnson & Johnson physical fitness program, Activity Works, for grades K to 3. Mr. Vernon Pullins, Supervisor of Guidance, followed with a review of the most recent Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report for the district.



**Mr. Charles McKenna, SDA CEO and Superintendent Lee.**

Next, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, presented the “Cleveland Street Elementary School/OHS Addition and Renovation Project” based on the plans outlined with the Schools Development Authority (SDA). In his talk, Mr. Lee reviewed the extensive overhauls and additions to the two schools and the time line to complete the projects. Superintendent Lee was pleased to have by his side, during his presentation, Mr. Charles McKenna, the Chief Executive Officer of the SDA, as a show of support and to field questions and concerns from the audience.

Superintendent Lee gave a brief Superintendent's Report, covering the first day of school and the "Calling All Parents" event, before acknowledging the Parent of the Month, representing the Orange Early Childhood Center, Ms. Leandra Martinez. She was presented with a certificate for her contributions to the school. ***She is pictured below with her daughter, Supervisor Blanton, Board President Arthur and Superintendent Lee.***



Ms. Martinez is a very involved parent in Mrs. Hutchinson and Mrs. Puryear's class. She is a class parent who is always willing to lend a helping hand and often stays in the classroom in the morning to assist children in need of help with breakfast, zipping up coats or however she can help. Whenever there is an event in the classroom, Ms. Martinez is the first to sign up to support the cause. She is very interested in her daughter's education and participates in activities that involve her educational growth. Ms. Martinez makes sure

that all of her daughter's homework activities are complete, taking the assignments to another level. She is very creative in the way that she presents concepts to her daughter and shares her creative skills with the class. She was part of the Latino Family Literacy Program at OECC, which allowed her to further her educational growth, and learn new strategies to help her daughter grow as well.

## School Administrators – Additions and Changes

The Orange Public School District congratulates and welcomes two school administrators. At the August 27 Board of Education meeting, Ms. Aretha Malloy was announced as the new principal at Orange Preparatory Academy.

Ms. Stefanie Matthews was announced as a new Assistant Principals at Orange High School. She replaced Mr. Oliverto Agosto, Jr. who is now Assistant Principal at Rosa Parks Community School (RPCS).

Rounding out additional changes to the school leadership teams are the following:

- OHS Co-Principals: Dr. Kalisha Morgan and Mr. Jason Belton
- Heywood Avenue Principal: Ms. Faith Alcantara (formerly Co-Principal at Orange High School)
- Scholars Academy/Orange Early Childhood Center Principal: Mrs. Karen Machuca (formerly Principal at Heywood Avenue School)
- Lincoln Avenue Assistant Principal: Ms. Isabel Colon (formerly Assistant Principal at (RPCS).

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## KP Carter

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Director of English Language Arts

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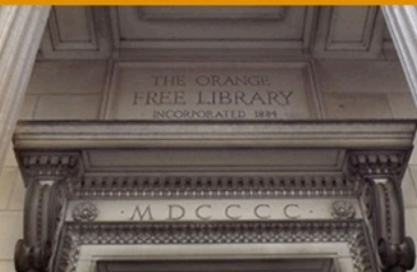
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### Heywood Avenue School's Back To School Night



On September 11, Heywood Avenue School held its Back-to-School Night to introduce parents to the new school year and learn, first hand, about Heywood's curriculum and programs. The evening began with an introduction by Principal Faith Alcantara (*pictured left*) in the auditorium. She gave an overview of the school's expectations, introduced her faculty, staff and Assistant Principal, Mr. Gerald Murphy, before outlining the sequence for classroom visits with teachers and meeting with the various school "specials" (music, dance, world language, physical education, etc.). Parents were given a glimpse of their child's daily school routine and had an

opportunity to meet other parents, learn about required forms to be filled out, school contact information and afterschool care.



Heywood teachers meet with parents in the classroom and were available to discuss special support, such as English as a Second Language.

Back-to-School Nights are scheduled for each district school (See calendar below) and is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen the home-school connection. These events serve as an opportunity to orient parents to school procedures, introduce them to their child's teachers and learn about district curriculum and school programs. At each Back to School Night, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Paula Howard and or Superintendent Ronald C. Lee were present.

## Forest Street School Headlines Two Nights for Back-To-School



At Forest Street School's Back-to-School Night on September 15, Principal Yansisca Cooke and Assistant Principal, Dr. John Young, addressed parents, presenting guiding principals concerning "Attainment", "Achievement" and "Attendance". Additionally, Principal Cooke asked Supervisor of Science, Ms. Erika Hackett, to address the audience about the district's science program and the Greenhouse being installed at the school site. She noted that Orange is one of the only districts in the state to have a hands-on, living classroom facility, as part of their expanded science curriculum. Orange

High School's greenhouse has been in operation for over a year and serves as a model for the Forest Street School. Ms. Cooke also asked parents to use laptops, set up in the multipurpose room, to complete the "School Climate Survey" and had ESL teacher, Mr. William Donnelly, discuss their *Box Tops for Education*® initiative. On September 16, families of students in grades 5 through 7 were presented with similar information.



Parents complete "School Climate Survey" during Back To School Night (top left). Forest teachers meet with parents in the classroom, after parents signed-in and received student class schedules (top right and bottom).

## Lincoln Avenue School Holds Two Sessions on September 17 for Back To School Night



When parents entered the Lincoln Avenue school, on September 17, they had the opportunity to participate in a fundraising event (*pictured left*) to benefit the school. They also received handouts with pertinent information regarding parent engagement to advance student learning. Parents of K through grade 4 students gathered in the gymnasium at 5:00 p.m. for an overview from Principal Denise White and Assistant Principals Patrick Yearwood and Isabel Colon. Teachers were introduced by grade levels, and then headed to their classrooms to prepare for parent visits. The school nurse, Ms. Lisa Farrar, reminded parents of younger students to update their child's immunization records, if they had not already done so, and Ms. Colon outlined the new dismissal procedures for kindergarten students. At 6:30 p.m., the second session, for students in grades 5 – 7, began.



Principal White and Assistant Principal Yearwood address parents (left) Assistant Principal Colon (center) reviews procedures. Nurse Farrar informs parents (right).



Ms. M. Bligen welcomes parents to her 4th grade class (left). Ms. R. Morrisroe meets parent in her 1st grade class.

## NJTV To Report on Arts at Orange High School



**Madeline Orton, NJTV Arts Correspondent**

Madeline Orton, Arts Correspondent for *NJTV News with Mary Alice Williams*, visited Orange High School on September 17, to interview Mr. Peter Crosta, Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts. He escorted her to multiple arts classrooms to view, first hand, student engagement in the performing arts, followed by a visit to an art classroom to see the work created by students.



**Ms. Orton films the AP Music Theory Class.**

Ms. Orton first called on Mr. David Milnes' AP Music Theory class where students were engaged in lessons about minor scales, followed by a visit to Ms. Tosha Brown's intermediate dance class. Her students performed as they learned a classic Alvin Ailey dance piece, "Revelations", incorporating lessons in timing, aplomb and stage presence.

## FYI

On Wednesday, September 24, 2014, the Orange Public School District will have a Professional Development Day. All students will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m. Parents are asked to have their children picked-up on time.

Before leaving OHS for an interview at the Orange Preparatory Academy auditorium, Ms. Orton stopped by Mr. Christopher Cosmillo's art class where he showed her samples of work his students had created.



**Ms. Orton films the Intermediate Dance Class**

Mr. Crosta was interviewed about the extensiveness of arts education in Orange and the benefits to students. The planned report will be aired at a future date on NJTV.



**Ms. Orton films artwork in Mr. Cosmillo's classroom.**

## Orange Tornadoes To Pay Tribute to the Late Former Head Football Coach Nicholas C. Varanelli

*(Submitted by Assistant Principal Mohammed Abdelaziz)*



Mr. Nicholas C. Varanelli, former district faculty and football coach, passed away at home in Lakewood, NJ, on July 22, 2014, at the age of 66. He was employed as a teacher with the Orange Board of Education for over 30 years and served as Head Football Coach for the Orange High School (OHS) Tornadoes for five seasons, from 1990-94, compiling a 25-20-1 record. One of his OHS players was Terrell Willis, a running back who later starred at Rutgers University. In Willis' senior season, in the fall 1991, the OHS Tornadoes fashioned an impressive 8-1 record, averaging 30.1 points a game while allowing an average of just 10.2 points a game.

The Orange HS Mighty Tornadoes will be playing this season in remembrance of Coach Varanelli and have placed a decal on each of their helmets with the letters "NV".

Mr. Varanelli was born and raised in Orange. He also worked for the Essex County Educational Services Commission in Fairfield before retiring in 2012.

He is the beloved husband of Susan (nee Patterson); loving step-father of Kevin Intrabartolo and his wife Elia, Kimberly McGillen and her husband Robert; loving father of Nicholas Varanelli, Jr. and his wife Jaclyn, Lisa and Gina Varanelli; dear brother Johanna Albanese and her husband Dr. Timothy; cherished grandfather of five and also survived by many loving nieces nephews and cousins.

At the September 26 home game against Columbia High School, which begins at 7:00 p.m., the Tornadoes will have a "moment of silence" for Coach Varanelli, a coach who loved the game of football and, more importantly, the children of Orange.

## Oakwood Avenue School Principal Takes Superintendent Lee's ALS Challenge *(Submitted by Principal Robert Pettit)*

Superintendent Lee revealed his acceptance of the ALS Challenge at the annual Superintendent's Forum, with a video showing that he acknowledged the task presented by Mr. Peter Crosta, Supervisor of Visual and Performing Art, to complete the ice-bucket challenge benefitting the cause of ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. Mr. Crosta had accepted a challenge from OHS Choral Director, Mr. David Milnes. At the forum, Mr. Lee challenged his school principals.

Oakwood Avenue Community School Principal, Robert Mr. Pettit, accepted Mr. Lee's challenge and successfully completed the ALS ice bucket challenge in the presence of 300+ cheering students, staff members and parents. All watched in wide-eyed admiration as the 5-gallon bucket of ice-cold water was poured on the willing participant.

Mr. Pettit challenged the entire Oakwood Avenue school community to complete the challenge, as well. Teachers used the occasion as a "teachable moment", to discuss ALS disease with their students. "It's all for a good cause and it increases the awareness of this devastating disease," said Mr. Pettit. Oakwood will have a school-wide *Denim Day* in October, and all proceeds will go to support the ALS Association.

[Click here for OHS football schedule.](#)

[Click here for more on ALS.](#)





Students, Jaylyn Ritchards and Nayelis Fernandez prepare the “ice-bucket” (left) and Mr. Pettit addresses his students (right). Below, Mr. Pettit is doused with ice-cold water.



## Oakwood Avenue Community School Receives Donation of Book Bags and Supplies

*(Submitted by Principal Robert Pettit)*



On September 14, the *Jack and Jill Organization*, facilitated by member Margret Cunningham (*pictured left in file photo*) donated book bags filled with supplies to the Oakwood Avenue Community School. Mr. Robert Pettit, Principal, Rachel Bland, Community School Coordinator, and the Honorable Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq. were on hand at the Orange Boat Pavilion, during *Jack and Jill's* tribute commemorating the anniversary of the church bombing in

Birmingham Alabama, which gave rise to the Civil Rights movement.

Mr. Pettit proudly accepted the generous donation in memory of Carole Robertson and the other young ladies who lost their lives that day (Addie Mae Collins, Cynthia Wesley and Denise McNair). He thanked Mrs. Cunningham, all members of *Jack and Jill* and the Orange community for their contribution to the students and families of Oakwood Avenue School.



**Mr. Robert Pettit is shown with members of *Jack and Jill* (left in file photo) and thanking the members (right in file photo) for the donation.**

## **Proud Parents and Staff Kick Off First Board Lobby Art Show for the 2014-2015 School Year**

The Monthly Board of Education art opening was held on September 17. Students, attending various Orange Early Childhood facilities in the district, were honored with certificates presented by their teachers for the wonderful artwork on display. Ms. Jacquelyn Blanton, Supervisor of Early Childhood, along with Superintendent of Schools Ronald C. Lee and the Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, Mr. Peter Crosta, welcomed families and congratulated the budding artists for their talents and creativity.

The work includes finger-painting, shapes, lines, portraits and more, and was a sense of pride for teachers and parents, as students were applauded. Ms. Blanton thanked parents for entrusting their children to the care of the staff and thanked the staff for the work that went into the exhibit.

The artwork will be on display through the end of the month and members of the community are invited to visit the lobby exhibit at the Board of Education Administrative Offices, 451 Lincoln Avenue, during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



**OECC staff and students enjoy the art opening (left). Sample of the art display (right).**



**OECC staff enjoys the art opening (left). Supervisor Jacquelyn Blanton (center). Mr. Lee as Mr. Crosta (right).**

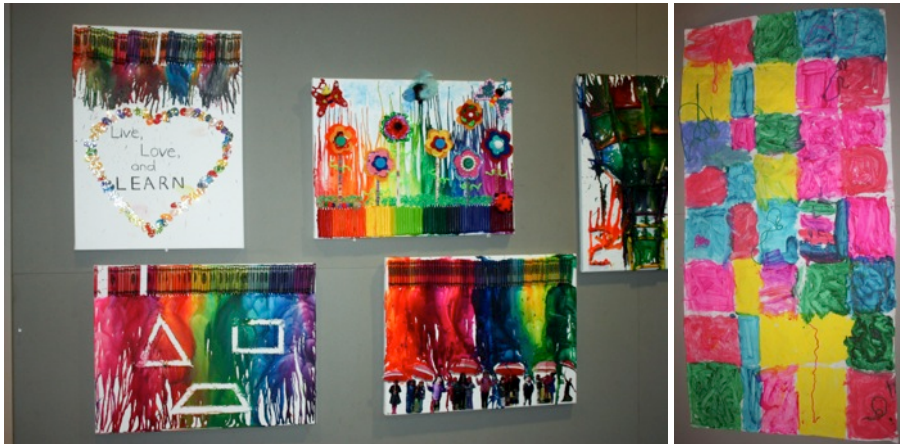
**Students with Artwork on Display**

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<p><b>Ms. Elias (Oakwood)</b> Shanice DePass Nailah Hill Riley Stewart Norman Tito</p>	<p><b>Ms. Oshuntolo (OECC)</b> Yvianne Alexandre Sydney Brown Alicia Gang Samanta Giraud Phoebe Opeywa</p>	<p><b>Ms. Springer (Heywood)</b> Chukwuezug Aluka Damian Arredondo Audelo Hailey Blackwood Abby Gonzalez Brandon Ocean</p>
<p><b>Ms. Jethwa (Heywood)</b> Christian Carson Amina Dalce Carlos Jean Charles Abdias Mervil Uchechi Ohabuiro Angela Suppa</p>	<p><b>Ms. Mesidor-Vincent (OECC)</b> Charity Cummings Shaman Drinkard-Lops Michael Lassiter Berlineda Merceda Guerdeline Phanord</p>	<p><b>Ms. Gavilanez (Forest)</b> Miley Arriba Stephany Menjivar Jaden Mohan Brandon Neal Omar Oakley Allison Rojas</p>
<p><b>Ms. Unger (OECC)</b> Toni Cranshaw Rachel Cucufate Angelina Dhanwa Amin Fideen Kevin Gutierrez Abdur Khabir Reynolds Kimberly Tejada</p>	<p><b>Ms. Morales (RPCC)</b> Edwin Abreu Leslie Alvarenga Eliezar Ayala Brandon Chogllo DannaAndrea Dominguez Keyly Marroquin John Morocho Derwin Saquipulla</p>	<p><b>Ms. Raheem (RPCC)</b> Wesley Henry Maleeha Jean Zion Joseph Jeancarlos Menjivar- Perlera Edy Moreno- Hernandez Jenifer Quito Tobo Mya Turner</p>
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**OECC students with their certificates (left) and OECC staff (right).**



**OECC art display.**

## District Refines Mass Notification System

Make sure we have your number!



*Hello, this is the Orange Public School District with a test message.*

The mass notification system, affectionately known as the district's "phone blast", has transitioned to a more refined platform. The Orange Public School District uses the system to inform staff and students about important events, activities, deadlines and emergencies. All parent and staff telephone contact information, obtained during student registration and hiring procedures, have been entered into the new Blackboard Connect system.

It is your responsibility (parents/guardians and staff) to ensure that your school or work location has your current telephone number(s) (home and/or cell phones) in order for the district to communicate vital information to you in a timely manner. As winter approaches, this is even more critical, in the event of school closures.

If you have recently changed your phone number, please inform the school secretary. At the Board of Education building, required changes will be completed by Mr. William Grenger, Database Manager.

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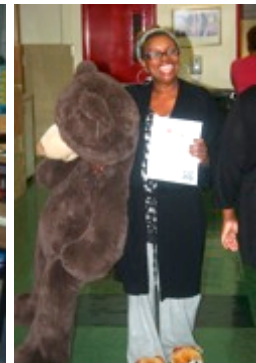
## Back to School Nights

### Cleveland Street School's Back To School Night Featured Bedtime Workshop and Rutgers's TRIO



Cleveland Street School Principal Dr. Cayce Cummins (*pictured left with student*) hosted parents in the multipurpose room, to introduce her staff, on September 18. Parents also heard from the PTO President, Mrs. Kristal Langford, who encouraged parents to join the PTO, telling them there are many ways in which to participate, depending on time constraints. Also, parents were informed of the availability of test grades from the standardized tests administered during the previous school year. Of special note, School Library Media Specialist, Ms. Janet Clark, held a "Bedtime Workshop" in the library that included

bed time rituals, great stories for bedtime, creation of monster "go-away spray", the importance of cuddle items, recommended sleep times and using your smart device to support reading.



Mrs. Langford poses with daughter and teacher (top left), classroom visit (top center), Ms. Clark readies for her workshop (top right), Cleveland teacher shows books to parents and teacher makes introduction to parents.



Additionally, as in the previous year, representatives of Rutgers Trio Talent Search program (***pictured left***) were stationed in the lobby to hand out information to interested parents. The Talent Search Program identifies and assists Orange students interested in advancing their education. Students are provided with academic, career, and financial counseling to encourage them to pursue postsecondary education.

## **Rosa Parks Community School Hosts Two Separate Back-To-School Nights**



Rosa Parks Community School held their back to school night over two days, hosting families of students in grades pre-K – 4 on September 19 and those with students in grades 5-7 on September 22.

During back to school night for the older students, Ms. Joseph-Charles (***pictured left***) met in the cafeteria and conducted a presentation highlighting accomplishments. She introduced the school nurses, Ms. Jane Seibert and Ms. Garcia, Guidance Counselor Ms. Natasha Murphy, Ms. Kory Saunders, Community School Site Coordinator the new Family Liaison Barry Derone and PTA President, Ms. Jocelyn Francis. The evening was enhanced with real-time Spanish translation by Ms. Vivian Piaz and Creole translation by Mr. Specker Antoine.



**Mr. Agosto (left) Mr. Peterson (center) Ms. Vivian Piaz (right).**



**Nurses Garcia and Seibert and Counselor Murphy with Mr. Antoine (left), Ms. Saunders and Mr. Devone (center) and Ms. Francis (right).**

Assistant Principals, Mr. Dennis Peterson and Mr. Oliverto Agosto delivered important information about school drop off procedures, classroom visits and lunch applications. Additionally, Ms. Joseph-Charles reviewed several goals for the year, such as improving the “climate and culture” of the school and highlighted several accomplishments including: attaining 12 perfect scores in the NJASK and that 4th grade student K’Lynn Jackman will play the part of “Nala” on Broadway in the Lion King.

Parents then visited classrooms to meet with teachers. Many also visited the gym to finish lunch applications, to sign-up for the PTA or to register with the Community School.



Parents meet with teachers Mrs. O’Shea (left), Ms. Tynes (center) and Mrs. Formus (right).

## **Oakwood Avenue Community School Hosts Back To School Night on September 22**

Oakwood Avenue Community School Principal, Mr. Robert Pettit, gathered over 200 parents attending Back To School Night in the gymnasium for a welcome message and a few important announcements. Mr. Pettit received assistance from his Spanish teacher, Ms. Ana Rodriguez and new Family Liaison, Ms. Stephanie Desanges, as they translated some of his remarks into Spanish and Creole, respectively. After introducing his staff, to kind applause, teachers went to their classrooms to receive families. Before leaving the gymnasium, parents heard from Denise Hajjar the coordinator for the Health N Wellness, LLC, a planned on-site clinic that would provide medical and dental services to Oakwood’s families. Also present in the gym were tables for parents to register with the Community School and sign up for the Parent Teacher Organization. Additionally, St. Matthews Church was present distributing information regarding their non-profit organization that supports the community with various outreach services, such as a food pantry.



Principal Pettit with World Language teacher Ms. Rodriguez (left), with Parent Liaison Ms. Desanges (center) and Dr. Hajjar discussing proposed health clinic (right).



**Representatives from St. Matthew AME Church (left) and Ms. Rachel Bland, Community School Site Coordinator, and parents signing up for the school's PTO.**



**Oakwood Avenue Community School staff is introduced to parents (left) and teacher Mr. Willis meets with second grade parents.**

## **Park Avenue School Entertains on Back to School Night**



Park Avenue School provided several interesting opportunities and a wealth of information for families on Back To School Night. Dr. Myron Hackett (*pictured left*) welcomed parents and introduced the Park Avenue School dancers, directed by Ms. Deborah Rembert, with an uplifting opening performance. He also introduced families to several organizations that are providing services to Park's students.

The American Red Cross was there to detail a special program conducted in partnership with Disney, the Pillowcase Project. With assistance from two students, the Red Cross representative, discussed the disaster preparedness education program for grades 3 – 5, which teaches students about “personal and family preparedness, local hazards, and basic coping skills.” ([See Red Cross website](#)) The program was originally developed by the New Orleans chapter after Hurricane Katrina and is currently sponsored by Disney.



**Dr. Harlem with fundraiser display (left), PTO table (center) and Red Cross and Rutgers TRIO display (right).**



**Park Avenue's dance students entertained the audience.**



**Mr. Moore, Director of Rutgers Talent Search (far left), representative of the American Red Cross (left), Ms. Mildor and Ms Raimondo (right) and Ms. Withers in her Kindergarten class (far right).**

Also present was Rutgers TRIO program. Jason Moore, Director of Talent Search, who administers the program in the Orange Public Schools, addressed families about the program, which provides academic, career, and financial counseling to participating grade 6 and 7 students at Park Avenue School and encourages students to complete their postsecondary education.

There were also remarks from, Technology Coordinator, Dr. Denise Harlem, regarding the school's fundraising effort to support student activities and the Bridge Club. The Parent Teacher Organization was there, as well, recruiting parents, selling cupcakes and distributing information; along with English as a Second Language teachers Yvonne Mildon and Karla Raimondo promoting the *Latino Family Literacy Project*.

Dr. Paula Howard, Deputy Superintendent and Superintendent of Schools, Ronald C. Lee, were also present at the event.

## **Orange Early Childhood Center Hosts Back to School Night on September 23 and 24**

Parents of the district's youngest students were exposed to a day in the life of their preschooler when they attended Back to School Night at the Orange Early Childhood Center (OECC). The OECC hosted two sessions for parents on September 23 and September 24. Parents met with Supervisor Jacquelyn Blanton, teachers and counselors and were delighted to see what their children learned, to hear about their routines and see their progress.



OECC parents meet with classroom teachers at the OECC Back To School Night.

## Orange's Annual "Pink-Out" Game Supports Breast Cancer Awareness Month *(submitted by Assistant Principal Mohammed Abdelaziz)*

Orange Athletics, with the support of the Orange Public Schools, has made an extraordinary effort during the past six years to take a stand against breast cancer. As communities, nationwide, continue to feel the pain that cancer can cause families and friends, Orange Athletics, under the guidance of Assistant Principal, Mohammed Abdelaziz, is again asking the Orange school community to come together to purchase T-shirts and attend the Tornados' annual "Pink Out" football game on **October 10, 2014** against Shabazz H.S, 7:00 p.m. at Bell Stadium.

This October, in support of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and to contribute to the fight against this deadly disease, "Pink-Out" T-shirts will be sold at all main offices in each school within the district for a minimum donation of **\$10**. As a gift for the contribution, all those wearing the T-shirt to the October 10th game will receive **free-admission**. Additionally, those wearing T-shirts purchased last year will also be admitted free of charge.

## FYI

Scholars Academy extends an invitation to all Scholars' families to attend Back-To-School-Night on Wednesday, October 1, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (See flyer below)



All proceeds collected will go directly to the **American Cancer Society**, during half time at the game. Please join the Athletic Department in this effort to build a stronger community. Each dollar raised is a potential life saved. (See flyer below)



Orange Preparatory Academy will kick off *Week of Respect* (October 6 through October 10, 2014) with **National Smile Day**, on Friday, October 3. On this day, OPA asks that staff and students greet each other with a smile, the universal language. Each time they respond with a smile they will receive a smiley face sticker. At the end of the day there will be a brief assembly to show a video about “random acts of kindness” and to acknowledge all those who received a smile during the day.



Orange High School is organizing a Rummage Sale on Saturday, October 4, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. They are presently collecting donated items such as gently used clothing and electronics, to sell, now through October 2. For more information, contact:

- Bernice Budhu at 974-677-4000 ext. 5046, [budhuber@orange.k12.nj.us](mailto:budhuber@orange.k12.nj.us)
- Dana Jones, 973-677-4000 ext. 5089, [jonesdan@orange.k12.nj.us](mailto:jonesdan@orange.k12.nj.us)

All proceeds to benefit Orange High School student activities. (See flyer below)

Orange School District Fathers are invited to attend a Father’s Conference at East Orange Campus High School on Saturday, October 4, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The City of East Orange is sponsoring a Fatherhood Initiative and has generously opened their Father’s Conference to the fathers in the Orange Public School District. The conference features award-winning educator, Principal Baruti Kafele with breakout sessions on topical issues. All men attending must be registered.

The conference will be held at East Orange Campus High School, 344 Prospect Street, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., including lunch and fun “play stations” for children ages 5 to 12 that attend with a registered participant. (See letter and flyer below)

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## Back to School Night at Scholars Academy!



- Come meet the teachers!
- Become a member of the new *Parents of Gifted and Talented (PGT) Committee!*
- Light refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from  
6:00-8:00 p.m. in the  
Oasis Café at  
Scholars Academy

268 Capuchin Way, Orange



# Orange High School

400 Lincoln Avenue, Orange, NJ 07050

## Needs your DONATIONS!

Items: Accessories (men and women), Books, Gently Used Clothing, CD's/DVD's/Tapes/Records/Video Games, Functional Electronics, Functional Household Items, Small Furniture, Sports/Exercise Equipment, Toys, Tools and many more items!

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## RUMMAGE SALE

**Donations will be received  
from  
Sept.23<sup>rd</sup> -October 2<sup>nd</sup>  
from 8-3pm**

**ALL DONATIONS MUST be  
received by October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**SAVE THE DATE:  
Saturday, October 4  
Time: 8am-4pm  
OHS Parking Lot**

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ACTIVITIES



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Ronald C. Lee  
Superintendent of Schools

September 24, 2014

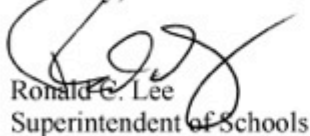
Dear Orange Families,

The City of East Orange is sponsoring a Fatherhood Initiative and has generously opened their Father's Conference, scheduled for Saturday, October 4, to the fathers in the Orange Public School District. The conference features award-winning educator, Principal Baruti Kafele and breakout sessions on topical issues. We invite all fathers and male guardians, interested in participating, to register online at [www.orange.k12.nj.us](http://www.orange.k12.nj.us) or contact the Rosa Parks Community School at 973-677-4515, ext. 1019 or the Oakwood Avenue Community School at 973-677-4000 ext. 3620 to register. All men attending must be registered.

The conference will be held at East Orange Campus High School, 344 Prospect Street, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., including lunch and fun "play stations" for children ages 5 to 12 that attend with a registered participant.

We hope you will accept this kind invitation, as we join with our neighboring community in an effort to provide families with opportunities that will support the academic success of your children.

Sincerely,



Ronald C. Lee  
Superintendent of Schools



A Fatherhood Initiative sponsored by  
MAYOR LESTER TAYLOR III  
EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL  
EAST ORANGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
EAST ORANGE CLERGY ASSOCIATION

# FATHER'S CONFERENCE

▶ **Sat Oct 4 2014 8:30am-2pm**

with **Principal Baruti Kafele**

AWARD-WINNING EDUCATOR, AUTHOR AND NO NONSENSE SPEAKER

## WHERE

**East Orange  
Campus High School  
344 Prospect Street  
East Orange, NJ**

**FREE ADMISSION!  
Lunch will be provided.**



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**FEATURING**  
**FUN "PLAY STATIONS" FOR KIDS**  
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## 11 BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Dads, Daughters, Braids and Barrettes • Using Other People's  
Money to Pay for College • Maintaining Your Sexual Health •  
Resources for Dads • Father's Rights 101 •  
Welcome to Fatherhood for Young Dads • Putting the "F" Word  
into Practice (Forgiving Your Father) • Special Dads For Special  
Need Children • Fathering in the Age of Technology •  
The 411 on Co-Parenting • Developing the  
Home Learning Center

**ORANGE SCHOOL DISTRICT FATHERS**

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## Orange Athletics Presents

### October 10<sup>th</sup> 2014- Orange School District Cancer Awareness Recognition Day

October 10<sup>th</sup> Is Pink-Out Day through-out the Orange School district and Bell Stadium

**\*All Students/Staff members that purchase a pink OHS athletic shirt for \$10 or purchased a pink OHS athletic shirt last year will receive free admission to the football game Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, OHS vs. Shabazz @ 7pm. OHS athletic pink shirt must be worn for free admission.**

(All proceeds/donations will be donated to the American Cancer Society October 10<sup>th</sup> at the game).



\*Pink Is The New Orange\*

