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ELL Parent Breakfast at Cleveland Street School



Fourteen parents of students, enrolled in Cleveland Street School's English as a Second Language (ESL) program, came to a breakfast organized by Mrs. Enid Unger, ESL teacher. As a collaborative school effort, parents enjoyed breakfast and conversation with school personnel. Specifically, questions were raised that could be used as a basis for conversations with classroom teachers during parent/teacher conferences. Five questions, translated into Spanish and Haitian Creole, were distributed for future reference. After breakfast, they were escorted to the school's Book Pantry. There they were invited to take home reference books for themselves and books for their children, as well as school supplies such as rulers, pencils, notebooks and folders.

Pictured left: Parents meet with Mrs. Unger, Principal Denise White and school personnel at the ELL Breakfast.

There are 36 students enrolled in the ESL program at Cleveland Street School. Mrs. Unger, said, " The ELL (English Language Learners) Parents' Breakfast was scheduled to get mothers and fathers involved in their child's education, by supporting the educational objectives at home, as partners, and making parents feel welcome and comfortable at school."

(Submitted by Cleveland Street School)



January Monthly Board of Education Meeting Acknowledges Students/Parent of the Month

At the monthly Board of Education Meeting, held on January 8, 2013, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee and Board of Education President, Mrs. Patricia A. Arthur, presented students with certificates for being selected Student of the Month (SOTM). On a monthly basis, students are recognized for exemplary behavior, academics and citizenship by their school. Students selected for December 2012 are as follows:

Name	School	Grade
Rashad Griffin	Orange High School	12
Funmilayo Ademoji	Orange Preparatory Academy	8
Shyheim Collins	Career and Innovation Academy of Orange	10
Jason Jean-Baptiste	Cleveland Street School	5
Shadae Lovelace	Rosa Parks Central Community School	3
Rhea Davis	Park Avenue School	4
Na-Sir Smith Hayes	Heywood Avenue School	5
Shamir Ford	Forest Street School	4
Jashawn Golden	Oakwood Avenue School	5
Danny Serrano	Lincoln Avenue School	1



Pictured in each photo are Board President Arthur and Superintendent Lee and family members with (from left to right): Rashad Griffin, with Co-Principals, F. Alcantara and K. Morgan; Funmilayo Ademoji with Principal D. Medley; Rhea Davis with Principal M. Hackett.

After presenting certificates to the students, Superintendent Lee acknowledged the Parent of the Month selected by the school hosting the monthly meeting. This month, Oakwood Avenue School, who opened the meeting with songs led by Mrs. Annmarie Guenther and beautiful violin music, led by Ms. Beulah Cox, recognized Mrs. Kelly Smith as their Parent of the Month. Mrs. Smith was born and raised in Trinidad before coming to Orange N.J. She attended the Chaguanas Jr. School and graduated from the Chaguanas Sr. School. From her marriage, Mrs. Kelly Smith raised two beautiful daughters, Chenel and Cyndi. She is proud of them and their progress in the Orange Public School System. Chenel and Cyndi attend Scholars Academy and are on the Honor Roll throughout the year.



Mrs. Smith is a parent member of the Oakwood Avenue School Management Team and is a dedicated and supportive participant. She is the eyes and ears of the Oakwood community. She is always available to assist, in any way, with not just her children, but also with any child at Oakwood Avenue School.

Mrs. Smith is shown (left) with her family, Principal Luckey, President Arthur and Superintendent Lee.



Safety Award Presented to the Orange Board of Education



New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group (NJSBAIG) presented the Orange Board of Education with a 2012 Safety Award at the January Monthly Board Meeting. The Orange Board of Education is one of only 40 school districts to receive this award of distinction from the over 400 districts in NJSBAIG's workers' compensation insurance pool. The award presentation was made by Mr. Steve Williams and Mr. Earl Brown, representatives of the NJSBAIG, to Business Administrator, Mr. Adekunle James, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, Board President, Mrs. Patricia A. Arthur and members of the Board of Education. The award (shown left) is hung in the lobby of the Board of Education Administrative Office.

Per the NJSBAIG, the 2012 recipients were recognized for implementing an effective safety program in their districts, which minimized their workers' compensation costs, ultimately benefitting taxpayers and students. The students benefit from having fewer substitute staff members and the continuity of their education is maintained at the highest level. Additionally, the Orange community could realize savings through lower insurance premiums paid by the school district.

The New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group, located in Burlington, NJ, is a non-profit insurance pool, which provides property, casualty, and workers' compensation at reduced costs to public schools in New Jersey.



Pictured (left to right) Mr. Steve Williams and Mr. Earl Brown make a formal presentation of the 2012 NJSBAIG Safety Award and Mr. Williams is shown holding the award.



Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Status Report

At the January 8, 2013 Monthly Board of Education Meeting, Mrs. Shelley Harper, Director of Special Services, presented a summary of incidents of HIB, submitted to the New Jersey Department of Education, as required in the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act (P.L. 2010, c. 122). Ms. Harper reviewed a summary chart, for the reporting period September 2012 – December 2012, listing HIB incidents that were confirmed through an investigation and acknowledged by the Orange Board of Education. The confirmed incidents were entered into the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying – Investigations, Trainings and Programs (HIB-ITP) data collection system.

Ms. Harper reported to the Board, Superintendent Lee and members of the community the following information show in the chart below:

1. Number of HIB investigations conducted
2. Number of HIB incidents confirmed
3. The categories of HIB incidents confirmed
4. HIB Specialists by school
5. HIB programs/initiatives in each school

HIB-Investigations, Trainings and Initiatives					
Name of School	Number of Incidents Investigated	Number of Confirmed HIB Incidents	HIB Categories	Anti-Bullying Specialist	Programs, Initiatives and Trainings Conducted
Orange High School	4	2	Intimidation	Dana Jones, School Counselor	Week of Respect and Violence Awareness Week
Career Innovation Academy of Orange	3	0		Donald Nicholson, School Counselor	Week of Respect and Violence Awareness Week
Orange Preparatory Academy	12	6	Intimidation Sexual Harassment	Malika Berry, School Counselor	Week of Respect and Violence Awareness Week
Lincoln Avenue School	1	0		Wanda Merchant, School Counselor	Week of Respect and Violence Awareness Week
Oakwood Avenue School	1	0		Pamela Venable, School Counselor	Week of Respect and Violence Awareness Week
Cleveland Avenue School	0	0		Carol Lukoff, School Counselor	Week of Respect and Violence Awareness Week
Park Avenue School	0	0		Guerdy Baguidy, School Counselor	Week of Respect and Violence Awareness Week
Rosa Parks Central Community School	1	0		Natasha Murphy Cindy Pagano School Counselors	Week of Respect and Violence Awareness Week
Forest Street School	0	0		Quiyon Peters, School Counselor	Week of Respect and Violence Awareness Week
Heywood Avenue School	9	5	Intimidation	Neferritti Scott, School Counselor	Week of Respect and Violence Awareness Week
Orange Early Childhood Center	0	0		Iris Ramos, School Counselor	Week of Respect and Violence Awareness Week



Oakwood Avenue Art Exhibit at the Board of Education Building

The monthly Board of Education Art Show had its opening at the administration building on Wednesday, January 9, 2013, the first in the new year. The colorful mixed media display featured the artwork of the Oakwood Avenue School students. Art instructor, Ms. Helen Kwon and Principal, Ms. Debbie Luckey presented certificates to the talented artists whose work will be on display for the remainder of the month. Also there to congratulate the students was Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, Mr. Peter Crosta, who applauded the students' work and the instructor's dedication to her craft. Oakwood's teachers and parents were also congratulated for their presence at the opening, making the evening special for the students, as they eagerly accepted certificates for their artistic accomplishments. District personnel, parents, students and members of the community are encouraged to stop by the Board Office during office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., to view the gallery display.



In the above pictures (left to right), A student receives his certificate; Students pose with their awards; A sample of the artwork on display (also shown above right)

Coming Attractions

- **Tuesday, January 15, 2013 – Park Avenue Winter Concert, 6:30 p.m.**
- **Thursday, January 17, 2013 – Park Avenue Winter Dance Concert, 7:00 p.m.**
- **Monday, January 21, 2013 – District Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
- **Monday, January 28, 2013 – Department Meetings, students dismissed at 2:30 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, January 29, 2013 – OPA Winter Dance Concert, 7:00 p.m. at OPA Auditorium (PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE)**
- **Thursday, January 31, 2013 – District Professional Development Day, 12:30 p.m. dismissal for students**
- **Friday, February 1, 2013 – District Professional Development Day canceled – schools in session**
- **Friday, February 1, 2013 – OHS Winter Dance Concert, 7:00 p.m. at OPA Auditorium**
- **Wednesday, February 6, 2013 – Heywood Avenue Art Reception, 6:00 p.m. at the Administration Building**

More Winter Concerts in the New Year . . . come out and support the Orange Public Schools at the following events:

ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT WINTER CONCERTS 2012 – 2013

December 4, 2012	Forest Street School Choir	7:00 PM	Livingston Mall-Macy's
December 5, 2012	Cleveland Street Art Reception	6:00 PM	Administration Building
December 6, 2012	Shakespeare Comedy, OHS/OPA	7:00 PM	OPA Auditorium
December 7, 2012	Shakespeare Comedy, OHS/OPA	7:00 PM	OPA Auditorium
December 8, 2012	Shakespeare Comedy, OHS/OPA	2:00 PM	OPA Auditorium
December 8, 2012	Shakespeare Comedy, OHS/OPA	7:00 PM	OPA Auditorium
December 10, 2012	Lincoln Avenue Winter Concert	7:00 PM	Lincoln Gymnatorium
December 11, 2012	Central Winter Concert	6:00 PM	Central Auditorium
December 12, 2012	Heywood Avenue Winter Concert	6:30 PM	Heywood Auditorium
December 13, 2012	Oakwood Avenue Winter Concert	6:00 PM	Oakwood Auditorium
December 17, 2012	Forest Street Winter Concert	6:00 PM	Forest Gymnatorium
December 18, 2012	OPA Winter Music Concert	7:00 PM	OPA Auditorium
December 19, 2012	Cleveland Street Winter Concert	6:00 PM	Park Cafetorium
December 20, 2012	OHS Winter Music Concert	7:00 PM	OPA Auditorium
January 9, 2013	Oakwood Avenue Art Reception	6:00 PM	Administration Building
January 15, 2013	Park Avenue Winter Concert	6:30 PM	Park Cafetorium
January 17, 2013	Park Winter Dance Concert	7:00 PM	OPA Auditorium
January 29, 2013	OPA Winter Dance Concert	7:00 PM	OPA Auditorium
February 1, 2013	OHS Winter Dance Concert	7:00 PM	OPA Auditorium
February 6, 2013	Heywood Avenue Art Reception	6:00 PM	Administration Building

Schedule revised 1/11/2013

Please note that Cleveland Street's concert is being held at Park Avenue School and not Central Avenue as previously published and the Park Avenue Winter Music Concert, previously scheduled for early December, is now planned for January 15, 2013. Also, Rosa Parks Central Community School (grades 2 -7) will not have a winter concert, due to scheduling complications.