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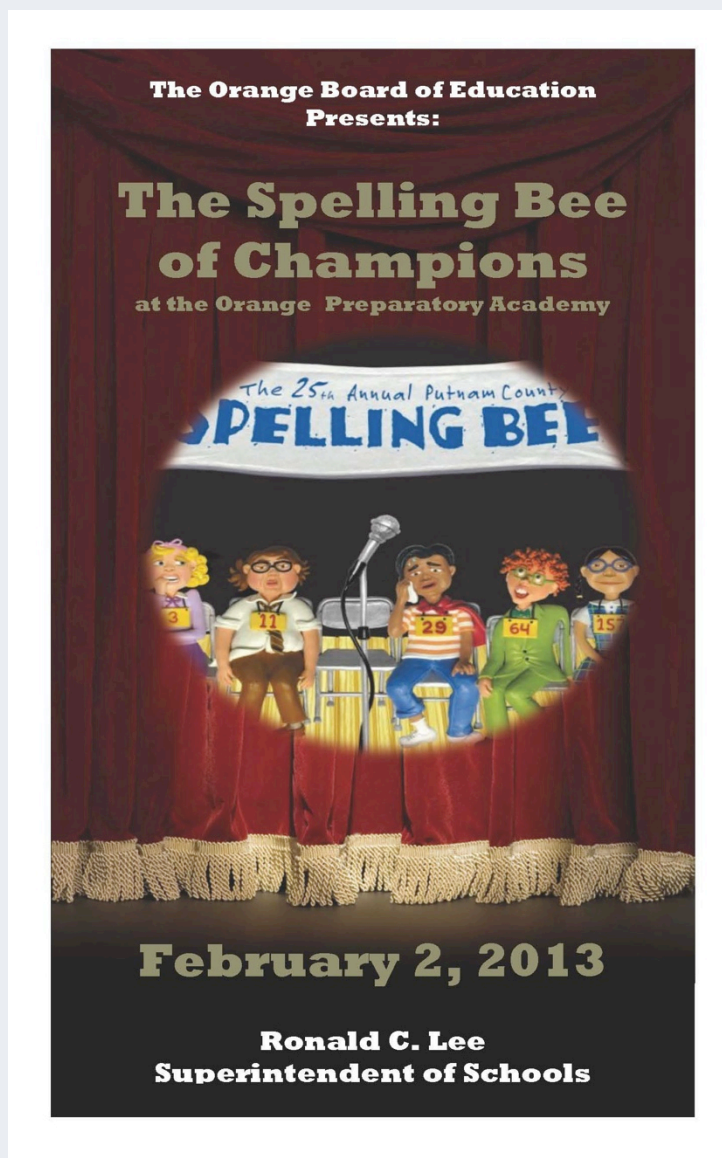
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**It's Super Bowl Weekend – and Orange has a few super events:**

- **The Spelling Bee of Champions – on the Saturday before the Super Bowl, February 2, 2013, 1:00 p.m., at Orange Preparatory Academy Auditorium**
- **Emerging Artist Exhibit at Kean University - before Super Bowl kick-off, on Sunday, February 3, 2013, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. (Note corrected date – see flyer below)**



**You're Invited to the Orange Public Schools' Spelling Bee of Champions**





## Career/College Fair at Orange High School

The Career/College Fair, held at Orange High School on January 31, 2013, was received enthusiastically by students. The event, held in the school's Media Center, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., featured career training options for students, in addition to several colleges, with some offering instant acceptance decisions.

Mrs. Dana Jones, Social Worker and Mr. Lyle Wallace, Career Counselor, who organized the event, were pleased with the students' reaction and engagement, noting that they were attentive to the various presenters. The counselors acknowledged that, unlike the OHS College Fair, held earlier in the school year, this event focused more on career training. Presenters offered various options for students. Among the 23 participants, East Orange General Hospital informed students of volunteer opportunities, allowing them to fulfill their community service hours; the FoodBank of New Jersey presented their Culinary Arts Program and ASVAB detailed their career planning and exploration assessment tools available to Orange High School students. In addition to career options, students like Samuel Akande received college acceptance decisions on the spot. "It's exhilarating," said Samuel, who has already been accepted to two other schools. He acknowledged that, "After you put in the hard work to apply, it's a happy feeling when you get your reward."

School/ Program		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Albertus Magnus College</li> <li>2. Anthem Institute</li> <li>3. The Art Institute</li> <li>4. ASVAB Career Exploration Program</li> <li>5. Berkley College/Dover Business School</li> <li>6. Bloomfield College (Instant decision)</li> <li>7. Caldwell College (Instant decision)</li> <li>8. Capri Institute</li> <li>9. DeVry</li> <li>10. Eastwick College</li> <li>11. East Orange General Hospital</li> <li>12. Essex County College (Instant decision)</li> <li>13. FoodBank of New Jersey (Culinary Arts Program)</li> <li>14. Johnson &amp; Wales</li> <li>15. Lincoln Tech</li> <li>16. New Jersey Institute of Technology</li> <li>17. Sodexo</li> <li>18. Union County College (Instant decision)</li> <li>19. US Air Force</li> <li>20. Mercy College (Instant decision)</li> <li>21. US Navy</li> <li>22. ASRAB (armed forces testing)</li> <li>23. Space Program</li> </ol>		

**Pictured (left to right): Students with ASVAB Career Exploration Program; Student with East Orange General Hospital's representatives.**

**Pictured (left to right): FoodBank of New Jersey presenters; Samuel Akande receives acceptance from Bloomfield College.**



## Family Math Night at Rosa Parks Central Community School

On January 24, Rosa Parks Central Community School hosted a special Family Math Night presented by the school's Master Mathematics teacher, Chris Anderson. About 90 families joined him for an evening of math activities demystifying its challenges and making it fun for all. He was supported by RPCCS's math teachers and other dedicated staff members who led the various activities. Students exercised their math abilities by playing "Top-it" card games (multiplication, addition, subtraction and division) to improve computation skills. Some enjoyed activities such as a friendly match or two of chess or playing mental math games on the smart board.

Parents were made at ease with the exercises acknowledged Terry Caliste, Director of Mathematics and Science for the district. He was on hand to greet families, along with Principal Cayce Cummins, and commented on the advantages of math as a career platform while supporting the event. He stated that some parents came to get a comfort level for the subject area and to gain the confidence to assist their children.





**Pictured: Scenes from Rosa Parks Central Community School's Family Math Night.**



## **"Unspoken" Dance Recital**

Orange Preparatory Academy presented their winter dance recital, on January 29, 2013, to a receptive audience of friends, family and staff. The performance, entitled "Unspoken", opened with welcoming remarks from Mr. Darrell Medley, Principal.

The show was a creative mix of music and choreography, directed by Ms. Gianna Mistry, dance instructor. Her students danced to such songs as "Write it in the Sky" by Rihanna and "Adouma" by Carlos Santana. Guest performers included dancers from Orange High School.



**Pictured: Scenes from "Unspoken", performed by OPA Dance Ensemble.**



## **Orange Singers Selected for Kids In Concert 2013**

Orange High School's award winning chorus, "Voices In Harmony" and the Lincoln Avenue School Chorus were selected to perform in the Education Law Center's annual Kids in Concert (KIC) event. KIC 2013 will take place on Thursday, March 21, 2013 at Long Branch High School, Long Branch, NJ. The concert celebrates the talents of New Jersey's public school students in high-need school districts, giving them the opportunity to develop and perform on stage with other talented students from across the state. KIC, now in its fifteenth year, is presented in partnership with the New Jersey Education Association.

The theme of this year's concert is "New Jersey, The Garden State."

Congratulations to "Voices In Harmony", directed by Mr. David Milnes and the Lincoln Avenue Chorus, directed by Mrs. Wendy Mir.



## **Heywood Avenue School Student's Artwork to Exhibit at NJPAC**

Heywood Avenue School's art teacher, Ms. Kelly N. Grzesiak, has announced that second grader, Cory Dewitt, was chosen for the New Jersey Performing Arts Center's (NJPAC) late winter juried art show. Ms. Grzesiak submitted approximately 20 entries, created by Heywood's young artists, to the Art Educators of New Jersey for the show. A panel of judges selected 30 art pieces from all over the state for the exhibit. A reception for the event is scheduled for February 24, 2013 at NJPAC.

## Coming Attractions

- *Saturday, February 2, 2013 – Spelling Bee of Champions, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Orange Preparatory Auditorium*
- *Sunday, February 3, 2013 – Emerging Artist Reception at James Howe Gallery Kean University, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (NOTE CORRECTED DATE) (See flyer below)*
- *Tuesday, February 5, 2013 – Heywood Avenue School Celebrity Read, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*
- *Wednesday, February 6, 2013 – Cleveland Street School Celebrity Read, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*
- *Wednesday, February 6, 2013 – Heywood Avenue Art Reception, 6:00 p.m. at the Administration Building*
- *Friday, February 8, 2013 – OHS Winter Dance Concert, 7:00 p.m. at OPA Auditorium (PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE) (See flyer below)*
- *Friday, February 8 thru Friday, February 15, 2013 – PRIDE Expo at Livingston Mall*
- *Monday, February 11, 2013 – Heywood Avenue School, Concert Band/Chorus, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Livingston Mall*
- *Wednesday, February 13, 2013 – Oakwood Avenue School Celebrity Read, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*
- *Thursday, February 14, 2013 – Lincoln Avenue School, Band/Violins/Dance Ensemble, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Livingston Mall (New time!)*
- *Sunday, February 24, 2013 – Art Reception at NJPAC, time TBD*
- *Saturday, March 9, 2013 – Parent Resource Fair, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Lincoln Avenue School - Featuring resource tables and information sessions for students (college fairs, summer programs) and parents (adult education, entrepreneurship courses)*

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# Emerging Artists

## 25th Annual High School Art Exhibit



James Howe Gallery  
Vaughn-Eames Building  
Kean University  
Union, New Jersey

January 7 - February 3, 2013

### **Awards Reception**

Sunday, February 3, 2013

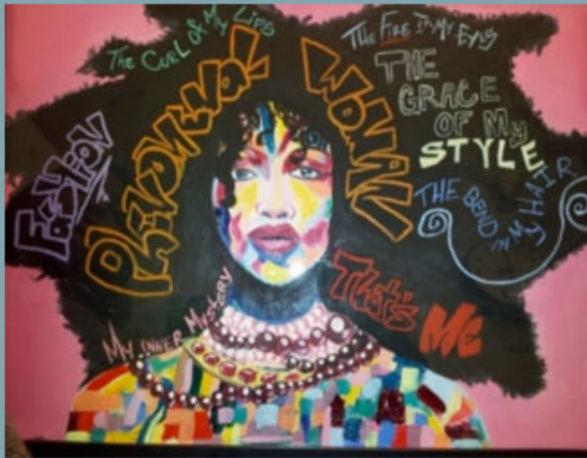
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

**Awards Ceremony at 2:00 pm**

*Journey Through Equus*  
2012 Student Achievement Award Winner  
Grace Cheung  
Ridge HS, Basking Ridge

## Orange High School Second Annual Exhibit

On display now through February 4, 2013



"Phenomenal Woman" by Maquelin Santana, Orange High School senior.

*The exhibit features work by students in Christopher Cosmillo and Megan Guerrero's classes at Orange High School*

The Stefanie Garwin Gallery  
Arts Unbound  
Monday - Friday  
10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
544 Freeman Street  
Orange, NJ  
973-675-2887

## O.H.S. Dance Department Presents Inspirations by our Historical President For Black History Month

**YES WE CAN**

**February 08, 2013**

**OPA Auditorium**

**At 7:00P.M.**





**Essex County  
Education Association**

**PRIDE EXPO**

**at**

**LIVINGSTON MALL**

*Friday, February 8  
through  
Friday, February 15, 2013*

**COME EXPERIENCE THE TALENTS  
of  
THE STUDENTS OF  
ESSEX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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- \* **DEMONSTRATIONS**
- \* **CLASSROOM PROJECTS**
- \* **ARTWORK**
- \* **SCULPTURES**