



# OBOE-Mail Blast

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## Good Friday and Spring Recess

*District Closed, April 3 and April 6 - 10. Have a Wonderful Spring Break!*

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### AIDA: The Musical

*AIDA: The Musical*, presented by the Visual and Performing Arts Department of Orange High School, in association with Orange Preparatory Academy, was an amazing show. Billed as part rock concert, part dance spectacular and part timeless romance, the cast, musicians and crew delighted audiences at each of the 4 performances from March 26 through March 28.

The lead actors were impassioned, projecting the feelings of love, loyalty and betrayal in this tale of forbidden love set in ancient Egypt. Based on an Italian opera, the musical, with songs by Elton John and Tim Rice, tells the story of Aida, an enslaved Nubian Princess and her conflicted captor, Radames, Captain of the Egyptian army, who presents Aida to his betrothed, Amneris, the Princess of Egypt, as a handmaiden. Aida struggles with her loyalties to her people, her father and love for Radames, while Radames separates himself from his father's ambition for him to become ruler of Egypt..

The cast included Sarahnia Casseus (Aida), Tashaun Benton (Radames), Marlena Brown (Amneris), Jon James, Jr. (Mereb, Radames' Nubian servant), Zoser, Jean Fleurentis (Radames' father and Chief Minister), Deandre Burke Pharaoh, Alaya Montgomery/Akia Lewin (Nehebka, Nubian slave) and Salomon Philippe (Amonasro, Aida's father and Nubian King). A strong ensemble cast of singers and dancers supported the production.

The "Pit Musicians" led by the conductor, Mr. David Milnes, keyboards, provided live music to further enhance the show. The other musicians, a mix of teachers and students were, Mr. Terrence Thornhill, cello, Mr. Brian Silvoy, guitar, Mr. Thaddeus V. Hammond, bass, and Mr. Peter Abazia, along with student Howard George playing percussion and student Jennifer Alvarado playing violin. "I am really proud and impressed with the cast and crew," said Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee. "They are the reason why we support the arts in the Orange Public School District."





**Pictured (above): Scenes from AIDA: The Musical.**



Ms. Dana Levin, drama teacher at Orange High School, directed the show. She was complimentary of her entire team, noting that the actors were truly in character for all four performances. Her team consisted of Assistant Director, Paddie Donohue; Musical Director, Mr. David Milnes; Assistant Musical Director, Mr. Pete Abazia; Choreographer, Ms. Tosha Brown, assisted by Ms. Jackie Selesky, Scenery, Ms. Stephanie Natiello; Set Construction/Tech Director, Ms. Tammy Baldwin; Costumes/Make-up, Ms. Marisa Merrigan and Production Manger, Ms. Rosa Lazzizzera. *(The cast and crew are pictured above)*

The Supervisor of the Visual and Performing Arts Department for the Orange schools, Mr. Peter Crosta, said, "This team lived up to all of my expectations of a skilled crew, stellar actors, singers, dancers and musicians; I couldn't have asked for more!"

Pictures of Aida, taken by Mr. Crosta, can be viewed at: <http://www.orangearts.net/WebGalleries/AIDA/>

## **Female Achievers Celebrate Women's History Month**

*Submitted Max Nixon, SmartLab instructor, Orange High School*



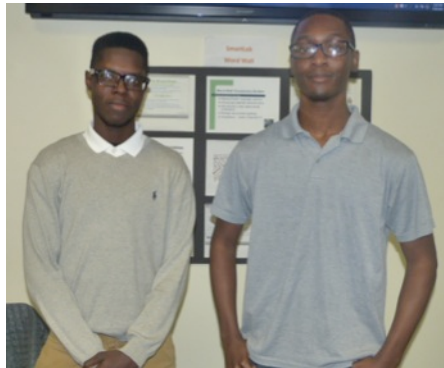
**Pictured: Female Achievers, Ms. Cooper, Conroy and Xivandell.**

On March 18, members from "The Female Achievers Mentoring Program" and founder, Ms. Karen Cooper, attended an informative presentation to honor Women's *History Month* at Orange High School. Mr. Max Nixon, SmartLab Instructor, facilitated the preparation for this event executed by seniors Conroy McDonald and Xivandell Emmanuel. The presentation, entitled "Computer Programming" was designed to expose middle and high school female students to computer programming in order to encourage a career in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

The workshop opened with a discussion about Black Women and the Tech Boom. It was



emphasized that “If you want to be in step with a career that will be dominated by decades of high-paying positions, technology could be the field for you.” According to the U.S. Department of Labor, by the year 2020 there will be more than 1.4 million computing related job openings in the United States. The goal of workshops like this is to inspire students, especially African-American females, to fill this technology need.



Conroy and Xivandell (**pictured left**) demonstrated to the young women the scope of what could be achieved by utilizing computer science. They conducted a fun introduction with an algorithm exercise (which was interactive with the audience). The students then participated in a brief “Hour of Code,” and received assistance from Conroy and Xivandell. The workshop ended with a question and answer (Q & A) session.

Both Conroy and Xivandell are aspiring Game designers and entrepreneurs. You can see and purchase their games at:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.CXprojects.Unstable>.



**Pictured: Female Achievers at the March 18 workshop in honor of Women’s History Month.**

Additional Resources were presented to the attendee that would further their exposure to computer science:

<http://hourofcode.com/us>  
<http://codehs.com/>  
<http://www.codeacademy.com/>  
[https://codehs.com/\(video\)](https://codehs.com/(video))

NSBE.org  
BDPA.org  
Blackgirlscode.com  
Girlswhocode.com

## March 2015 Board of Education Meeting

The host school for the March 10 Board of Education Meeting was Forest Street School. They opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and their school creed, led by students Daijah Armstrong, Marjorie Menjivar, Rachel Menjivar, Edwin Michel, Johanna Michel and Arren Williams. Next, there was a presentation of the school’s *MicroSociety*.

Students Wayne Comick and Brianna

The *MicroSociety* School is an innovative design where children create a microcosm of the real world inside the school. Each student has a role in running that world. Young entrepreneurs produce goods and services, elected officials establish laws, CrimeStoppers keep the peace, judges arbitrate disputes, and reporters track down stories. All citizens earn wages in the school’s “Micro” currency, invest in product ideas, deposit and borrow money from “Micro” banks, and pay taxes, tuition and rent. Classroom connections are made throughout the day. ([microsociety.org](http://microsociety.org))

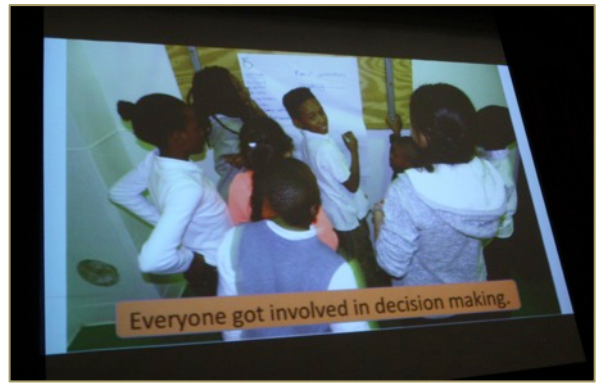
Larsen gave a PowerPoint presentation detailing the process the school followed to create *Pantherville*, Forest Street's micro community. They discussed learning about various forms of government and chose to be a democracy. They gave details of the elections held to select a governing body and developed businesses and support services to allow their community to thrive. Business managers proudly introduced themselves and described their enterprise, as follows:

Name	Business
Khyri Brewer	Pantherville Time
Jah'Farri Brown	Law School
Sofia Estape	Arts & Crafts
Isaiah Innis	Post Office
Tairi Johnson	Hip Hop Theatre
Steve Lazarre	Miguelto's Copy Center
Yse Wrantz Lubin	Forest Street Scholars Institute
Amanda Sherwood	Forest Café
Tatiana Smith	Get Right Health & Fitness Spa
Taniya Ward	Fab Cards and Events
Zaki Williams	Warehouse

Principal Yancisca Cooke closed out the student centered presentation with must thanks to all those involved in the school's *MicroSociety*, in particular, ESL teacher, Mr. William Donnelly. She also thanked students, parents and staff for their attendance. The Board members were impressed with the activities outlined and congratulated Forest Street School for the development of their *MicroSociety*.

Student of the Month:

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



**Pictured (above): *MicroSociety* presentation slides and (bottom) Forest Street students who presented at Board meeting.**



Jordanne Davenport	Orange High School
Roderick Allen	Career and Innovation Academy of Orange
Taiwo Odunowo	Orange Preparatory Academy
Arielle Hamilton	Cleveland Street School
David Pallazhco	Rosa Parks Community School
Mikayla English	Park Avenue School
Kayla Fisher	Heywood Avenue School
Edwin Michel	Forest Street School
Angelica Hercules	Oakwood Avenue Community School
Karina Tavarez	Lincoln Avenue School



**OHS SOTM with Assistant Principal Abdelaziz, her family, President Arthur and Superintendent Lee**



**Pictured (left to right): Principal Dr. Stewart with CIAO's SOTM and parent; Principal Dr. Cummins with Cleveland's SOTM and family; Principal Alcantara with Heywood's SOTM and parent (along with President Arthur and Superintendent Lee).**



**Pictured (left to right): Principal Cooke with the Forest SOTM and family; Principal Mr. Pettit with Oakwood's SOTM and family; Principal White with Lincoln's SOTM and family (along with President Arthur and Superintendent Lee).**

### Parent of the Month

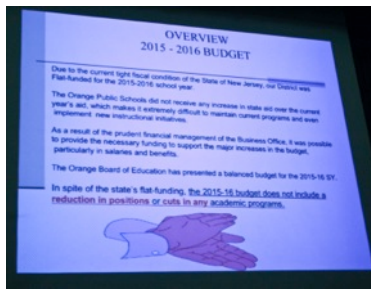
Forest Street School's Parent of the Month was Ms. Amanda Spong. Ms. Spong was surprised that she was being recognized, because she was told one of her daughters was being honored.



Ms. Spong (*pictured left with her children, Principal Cooke, President Arthur and Superintendent Lee*) has been an active and committed Forest parent since the 2008-2009 school year, when she registered her oldest daughter, Yaa, as a first grader. Yaa is now in the seventh grade. She also has a daughter, Na Na, who is in the fifth grade.

Ms. Spong has served as an executive board member of the PTO, represented Forest parents at the District Parent Academy and is also a cheerleading team parent. She is always available to assist with school wide events, and is an advocate for getting Forest parents involved. She is considered one of the school's most active parents, and Forest Street School looks forward to her continued support.

## 2015-2016 District Budget Presentation



that the Budget will be detailed in a future issue of the OBOE-Mail Blast.)

Mr. Adekunle James, Board Secretary and District Business Administrator presented, for approval, the 2015-2016 District Budget. His PowerPoint presentation detailed a balanced budget, which highlighted that the district has been “flat-funded” for the past 4 years, with no increase in state aid over the current year’s aid. However, with prudent financial oversight and management, the budget supports major increases in salaries and benefits, without a reduction in positions or cuts in any academic programs. (Please note

## **National Endowment of the Humanities Summer Scholar**

*Submitted by Ms. Linda Epps, Supervisor of History/Social Studies and Technology*



Mr. Marc Levinson, Social Studies teacher at Cleveland Street School, has been accepted as one of eighty teachers to participate in one-week workshops sponsored by the National Endowment of the Humanities this summer. Mr. Levinson applied for two workshops and was accepted as a participant to both sessions.

### **The Richest Hills: Mining in the Far West, 1862-1920**

<http://www.neh.gov/divisions/education/other-opportunities/2013/the-richest-hills-mining-in-the-far-west-1862-1920>

This workshop will address the contribution of western mining to the social and economic history of the United States through the study of the different types of mining in four Montana towns. Lectures and discussions address such topics as the technological processes of mining, capital and labor in the mining industry, the architecture and commercial life of Bannack, Virginia City, Helena, and Butte, African-American, Jewish, and Chinese communities, and relations with Native Americans in the region.

### **Following in Ancient Footsteps: The Hopewell in Ohio**

<http://www.creativelearningfactoryhopewell.org/>

The goal of this program is to increase Summer Scholars’ knowledge and understanding of the cultural heritage of American Indians by introducing them to the key sites of the Hopewell culture in Ohio: the Newark Earthworks, Fort Ancient, and the Hopewell Culture National Historical Park. These sites are on the tentative list for nomination to World Heritage status. By visiting these internationally significant sites in connection with scholarly discussions, Summer Scholars will gain an appreciation for the complexity of an ancient American Indian culture and gain expertise in the use and interpretation of historic sites.

The National Endowment for the Humanities is an independent grant-making agency of the federal government. As part of the NEH’s *We the People* program, NEH offers Landmarks of American History and Culture Workshops for schoolteachers. NEH’s workshops provide the opportunity for K-12 educators to engage in intensive study and discussion of important topics in American history and culture. These one-week programs give participants direct experiences in the interpretation of significant historical and cultural sites, and the use of archival and other primary evidence. Landmarks’ Workshops present the best scholarship on a specific landmark or related cluster of landmarks, enabling participants to gain a sense of the importance of historical places, to make connections between what they learn in the workshop and what they teach, and to develop enhanced teaching or research materials.



## Oakwood Avenue School Implements the Supper Program

Submitted by Mr. Robert Pettit, Principal, Oakwood Avenue Community School

On Tuesday March 17, 2015 Oakwood Avenue Community School implemented the Adult Care Food Program (Supper Program). All two hundred children who participate in our after school extended day programs are eligible for a supper meal at no cost. We are proud to be one of two schools in the district to offer our students breakfast, lunch, snack and supper, during the course of the day.



**Pictured: Students at Oakwood Avenue Community School during Supper Program, along with food service staff members.**

The Supper Program ties in to Oakwood's school-wide *Alliance for a Healthier Generation* initiative, ensuring that all Oakwood Avenue Community School students receive three healthy, well-balanced meals a day.

To round out the school's nutrition program, Oakwood Avenue community School has recently applied for a *Fruits and Vegetables Grant*. This grant will allow student to be served a fruit/vegetable snack after every physical education class.

## Scholars Academy Turns Into Scholars-ville!

Submitted by Mrs. Karen Machuca, Principal, Scholars Academy

The school community at Scholars Academy celebrated Dr. Seuss day for the month of March and turned their school into Scholars-ville! Upon entering the building, all visitors were greeted with a table full of counting "manipulatives" created by Ms. Florita Blake, ESL teacher, and Truffula trees from *The Lorax* by Mrs. Tarinesha Bush, PreK teacher. All classroom doors were decorated with a Dr. Seuss themed book and the hallways welcomed guests with Happy Birthday signs and a 6-foot *Cat in the Hat* made by Ms. Mynera Jean, PreK teacher!

Students enrolled in the Gifted and Talented program had the opportunity to share their love of reading with the Preschool students and extended their bonding experience with lunch buddies!



Parents were invited to read to classes and Principal Mrs. Machuca donned the *Cat in the Hat* outfit to kick off the month as she read to students. Parents were invited to enjoy *Green Eggs and Ham* in Ms. Jean's class. All the preschool students participated in making the tasty treat of blue Jello and gummy fish donated by Amy Burns, Master Teacher, to celebrate the book: *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish*.



Currently, Scholars Academy is transforming the school's environment in preparation for celebrating the *Week of the Young Child*, April 13-17, and continues the theme of parent involvement!



**Pictured (right - top to bottom): Scholars-ville Lobby Area; Hop on Pop door by Ms. Barbosa's class; Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss; Mrs. Machuca reading to Ms. Jean's class; Scholars (GT) students reading to PreK; Parents enjoying *Green Eggs and Ham*.**

## FYI

### 2015-2016 Preschool Registration - New Schedule Announced for April and May

#### Preschool Registration 2015-2016



The Orange Township Public School District began preschool registration for the 2015-2016 school year on March 2. All children who are residents of Orange and will be 3 or 4 years of age by October 1, 2015, are eligible to attend free, full day, pre-school, in the Pre-K 3 or Pre-K 4 class.

The April and May Spring registration session is as follows:

- April 2015, *Tuesdays* – 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>
- May 2015, *Tuesdays* – 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>

Registration will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with the last sign in at 1:00 p.m., at the Orange Early Childhood Center, located at 397 Park Avenue in Orange

Two proofs of residency are required, as well as child's original birth certificate and immunization record. Also, parent or legal guardian must show a current lease or mortgage statement and a picture ID. For more information, call 973-677-4500 ext. 1904 or 1918. (See flyers below)

#### Coming in a Future Issue:

- Cleveland Street Black History and Women's History Celebration
- Park Avenue Sisterhood Luncheon



# April 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3  District Closed <i>Happy Passover</i>	4 (April 3 - 11)
5  Happy Easter!	6  <b>SPRING RECESS</b> District Closed	7  <b>SPRING RECESS</b> District Closed	8  <b>SPRING RECESS</b> District Closed	9  <b>SPRING RECESS</b> District Closed	10  <b>SPRING RECESS</b> District Closed	11
12	13	14 Monthly BOE Meeting 7:30PM at OPA	15 OPA Lobby Art Show, 6:00PM Administrative Bldg.	16	17 Marking Period 3 Ends	18
19	20 Parent Conference Grades 8-12, 6:00-8:00PM Marking Period 4 Begins	21 Grades 8-12, 12:30PM Dismissal Parent Conference 1:15 - 4:00PM	22 Parent Conference Grades PreK-7 6:00 - 8:00PM	23 Grades PreK-7 12:30PM Dismissal Parent Conference 1:15 - 4:00PM	24	25
26  4th Annual Orange Dance Festival 9:00AM - 4:30PM Lincoln Ave. School	27 Depart. Mtgs. 2:30PM Dismissal for Students	28	29	30		

## 4th Annual Orange Dance Festival



Calling all dancers, dance schools & dance clubs, competition teams, performing arts programs and anyone age 5 to adult, with a passion for dance!

**Date:** Sunday, April 26, 2015

**Time:** 9:00am - 4:30pm

**Location:** Lincoln Avenue School (216 Lincoln Ave, Orange, NJ)

**General Admission:** \$30; After April 17th Admission is \$35

**Registration:** (with) Mrs. Rembert at Park Avenue School (231 Park Ave, Orange, NJ) or email : [rembert@orange.k12.nj.us](mailto:rembert@orange.k12.nj.us)

Lunch is provided and a variety of dance styles will be offered. In addition to SPECIAL GUESTS teachers from Alvin Ailey, Broadway Dance Center, Steps on Broadway and Ballet Hispanico.

\*\*\*FREE tshirt for those who register by April 17th!

Presented by: Orange Dance Conservatory  
Sponsored by: Orange Public School District  
Ronald C. Lee, Superintendent of Schools



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Website: <http://www.orange.k12.nj.us>

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Superintendent of Schools

Candace Goldstein  
Director of Special Programs

Jacquelyn Blanton  
Supervisor of Early Childhood

## PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

### REQUIREMENTS:

- 3 years old by 10/01/15
- 4 years old by 10/01/15
- Must be resident of Orange Township
- Original Birth Certificate
- Child's Immunization record
- Current lease or Mortgage Statement
- 2 Proofs of Residency (e.g., PSE&G bill, telephone or cable bill, NO CELLPHONE BILLS!)
- Picture ID

**If you are living with a friend or relative, you must be included in their lease agreement. Notarized letters stating you rent a room/apartment/house will not be accepted.**

**Registration Days:**      **APRIL 2015**  
   **TUESDAYS – 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>**  
   **MAY 2015 – TUESDAYS – 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>**  
   **10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**  
   **Last sign in: 1:00 p.m.**

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

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





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## REGISTRACIÓN PREESCOLAR

### REQUISITOS:

- 3 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/15
- 4 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/15
- 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, NO CELLPHONE!) 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:**

**AVRIL 2015 - MARTES 21, 28**

**MAYO 2015 - MARTES 5, 12, 19, y 26**

**10:00am-200pm**

**Tiene que firmar antes de las 1:00pm**

**LUGAR: ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER  
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(973) 677-4500 ext 1904, 1918**

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



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## Parent Teacher Conference April 20 - 23, See Calendar Below!



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Kick Off National  
Dance Week

OACS Basketball  
Champions

OACS Donates to  
ALS Charity

Cleveland Street  
School Visits  
Rutgers Dental  
School

STEM Nigh at RPCS

Sisterhood  
Luncheon at Park  
Avenue School

FYI

• Pre-K  
Registration

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### A Black History and Women's History Celebration



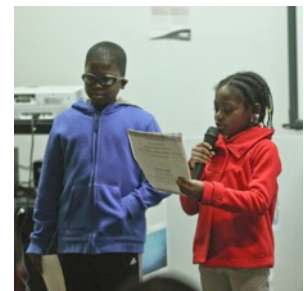
On March 27, Cleveland Street School paid tribute to renowned African Americans and Women during "A Black History and Women's History Celebration" presented at the Orange Public Library. Students in Kindergarten represented noted figures: Malala Yousafzai portrayed by Amani Hugh, Rosa Parks portrayed by Za'Niah Dillard, Ruby Bridges portrayed by Giovanna Williams, Celia Cruz portrayed by Anyjah Gibbs, Harriet Tubman portrayed by Helene Vital, and Maya Angelou portrayed by Eden Tom-James. The third grade students performed "All About Women Cinquain,"

reciting five-line poems inspired by Japanese haiku and tanka. There were other poetry readings, as well, recited by Nanakraa Boakye-Yiadam, Anaija Hilliard, Miracle Obianuwe and Ashley Laveriano. Students also performed excerpts from two plays. The first was *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When, the Rainbow is Enuf*, by Ntozake Shange, acted by Anaija Hillard, Ashley Laveriano, Shatrice Hertilien, Aminah Mason and Blessing Okafor. The final performance was a segment of *The Colored Museum*, by George C. Wolfe, acted by Kailanny Torres and Ashley Williams.



Principal Dr. Cayce Cummins (**pictured left**), who opened the program, thanked everyone for an inspiring program, attended by parents, staff, students and guests. The program also included a raffle drawing, light refreshments and a display of artwork. Teacher, Keisha Hooks-Lee (**pictured above**) moderated the entertaining event, with special thanks to Dr. Cummins, PTO representatives, Samira Sewell, Christine Vassel and Charmaine Fraser, along with teachers, Felicia Bateman, Ketsia Jean-Baptiste and Stephanie Gagliardo-Sabol and the Orange Public

Library.







**Pictured: Scenes from Cleveland Street's A Black History and Women's History Celebration.**

## **April 2<sup>nd</sup> Activities Held at Oakwood Avenue Community School**

*Submitted by Pamela Venable, School Counselor, Oakwood Avenue Community School*

### Grandparents Day 2015:

Grandparents Day 2015 was a wonderful morning, filled with conversation and the sharing of ideas. As the grandparents enjoyed a continental breakfast, they were treated to poetry written by members of the Student Leadership Council. The students were very excited, noting that their grandparents were going to pay a special visit to their classes.

Principal, Mr. Robert Pettit, received a great deal of positive feedback from the visitors. Some of the comments: "the staff really cares," "the teachers are doing a great job with my grandchild," "I am willing to mentor some of the students," and "who do I see, to volunteer and give support in any way that I can."

One of the Kindergarten grandparents entertained everyone, in song, with her fabulous voice. Finally, Oakwood Avenue Community School extends congratulations for a job well done to the event chairperson, Ms. Susan Battle, and her committee.

### Ronald McDonald Teaches a Lesson on Friendship:

Ronald McDonald's delivered a message about friendship and offered tips on how not to be a bully.





Teachers, as well as students, joined Ronald as he provided several different role-play segments to reinforce the behaviors that we all want from our students. Students grades Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade demonstrated their enthusiasm, as well as their knowledge of how friendships are developed by offering suggestions to him and the audience.

School Counselor, Ms. Pamela Venable, noted that Ronald McDonald asked how Oakwood learned about their program. She answered that, “Ms. Cindy Pagano, the K-2 School Counselor at the Rosa Parks “Central” Campus introduced me to the program,” adding that “Ronald McDonald expressed how great an audience we were and indicated to us that he would return to share other character educations activities in the future.”

### The Bunny Hop:

The Student Leadership Council of Oakwood’s Micro-Society organized a K-3 Bunny Hop. This was an activity for the students to socialize, dance and have an afternoon of fun. The 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> graders made certain that every primary grade level student participated in the egg hunt and was able to leave with some type of prize.

The Student Leadership Council were guided in the planning and implementing of the activity and every Student Leadership Council member was assigned a specific task, in order to insure the success of the Bunny Hop.

The activity was a life lesson for the Student Council and they thank the Easter Bunny, teachers and AmeriCorps members for their support.



**Pictured (above and right): Scenes from Grandparents Day, Ronald McDonald and OACS’s Micro-Society Bunny Hop.**

## Hip Hop Dancer Sean Bankhead to Help Orange Dance Festival Kick Off National Dance Week

Orange, NJ - Sean Bankhead, Hip Hop dancer and instructor at Dance 411 Studios in Atlanta, as well as guest instructor at Broadway Dance Center, NYC, will be teaching Master Classes and offering insight and feedback to aspiring dancers at the Fourth Annual Orange Dance Festival, to be held on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Lincoln Avenue School in Orange, New Jersey. Mr. Bankhead has been inspiring dancers since 2006 when he first started sharing his talents for dance and choreography via YouTube, and has since expanded his repertoire to include working with artists such as Beyoncé Knowles, Britney Spears, Diddy, Miley Cyrus, Tiffany Evans, Drake, Young Jeezy and choreographers Fatima Robinson and Jamal Sims, among others. He has also performed at the Grammy Awards, The Soul Train Awards, American Idol, MTV, BET, BET Awards and the Apollo. Mr. Bankhead has persevered through many struggles to pursue his dream, and encourages young dancers to be prepared to do the same – to use their passion and their commitment to the art of dance to achieve their goals.



Deborah Rembert, Coordinator of the Orange Dance Festival and Director of the Orange Dance Conservatory, understands these struggles all too well. “Arts Programs in our communities are under fire with budget cuts and funding considerations, but we are striving to work beyond those challenges and present our young people, and the young people of our neighboring communities, with opportunities to explore the art of dance. We are fortunate that the Arts Programs in the Orange Public Schools are alive and well, due to the tireless support of our Superintendent, Mr. Ronald C. Lee.” Ms. Rembert continues, “The Orange Dance Festival, which is our kick off for National Dance Week, April 24 - May 3, offers lovers of dance age 5 through adults with a chance to take a full day of classes in a variety of dance styles, and meet and learn from some of the top Master Dance Educators in the field. Along with Mr. Bankhead, we will also feature Master Classes with former Dance Theatre of Harlem Company Member, Ms. Karen “KB” Brown and Ms. Ebony Williams, a member of the Cedar Lake Contemporary Ballet Company and performer in Beyoncé’s “Single Ladies” video. There will be opportunities to hear from students and Professors from College Dance Programs at the University of the Arts, Pace and Marymount, as well as opportunities to take part in mock auditions and to participate in a performance showcase at the end of the day. And all in a safe, nurturing environment here at the Lincoln Avenue School in Orange, NJ for an affordable cost -- \$35 for a full day of dance, and lunch is included! Honestly though, the world of dance is such a close knit community, and that is why we can think of no better way to kick off National Dance Week than by inviting dancers from all of our communities to come and learn and dance and have fun with some of the best educators from the larger dance community.”

The Orange Dance Festival will be held at the Lincoln Avenue School at 216 Lincoln Avenue, Orange, NJ on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-3:00, with a performance showcase to follow. Cost is \$35 per student, and if you register 3 dancers together, your 4<sup>th</sup> dancer will attend for free. The festival is open to all dance studios, dance schools, youth programs, public and private school dance programs and any lover of dance in our communities. Pre-registration is available at the Park Avenue School, 231 Park Avenue, Orange, NJ or via email at [rememberde@orange.k12.nj.us](mailto:rememberde@orange.k12.nj.us). Please indicate in the email if your dancers are interested in performing in the showcase, so Ms. Rembert may provide you with details.



The Orange Dance Festival is presented by the Orange Dance Conservatory and sponsored by the Orange Public School District under the guidance of Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee.

## OACS Basketball Champions

*Submitted by Mr. Robert Pettit, Principal, Oakwood Avenue Community School*

On Saturday, April 11, Oakwood Avenue Community School's (OACS) Soaring Eagles, under the coaching direction of Ms. Vicki Wright and Mr. Jonathan Gonzalez, defeated Rosa Park Community School. OACS beat a formidable competitor to become the number one basketball team in the district.

During the game there were a few tense moments, but by the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter the Soaring Eagles took a commanding 10-point lead, which they kept until the final buzzer. Fans stormed onto the court to celebrate the victory with the players and coaches.



**Pictured:  
Championship Trophy.**

As always, the OACS Cheer Leaders did an outstanding job cheering their team on to victory. GO SOARING EAGELS – CaCaw



**Pictured (left to right): Scene from game; Soaring Eagles with trophies; OACS Cheerleaders.**

## OACS Donates to ALS Charity

*Submitted by Mr. Robert Pettit, Principal, Oakwood Avenue Community School*



Back in early October Mr. Pettit was and still is the ONLY Principal/District Administrator that took Mr. Lee up on his challenge to complete the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge. Mr. Pettit went on to challenge the entire Oakwood Avenue Community School family to join him in completing the challenge,

which they did. After completing the challenge they in turn challenged their Sister School Lincoln Avenue, who has yet to complete the challenge (maybe in the spring). Oakwood held a school-wide denim day and on Wednesday March 23, 2015 allowing the ALS Team at Oakwood to donate \$250.00 to the National ALS Charity Foundation in Washington DC.



<https://www.facebook.com/oakwoodavenuecommunityschool>



## Cleveland Street School Visits Rutgers Dental School

*Submitted by Lynn Jacobs RN, BSN and Daniel Turk, Guidance Counselor, Cleveland Street School*



On April 14, the children of Cleveland Street School were invited to participate in a Partnership Celebration for Rutgers University School of Dental Medicine, in Newark, in partnership with Smiles Across America, an Oral Health America Program. Third and fourth grade students, along with their teachers Ms. Kiesha Lee and Mr. Esak Crawley, took part in the program. They heard the Dean of the Dental School, Dr. Cecile A. Feldman, speak about the new pediatric dental clinic and saw Ms. Beth Truett, President and CEO of Oral Health America, present Rutgers with a \$25,000

check to provide dental sealants for the children of Newark and Orange. Ms. Truett recognized Cleveland Street children and expressed her gratitude to their parents and guardians for allowing them to take the trip to Rutgers. She reported that 25% of low-income children have not seen a dentist before entering Kindergarten and more than 51 million school hours are lost nationally, each year, to dental-related illness, the number one reason for missed school days. "We are very thankful to Oral Health America for providing the bus for us to get to Rutgers and the Dental School for arranging treatment," stated Nurse Jacobs and Mr. Turk, jointly.



**Pictured: Cleveland Street students/staff at Rutgers.**

After the proceedings, the children were each escorted into the clinic by a student dentist and had their teeth examined and had sealants applied to their permanent molars. The sealants can play a critical role in keeping the teeth cavity free. Unfortunately, some of the children already had cavities and require follow up care. Letters were given to the students so their parents can provide follow up dental care. After the dental treatment the students and staff were treated to a pizza and fruit lunch.



**Pictured: Cleveland Street students/staff at Rutgers.**

Cleveland Street School looks forward to additional trips to Rutgers, when second grade students will have sealants applied to their molars.

## STEM Night at Rosa Parks Community School

*Submitted by Mr. Andrew Coban, Social Studies teacher, Rosa Parks Community School*

On April 1, the Rosa Parks Community School hosted its first annual STEM Night, inviting the Orange community to engage in fun and exciting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) activities. The students, who ran the interactive stations, are members of Rosa Parks' STEM Club, whose advisors include educators Ms. Joy Hanke, Ms. Hanife Yildiz, and Mr. Andrew Coban.



Each station encouraged guests to play and innovate, while thinking critically about the importance of STEM in their everyday lives. The many stations included activities ranging from the physics of paper airplanes to the classic spaghetti-marshmallow challenge. Guests also appreciated the opportunity to win prizes at each station.



Under the direction of Mr. Barry Devone, Rosa Parks' Community School Coordinator, the STEM Club partnered with Drew University, Montclair State University, and AmeriCorps and had them set up STEM stations during the event. Their presence provided guests with exposure to college-related content, as an added bonus. As Parent Liaison of the PTA, Mr. Dwight Holmes provided logistical support in selling food items for the large turnout, with assistance from several Rosa Parks staff.

Congratulations to Rosa Parks' STEM Club students on a successful event, who truly demonstrated their learning that evening. Highlights from STEM Night can be viewed here: [www.tinyurl.com/2015stemnight](http://www.tinyurl.com/2015stemnight).



**Pictured (above): Scenes from Rosa Parks Community School STEM Night.**



## Sisterhood Luncheon at Park Avenue School

On March 28, the *Park Avenue Sisterhood* held its *First Annual Sisterhood Luncheon, Heroines of Tomorrow*, in celebration of their organization and Women's History Month. The Sisterhood is an educational program for girls in grades 5, 6 and 7, which builds self-respect, through the practice of self-restrain and self-development. The program also addresses attitudes, how to form friendships, bullying, social media, personal concepts, and how to receive proper support from the right friends, as well as adults.

The event opened with welcome remarks and a buffet lunch. Park Avenue dancers entertained attendees, which included current members and *Sisterhood* alumni, parents and friends. Park Avenue's Assistant Principal, Ms. Devonii Reid presented, *Sororities, Sisterhood Organizations*, which gave the young women a glimpse of membership in such groups, while in college. Ms. Waffiyah Saleem delivered the keynote address, *Sisterhood is Powerful*. She had the young women complete several small group exercises and held an open discussion on friendships. Teacher, Ms. Tamika Withers, also spoke, with her daughter, on the topic *Parents as Sister-Friends*.

The event closed with acknowledgement of members of the *Sisterhood* and remarks by Ms. Guerdy Baguidy, the group's advisor, along with Ms. Shonda Moore. She has headed the group for the past 10 years and was touched by the return of many past members.



**Pictured (above): Scenes from Park Avenue's Sisterhood Luncheon.**



# FYI

## 2015-2016 Preschool Registration - New Schedule Announced for April and May

### Preschool Registration 2015-2016



The Orange Township Public School District began preschool registration for the 2015-2016 school year on March 2. All children who are residents of Orange and will be 3 or 4 years of age by October 1, 2015, are eligible to attend free, full day, pre-school, in the Pre-K 3 or Pre-K 4 class.

The April and May Spring registration session is as follows:

- April 2015, *Tuesdays* – 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>
- May 2015, *Tuesdays* – 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>

Registration will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with the last sign in at 1:00 p.m., at the Orange Early Childhood Center, located at 397 Park Avenue in Orange

Two proofs of residency are required, as well as the child's original birth certificate and immunization record. Also, a parent or legal guardian must show a current lease or mortgage statement and a picture ID. For more information, call 973-677-4500 ext. 1904 or 1918. (See flyers below)

## April 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Good Friday District Closed <i>Happy Passover</i>	4 <small>(April 3 - 11)</small>
5 	6  District Closed	7  District Closed	8  District Closed	9  District Closed	10  District Closed	11
12	13	14 Monthly BOE Meeting 7:30PM at OPA	15 OPA Lobby Art Show, 6:00PM Administrative Bldg.	16	17 Marking Period 3 Ends	18
19	20 Parent Conference Grades 8-12, 6:00-8:00PM Marking Period 4 Begins	21 Grades 8-12, 12:30PM Dismissal Parent Conference 1:15 - 4:00PM	22 Parent Conference Grades PreK-7 6:00 - 8:00PM	23 Grades PreK-7 12:30PM Dismissal Parent Conference 1:15 - 4:00PM	24	25
26  4th Annual Orange Dance Festival 9:00AM - 4:30PM Lincoln Ave. School	27 Depart. Mtgs. 2:30PM Dismissal for Students	28	29	30		

*See below for important events and activities:*

- Orange High School Parent Brunch - Saturday, April 18
- Orange High School Earth Day Event - Wednesday, April 22
- Oakwood Avenue Community School Earth Day - Friday, April 24
- The Fourth Annual Orange Dance Festival - Sunday, April 26

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ORANGE, NJ 07050  
OHS CAFE'  
11:00AM-1:00PM

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parent meeting!  
May 6th 6-7:30pm  
May 13th 11:30-1:00pm



# **NJEA “PRIDE”**

**Is Proud to Announce**

## **ORANGE EARTH DAY 2015**

**“MAKING ORANGE GREEN”**

**April 22, 2015 (Rain date April 24<sup>th</sup>)**

**9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

**Itinerary:**

**Orange High School**

**Board of Education**

**Main Street**

**Orange Public Library**

**Lunch at Orange High School**

For more information contact:  
Minette Salomon or Linda Siddiq at OHS

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OAKWOOD AVENUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL PRESENTS



JOIN US as we embrace *Earth Day* on

***April 24, 2015 from 5pm to 7pm***

Oakwood Avenue students and parents are welcome to participate in a variety of family friendly activities!

*Snacks and refreshments will be available.*



ORANGE DANCE CONSERVATORY  
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4TH ANNUAL

# ORANGE DANCE FESTIVAL

April 26, 2015  
9:00AM-4:30PM

Lincoln Avenue School  
216 Lincoln Ave, Orange, NJ

CALLING ALL DANCERS, DANCE SCHOOLS, DANCE TEAMS,  
AND ANYONE FROM AGE 5 TO ADULT WITH A PASSION FOR DANCE!



FEATURING  
CELEBRITY CHOREOGRAPHER

SEAN BANKHEAD

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Plus Teaching Artists:  
Chio - Carlos Neto  
Jaime Jackson - Karen "KB" Brown  
Yvonne Gutierrez - Michael Felder  
April Cook

**Admission:** \$35 ( Register 3 students together & get the 4th FREE )

**Register via Email:** [rememberde@orange.k12.nj.us](mailto:rememberde@orange.k12.nj.us)

or **Call:** 973-677-4124

**\*\*Lunch is Provided\*\***

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**PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION**

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- **3 years old by 10/01/15**                      **4 years old by 10/01/15**
- **Must be resident of Orange Township**
- **Original Birth Certificate**
- **Child's Immunization record**
- **Current lease or Mortgage Statement**
- **2 Proofs of Residency (e.g., PSE&G bill, telephone or cable bill, NO CELLPHONE BILLS!)**
- **Picture ID**

**If you are living with a friend or relative, you must be included in their lease agreement. Notarized letters stating you rent a room/apartment/house will not be accepted.**

**Registration Days:**            **APRIL 2015**  
    ***TUESDAYS – 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>***  
    **MAY 2015 – TUESDAYS – 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>**  
    **10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**  
    **Last sign in: 1:00 p.m.**

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

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





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- 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, NO CELLPHONE!) 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:**

**AVRIL 2015 - MARTES 21, 28**

**MAYO 2015 - MARTES 5, 12, 19, y 26**

**10:00am-200pm**

**Tiene que firmar antes de las 1:00pm**

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# OBOE-Mail Blast

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## PARCC EOY Assessment Begins

### End of Year PARCC Assessment Begins April 27



The second set of tests for the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC), called End of Year (EOY) Assessment, will be administered between April 27 and May 22 to students in grades 3-11. The first phase of assessment, the Performance Based Assessment (PBA), was completed during the period of March 2 - April 2.

The EOY Assessment schedule is:

#### ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS – PARCC END OF YEAR ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

April / May 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
26	27 Cleveland Forest Gr 3-4 M1 Heywood Gr 3-4 M1 Lincoln Gr 3-4 M1 Oakwood Gr 3-4 M1 Park Gr 3-4 M1 RPCS Gr 3 M1	28 Cleveland Gr 3-4 M1 Forest Gr 3-4 M2 Heywood Gr 3-4 M 2 Lincoln Gr 3-4 M2 Oakwood Gr 3-4 M 2 Park Gr 3-4 M 2 RPCS Gr 3 M2	29 Cleveland Gr 3-4 M2 Forest Gr 3-4 ELA 1 Heywood Gr 3-4 ELA 1 Lincoln Gr 3-4 ELA 1 Oakwood Gr 3-4 ELA1 Park Gr 3-4 ELA 1 RPCS Gr 3 ELA 1	30 Cleveland Gr 3-4 ELA 1 Forest Gr 5-6 M1 Heywood Make ups Lincoln Make ups Oakwood Make ups Park Make ups RPCS Gr 6-7 M 1	1 Cleveland Make ups Forest Gr 5-6 M2 Heywood Make ups Lincoln Make ups Oakwood Make ups Park Make ups RPCS Gr 6-7 M2	2
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**FYI**

- Administrator and Teacher Job Fair
- Special Services Parent Workshop
- Community Health Fair
- Pre-K Registration
- Upcoming Events

Contact Information:  
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Pre-registration is available via email at [remberde@orange.k12.nj.us](mailto:remberde@orange.k12.nj.us). Please indicate in the email if dancers are interested in performing in the showcase and Ms. Rembert, the event organizer, will provide additional details. Registration is also accepted at the door.

## Final Strategic Planning Meeting Scheduled for April 27



The Orange Board of Education will hold the last of three meetings, to create a Strategic Plan, on **Monday, April 27**, at Lincoln Avenue School, located at 216 Lincoln Avenue (Jackson Street entrance), from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. At the meeting participants will write goal statements for each of 4 areas: 21st Century Learning, Community Engagement and Outreach, Culture & Climate, and Finance & Facilities/Safety. Invited participants are reminded to attend.

## Lincoln Avenue Students Visit Washington D.C.

*Submitted by Mr. Aaron Gulko, social Studies and Science teacher, Lincoln Avenue School*

As part of the 7th grade curriculum, students from Lincoln Avenue School went on a field trip to Washington DC, on April 17, 2015. Students were able to experience and see first hand some of the amazing places, people, and art works that represent our country and government.



In the United States Capitol Building students walked on the compass stone, which marks the geographic center of the city. In the crypt, they also saw statues of Samuel Adams, Robert Livingston, and Richard Stockton, important figures in America's fight for independence and creators of our government. Upstairs in the National Statuary Hall they learned about the history of the building, and how, like our government, it too is always changing. The most recent changes include the Rosa Parks Statue. They also visited the Supreme Court and the Library of Congress.

Show me the money! Students were excited to see how US currency is created at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. On their way to the White House, students waited patiently to catch a glimpse of President Barack Obama as he passed in his Motorcade to the White House! What a great moment! On their tour of the National Mall, students saw the Washington, Lincoln, and Jefferson Monuments, not to mention the new Martin Luther King Jr. Monument. The monument reads: "Out of the Mountain of Despair, a Stone of Hope," as they too continue to hope and plan for the future by studying hard and learning!



**Pictured: Lincoln Avenue students on a class trip to Washington D. C.**

## **Earth Day 2015**

### Orange High School, *Making Orange Green*

On April 22, Earth Day, approximately 100 students participated in Orange High School's (OHS) annual *Making Orange Green* Earth Day event, with weeding and planting at Orange High School, the Board of Education Administrative Office and the Orange Public Library.

The event was funded through a PRIDE Grant from the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA). The NJEA grant was used to purchase plants, mulch and tools to facilitate the effort. The City of Orange provided snack bags for the participants.





With a record number of participants this year, the event included student volunteers from OHS, the Career and Innovation Academy of Orange and elementary students from Oakwood Avenue Community School.

At Orange High School, the planting included the clearing of a small patch for a community garden, which will serve the community with fresh produce this summer, including tomato and strawberry plants. Also, the Board of Education building grounds received a facelift with colorful flowers.

At the Orange Public Library, the Honorable Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq. greeted the students, commending them and their teachers for making Earth Day, not only beneficial for the city, but also an “enjoyable event.” The effort made the outdoors, at the three venues, brighter with spring flowers.

The students were accompanied by the Orange Police Department, from OHS to the Board of Education and the Orange Public Library.

Event organizers, Ms. Minette Salomon, Special Education teacher, and Ms. Linda Siddiq, Structured Learning Experience Coordinator, along with Ms. Alexandra Protopapas, Special Education teacher, thanked the NJEA for the PRIDE Grant and the chaperones, the district’s administration and the City of Orange for their assistance and support. They are also proud of the students who participated in the event for their hard work and commitment to “Making Orange Green.”

Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, stated, “I am very proud that our students have embraced Earth Day.” He also congratulated the organizers and chaperones for their effort.



**Pictured above: Scenes from OHS's Earth Day event at OHS and the Board of Education.**



News 12's Dell Crews Shared OHS's Earth Day With TV Audiences



**Pictured: Image from News 12 with Della Crews.**

A 30 second spot, using video clips produced by TV production teacher, Mr. Kevin Huart, was shared with News 12's TV audiences, by anchor, Della Crews, on April 23. [Click here to view.](#)



**Pictured above: Scenes from OHS's Earth Day event at the Orange Public Library.**

Forest Street School Celebrates Earth Day with Preparation for the School's Greenhouse Opening:

It was a whole school effort to facilitate the long awaited opening of the school's Greenhouse, while celebrating Earth Day. Various classes took turns cleaning the space surrounding the new greenhouse, clearing rocks and debris, and leveling the soil around the structure.

In the play area, behind the school, stations of students completed other tasks relating to the greenhouse. There were students who made planters out of recycled containers, prepared cups for Kindergarten students to plant seedlings, readied soil and made banners to hang by the greenhouse.

The anticipated opening of the Forest Street Greenhouse is Friday, May 22. Additional details are forthcoming.



**Pictured above: Forest Street's greenhouse (top) and (bottom) students receiving instructions from Supervisor of Science, K-7, Mrs. Erika Hackett, during cleanup effort.**





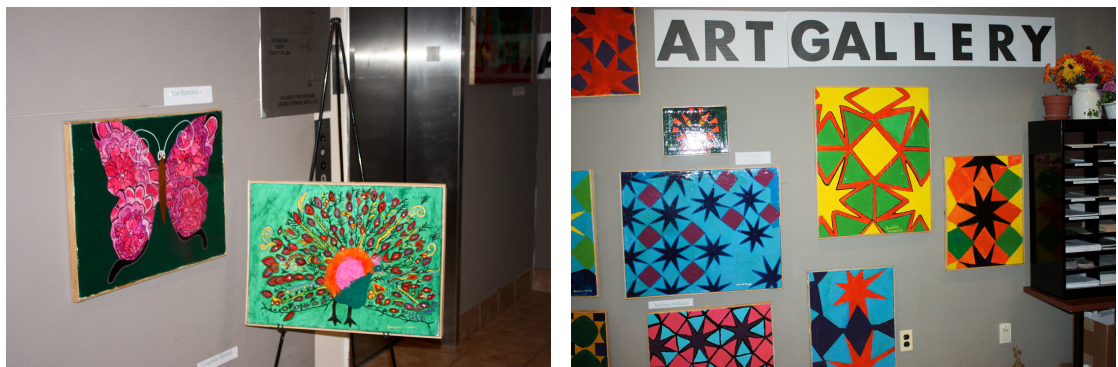
**Pictured: Scenes from Forest Street School's Earth Day activities.**

## **Orange Preparatory Academy Artwork on Display at the Board of Education**



The monthly Board of Education Art Exhibit is featuring artwork by students from Orange Preparatory Academy. An opening was held on April 15. The exhibit features artwork by Orange Preparatory Academy (OPA) students and includes a variety of colorful paintings, a mural, drawings, ceramics and more. Art instructor, Mrs. Irene Mayson was on hand to greet students and visitors and to represent their work. Principal, Ms. Aretha Malloy,

Assistant Principals, Ms. Samantha Fossella and Ms. Carrie Halstead, were present to congratulate the students whose work will be on display for the remainder of the month. Also present, to congratulate the students, were Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Professional Development, and Data Assessment, Dr. Terri Russo and Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, Mr. Peter Crosta, along with OPA staff members.



**Pictured (above): OPA artwork on display at the Board of Education.**





**Pictured (left to right): Principal Malloy and Ms. Mayson, art teacher; Artwork; Dr. Russo at exhibit opening.**

## ***The Week of the Young Childhood***

*Submitted by Mrs. Karen Machuca, Principal Scholars Academy and OECC II*

During the week of April 13, the Early Childhood Department participated in a nationwide annual celebration, the *Week of the Young Child*, sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The *Week of the Young Child* is an opportunity to recognize young children: their innate sense of curiosity, unique way of seeing the world, and their general sense of wonder. During the week, the Early Childhood Department celebrated our youngest learners through curriculum-based activities such as “Music Monday,” “Tasty Tuesday” and “Artsy Thursday.” The Preschool team encouraged cooperative play and strengthening family connections with “Work Together Wednesday,” a family literacy night at the Orange Public Library and “Family Friday.” The week was a huge success due to the partnership and dedication of the Preschool faculty and parents!



**Pictured: “Music Monday” celebration.**



**Pictured: “Family Friday,” sharing stories.**



**Pictured (left to right): Family Friday,” sharing via website; sharing story; “Artsy Thursday.”**

## The Bison Robotics Team Wins 2 Awards in the *Robot Dance Competition at RoboCup Junior 2015 NJ/NY Regional Competition*

Submitted by Sheronda Tanner, Resource teacher and Robotics advisor and Rosa Lazzizzera, Media Specialists, Orange Preparatory Academy



The Orange Preparatory Academy robotics team competed at the *RoboCup Junior 2015 Robot Dance League*, at the Horace Mann School on April 19, 2015. The *RoboCup Junior Dance League* is a competition that integrates science, technology, engineering and the arts. The team won an award for “Best Poster.” The poster was a visual presentation of the robots hardware design, programming, and the team’s use of the engineering loop. The team also won a second award for “Best Creative Display.” This award

was based on a two minute dance routine choreographed by the team captain, Alice Algekum, and assistant captain, Tyra Edge-Hill Parker. The team built three robots, designed costumes, and choreographed a 2-minute dance routine that focused on the synchronization of the robots and humans dancing together to music.

## FYI

### Orange Public Schools Administrator and Teacher Job Fair

**ORANGE**  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

**\*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\***

**ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
ADMINISTRATOR & TEACHER JOB FAIR  
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2015  
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**

(Doors open 8:30 a.m. and close at 12:00 p.m.)  
Orange High School Gymnasium  
400 Lincoln Avenue, Orange, NJ

Applicants must bring appropriate certificate and/or praxis scores for entrance

The Orange Public Schools will hold a job fair on Saturday, April 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at Orange High School, located at 400 Lincoln Avenue.

Interested applicants are invited to attend and to bring the appropriate certificate and/or praxis scores for entrance. Previous applicants need not apply. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. and close at 12:00 p.m. (See flyer below)

### Special Services Department Parent Workshop

The Orange Public School District’s Office of Special Services is hosting a workshop for parents and caregivers of children with different abilities. The workshop will be held on Tuesday, April 28, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Lincoln Avenue School, located at 216 Lincoln Avenue. Parents and caregivers are invited to share their experiences, learn how to find more resources for their child/children and themselves, as well as ask questions of specialists, including school psychologists, social workers, speech therapists and more. Childcare will be provided. For more information visit the district website at [www.orange.k12.nj.us](http://www.orange.k12.nj.us). (See flyer below)



## Community Health Fair Scheduled for May 9, 2015



The Health and Physical Education Department of the Orange Public School District will hold its annual Community Health Fair on Saturday, May 9 at Lincoln Avenue School, located at 216 Lincoln Avenue, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The event will feature:

- Health screenings for blood pressure, diabetes, rapid HIV, eye exams and more
- Vendors selling a variety of gifts, just in time for Mother's Day
- Free amusement rides, carnival booths, games and fun for the entire family

(See flyer below)

## 2015-2016 Preschool Registration - New Schedule Announced for April and May

### Preschool Registration 2015-2016



The Orange Township Public School District began preschool registration for the 2015-2016 school year on March 2. All children who are residents of Orange and will be 3 or 4 years of age by October 1, 2015, are eligible to attend free, full day, pre-school, in the Pre-K 3 or Pre-K 4 class.

The April and May Spring registration session is as follows:

- April 2015, *Tuesdays* – 28<sup>th</sup>
- May 2015, *Tuesdays* – 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>


Registration will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with the last sign in at 1:00 p.m., at the Orange Early Childhood Center, located at 397 Park Avenue in Orange

Two proofs of residency are required, as well as the child's original birth certificate and immunization record. Also, a parent or legal guardian must show a current lease or mortgage statement and a picture ID. For more information, call 973-677-4500 ext. 1904 or 1918. (See flyers below)

### Other Upcoming Events:

- **Saturday, April 25: Pitch Hit and Run at Metcalf Park, 10 AM - 12PM, Major League Baseball's local youth competition, hosted by the Family Assistance Resource Center of NJ**
- **Thursday, April 30: Orange Public Library 130th Anniversary - OPA students will be there, as Ambassadors**
- **Friday, May 1: Orange Preparatory Academy Mock Trial, from 8:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.**

# April 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Good Friday District Closed Happy Easter 	4 (April 3 - 11)
5 	6 SPRING RECESS District Closed 	7 SPRING RECESS District Closed 	8 SPRING RECESS District Closed 	9 SPRING RECESS District Closed 	10 SPRING RECESS District Closed 	11
12	13	14 Monthly BOE Meeting 7:30PM at OPA	15 OPA Lobby Art Show, 6:00PM Administrative Bldg.	16	17 Marking Period 3 Ends	18
19	20 Parent Conference Grades 8-12, 6:00-8:00PM Marking Period 4 Begins	21 Grades 8-12, 12:30PM Dismissal Parent Conference 1:15 - 4:00PM	22 Parent Conference Grades PreK-7 6:00 - 8:00PM	23 Grades PreK-7 12:30PM Dismissal Parent Conference 1:15 - 4:00PM	24	25
26  4th Annual Orange Dance Festival 9:00AM - 4:30PM Lincoln Ave. School	27 Depart. Mtgs. 2:30PM Dismissal for Students	28	29	30		

See below for important events and activities:

**Zumba Instructors: Betty Robertson, Jacqueline Selesky, Tosha M. Brown**

DATE: April 25, 2015  
 TIME: 9:00am-10:30am  
 PLACE: ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL  
 400 LINCOLN AVE ORANGE, NJ 07050  
 PRICE: Donations \$5 and up  
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**CURRENT &  
2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR OPENINGS  
District**

LDTC, Speech Specialists, Accountant,  
Supervisor of Visual & Performing Arts & Media Specialists

**Secondary (Grades 8-12)**

Science (*Physics, Chemistry, Biology*), Mathematics, Language Arts, Culinary Arts  
Special Ed. (*Mathematics, Language Arts, Resource*), Drama, Dance

**Middle School (Grades 5-7)**

Mathematics, Science, Language Arts

**Elementary (Grades K-7)**

Nurses, ESL, Media Specialist, Art, Special Ed. (*Resource & MD*), STEM

*Previous Applicants Need Not Reapply.*

*No Phone Calls Please!*

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# ORANGE DANCE FESTIVAL

April 26, 2015  
9:00AM-4:30PM

Lincoln Avenue School  
216 Lincoln Ave, Orange, NJ

CALLING ALL DANCERS, DANCE SCHOOLS, DANCE TEAMS,  
AND ANYONE FROM AGE 5 TO ADULT WITH A PASSION FOR DANCE!



FEATURING  
CELEBRITY CHOREOGRAPHER

SEAN BANKHEAD

& TEACHING ARTIST EBONY WILLIAMS

Plus Teaching Artists:

Chio - Carlos Neto  
Jaime Jackson - Karen "KB" Brown  
Yvonne Gutierrez - Michael Felder  
April Cook

**Admission:** \$35 ( Register 3 students together & get the 4th FREE )

**Register via Email:** [rememberde@orange.k12.nj.us](mailto:rememberde@orange.k12.nj.us)

or **Call:** 973-677-4124

**\*\*Lunch is Provided\*\***

Sponsored by: 

Orange Public School District. Ronald C. Lee, Superintendent of Schools



## ***You're Invited!***

***Join us on Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup> for a Parent Workshop***

***Lincoln Ave. School***

***Library***

***6:30PM ~ 8:00PM***

### ***I.E.P.'S AND 123'S***

***DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE DIFFERENT ABILITIES?***

***ARE YOU IN NEED OF FINDING MORE RESOURCES FOR YOUR CHILD AND YOU?***

***YOU'RE NOT ALONE! LET'S TALK!***

- ❖ *Open discussion for parents and caregivers*
- ❖ *Share your experiences and ask questions*
- ❖ *Ask questions about Dynamic Learning Map (DLM) Testing*
- ❖ *Speak with a: School Psychologist, Social Worker, Speech/Language Therapist, Learning Disabilities Teacher -Consultant and a Transition Coordinator*
- ❖ *Child care will be provided*

***Sponsored by the Orange Public Schools  
Office of Special Services  
973-677-4027***





# Community Health Fair

## Saturday, May 9, 2015



10:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

### Lincoln Ave. Gym & Parking Lot

216 Lincoln Ave.

**GAMES • CARNIVAL BOOTHS • DJ  
AMUSEMENT RIDES • MOTHER'S DAY ITEMS FOR  
SALE**



**FREE SCREENINGS FOR:**  
BLOOD PRESSURE - GLAUCOMA  
EYE EXAM- GLUCOSE TESTING - CHLAMYDIA- GONNORHEA  
TRIGGER POINT MASSAGE/RAPID RELEASE PAIN  
MANAGEMENT AND SPINAL ADJUSTMENT  
RAPID HIV SCREENING RESULTS

**INFORMATION & REFERRALS ON:**  
BREAST, CERVICAL, PROSTATE & COLON/RECTAL HEALTH \*  
STD \* DRUG ABUSE \* BIRTH CONTROL \* FAMILY PLANNING \*  
FOSTER CARE \* CHILD ABUSE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (973) 677-4000 EXT. 5042

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

Mr. Ronald C. Lee  
Superintendent of Schools

Candace Goldstein  
Director of Special Programs

Jacquelyn Blanton  
Supervisor of Early Childhood

## REGISTRACIÓN PREESCOLAR

### REQUISITOS:

- 3 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/15
- 4 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/15
- 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, NO CELLPHONE!) 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:**

**AVRIL 2015 - MARTES 21, 28**

**MAYO 2015 - MARTES 5, 12, 19, y 26**

**10:00am-200pm**

**Tiene que firmar antes de las 1:00pm**

**LUGAR: ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

**397 PARK AVE, ORANGE, NJ 07050**

**(973) 677-4500 ext 1904, 1918**

**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.**