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**Have a safe and enjoyable winter break!
February 18 – February 22, 2013**



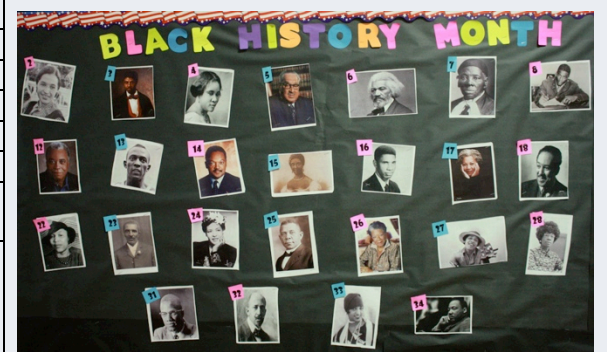
The district will reopen on February 25, 2013



Black History Month Programs

Orange Public Schools celebrate Black History Month to acknowledge the achievements of African Americans and the contributions of African Americans to the history of the United States and the world. The following schools will hold Black History Month Programs, as follows:

School	Date	Time
Cleveland	February 26 and 27,	TBD (In the afternoon)
Forest	March 7	6:00 p.m.
Heywood	February 28	9:15 a.m.
Lincoln	February 27	9:00 a.m.
Oakwood	February 28	9:30 a.m.
Park	February 26	K-4 at 10:00 5-7 at 1:45
Rosa Parks Central Community School (RPCCS)	February 28 and March 1	9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.



Bulletin Board at Cleveland Street School

During the Black History Month Program at RPCCS, there will be a special stamp unveiling of the 2013 Rosa Parks Forever Stamp issued in her honor by the United States Postal Service to commemorate her 100th birthday. (See flyer below).

Additionally, Orange Preparatory Academy presented *Faces of Black History*, sponsored by the Irving Street Repertory Company in conjunction with the McDonald's Corporation, as part of their Black History Month celebration. The show was made possible, in part, through staff member, Ms. Mary Ince. Students enjoyed the lively musical salute to well-known celebrities, personalities, and history makers in an educational and entertaining format. The musical genres covered ranged from Negro spirituals to rap music and included audience participation.



Pictured (left to right): Irving Street Repertory Company with Ms. Mary Ince; Performers on stage; Performers with 9th grader Christopher Gilbert.



Digital Day of Learning

Orange Public School students participated in Digital Day of Learning on February 6, 2013. Digital Learning Day (<http://www.digitallearningday.org>) is a nationwide celebration of innovative teaching and learning through digital media and technology that engages students and provides them with a rich, personalized, educational experience. Digital learning involves a wide range of tools and practices, including the use of online and formative assessment, increased focus and quality of teaching resources, re-evaluation of the use of time, online content and courses, applications of technology in the classroom and school building, adaptive software for students with special needs, learning platforms, participation in professional communities of practice, access to high-level and challenging content and instruction, and many other advanced technology to aid teaching and learning.

Guided by the Technology Department, the district engaged in several activities by grade level. K-2 students went on virtual field trips at "Common Sense Media" where students experienced the power of the Internet to take them to places they might not be able to visit in person. The students learned that they should follow safety rules when they travel online, just as when traveling in the real world. <http://www.common sense media.org/educators/lesson/going-places-safely-k-2>.

Students in social studies classes, in grades 4-8, participated in a blog on gun control. Students, along with some teachers also participated in a Rice Bowl competition through Free Rice, a non-profit website that is owned by and supports the **United Nations World Food Programme**. Free Rice has two goals:

- Provide education to everyone for free.
- Help end world hunger by providing rice to hungry people for free.

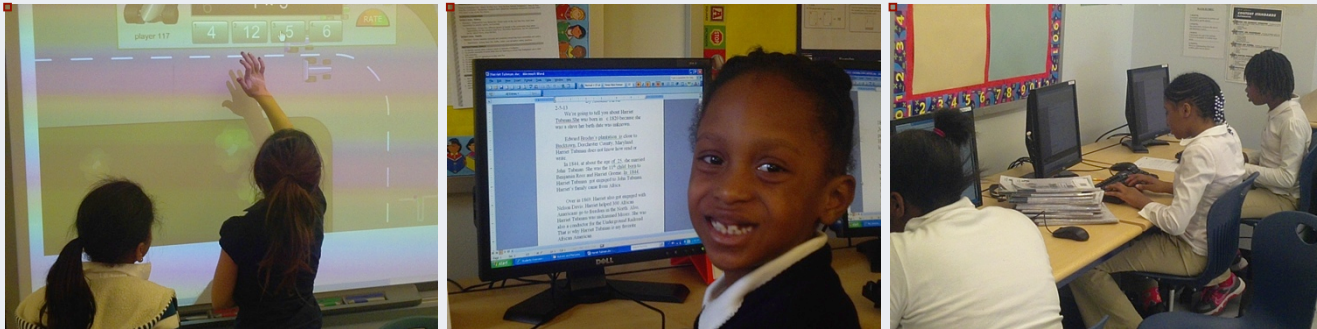
For each answer the student got right, 10 grains of rice was donated to help end hunger.

The Technology Department would like to congratulate Mr. Ross LeBrun, Orange High School Language Arts teacher, for winning the Rice Bowl challenge and winning a Logitech webcam for his classroom!

As a culminating event, each school also created a video for Digital Day of Learning based on the following questions:

- Teachers: How has technology changed the way you teach and learn?
- Students: How do you use technology in learning? What technology tool could you not live without?

Digital Day of Learning Photo Highlights:



At Park Avenue School, grade 1 students are shown using a number chart; Autumn Tarver is shown in a grade 2 activity and middle grade students are shown blogging.



At Forest Street School students are shown using a variety of tools including the Smart Board, on-line interactive tools and blogging. For a video highlight, click the following link: <http://video214.com/play/k9g1oJjMXLr1fnIRNdV9A/s/dark>

A summary of Forest Street School's activities illustrates the undertakings that each school engaged in with the aid of their Technology Coordinator. The Technology Coordinators worked with Supervisor, Ms. Linda Epps, in planning and executing a

Digital Day of Learning.

Forest Street School Activities:

Grade 1

- Digital Book (All about Cardinals)
 - Technology Tool Use (FlipSnack)
 - Link to Project: <http://snack.to/fxjagmju>

Grade 2

- Presentation of Science Project
 - Technology Tool Used (Interactive Smart Board)

Grade 3

- Digital Book (The Sojourner Truth)
 - Technology Tool Used (Flip Snack)
 - Link to project: <http://snack.to/f1m0b39c>

Grade 4

- Blogging Mathematics: Topics: What are the components of Algebraic Equations?
 - How are fractions added or subtracted?
 - How do you draw fraction models?
 - Link to blogs:
<http://www.orange.k12.nj.us/1554202298512917/Blog/browse.asp?A=398&BMDRN=2000&BCOB=0&C=62190>

Grade 5th, 6th, and 7th

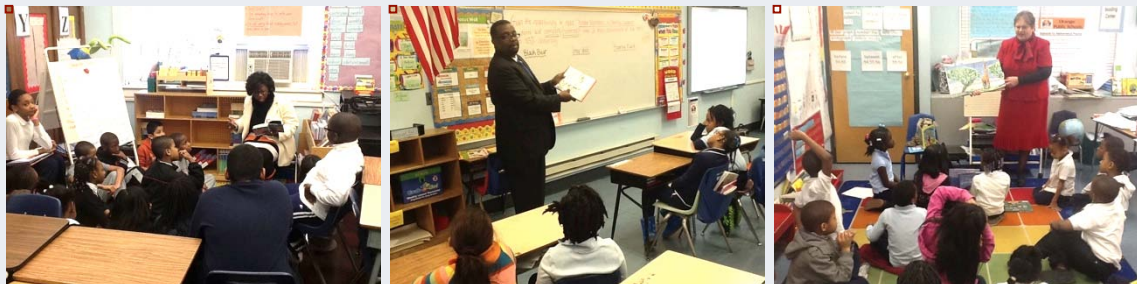
- Blogs about gun control.
- Here are the questions:
 - Should guns exist?
 - Do you think teachers should have the right to carry?
- Technology Tool Used (Interactive Smart Board)

Visit each school's website for additional information and activities completed on Digital Day of Learning.



Celebrity Read

Three schools in Orange participated in the United Way of Essex and West Hudson Celebrity Read 2013. Students were delighted with the many celebrities who visited their classrooms reading engaging, educational and entertaining books. Heywood Avenue School led the way on February 5, 2013 with a large contingent of community members, staff and district administrators.



Pictured (left to right): Orange High School Librarian, Ms. Margaret Cunningham; Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald Lee; Heywood guest reader

On February 6, 2013, Cleveland Street School hosted their Celebrity Read with another strong showing from the community, district administrators, board members, city officials and other special guests. Readers took the opportunity to select books that recognized Black History Month. Also, at Cleveland, students were treated to a visit from Ms. Joani Ascher with a seeing eye puppy and Ms. Carol Mann with a selection of her quilts.



Pictured (left to right): Carol Mann displaying a quilt; Joani Ascher with student petting seeing eye puppy; Board of Education member, Marion Graves-Jackson

On February 13, Oakwood Avenue School hosted their Celebrity Read with another fine contingent of readers. Polite and genial students greeted guests entering the school and served as enthusiastic escorts. Oakwood also invited former pupils, now high school students, to be a part of this annual program to encourage reading among young people. The Oakwood alumni who were celebrity readers are Shakeese Woodson, Amir Robinson, Shane Brown and Bianca Malone.



Pictured (left to right): Celebrity Readers Ms. Barbara Clark (retired Orange School District director), Fireman Hessler, community member, Jody Leight and Fireman Bonds; Rev. Dr. Lanell Guyton of St. Matthew AME Church; Celebrity guest reader.



Monthly Board Meeting Celebrates Black History Month and Student and Parent of the Month

This month, Heywood Avenue School hosted the monthly Board of Education meeting, held on February 12, 2013. They opened the meeting with a preview of their upcoming Black History Month program, "Journey Through Time". Kindergarten students marched down the aisle singing "We Shall Overcome" and mounted the stage for another selection. The students were well received and Principal Karen Machuca invited the audience to their upcoming program scheduled for Thursday, February 28, 2013 at 9:15 a.m.

Following their presentation, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee and Board of Education Vice President, Mr. Arthur Griffa, dressed in African attire in honor of Black History Month, 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 January 2013 are as follows:

Name	School	Grade
Jenneal Robinson	Orange High School	12
Zaire Brown	Orange Preparatory Academy	8
Naquille Cole	Career and Innovation Academy of Orange	9
Jeremiah Latimer	Cleveland Street School	1
Michael Davis, III	Rosa Parks Central Community School	2
Ibrahima Sacko	Park Avenue School	4
Christie Casseus	Heywood Avenue School	7
Mikervens Auguste	Forest Street School	1
Jessica Martin	Oakwood Avenue School	2
Isaiah Bondurant	Lincoln Avenue School	2



Pictured in each photo are Board Vice President Griffa and Superintendent Lee and family members with (from left to right): Michael Davis, III, with Principal, C. Cummins; Ibrahima Sacko with Principal M. Hackett; Isaiah Bondurant with Principal R. Pettit.

Two students selected as their school's Student of the Month, were also recognized for being winners in the district's Spelling Bee of Champions. Michael Davis, III, from Rosa Parks Central Elementary School, is the district's second grade champion and Ibrahima Sacko, from Park Avenue School is the overall district Spelling Bee Champion.



After presenting certificates to the students, Superintendent Lee acknowledged the Parent of the Month selected by the host school, Heywood Avenue. On behalf of the school Mr. Luquon Williams was acknowledged for being one of the many father's who exemplifies the district's "Calling All Men" campaign. Mr. Williams has been an active participant in the school. He has been a dedicated volunteer coach for the Middle School Grades Basketball team for several years. He prepares students to work together as a team, pushes students to achieve their best and to have pride in themselves. He motivates and inspires young people to work hard and stay focused on their goals. Mr. Williams works in collaboration with the teachers to ensure that the players have an equal balance of good grades and proper school conduct. He models a sense of dedication and respect for our young people, as they learn from his own dedication to the young minds and spirits of our Heywood community. Mr. Williams has three children at Heywood, a son Luquon, in the 6th grade, a daughter Tyla, in 3rd grade, and another daughter, Sakiylah in 1st grade. Mr. Williams, pictured (left) with Superintendent Lee, Board Vice President Griffa and Principal Machuca, is appreciated for his time and dedication to the children at Heywood Avenue School.



Alpha Theta Phi Presented with Certificate of Appreciation

At the February monthly Board of Education Meeting, the Alpha Theta Phi organization received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Superintendent of Schools for their past work assisting with the district sponsored "Teen Summit".



Alpha Theta Phi was founded by two Orange High School graduates, Horatio Wauchope and Jonathan Clerie, in February of 2008. To become a member, young men of this organization must be enrolled Orange High School students in grades 10 - 12. The organization is based on four principles: manhood, brotherhood, leadership, and service.

The young men involved in the organization take pride in assisting the community of Orange and in making sure their members become responsible citizens.

Some of their activities include working with City Hall on a mentoring program, working with the Orange Fire Department on their annual Thanksgiving Drive and assisting Orange High School with special activities, such as a college fair.

Pictured left, the president of Alpha Theta Phi, Daniel Lawrence, is shown holding the certificate. Members of the organization, Anthony Barr, Marlon Shillingford, Kevin Milfort, and Steven Moltrie, along with Superintendent Ronald C. Lee are also pictured.



After School Academy and Robotics Club

On Jan.30, 2013 Superintendent Ronald C. Lee visited Cleveland Street School's After School Academy and Robotics Club presentation in science instructor Ms. Pamela Davis' classroom. Twenty students worked on reading fables and changing the storyline. The stories and pictures were taped together and put into a homemade TV box (pictured left) that turned while the students were reading. Commercials for the stories were made from students playing instruments and making a 30 second speech on clothes, eyewear, soaps, and perfumes.

Six students from the robotics club showed Mr. Lee how their robot performs by singing and moving in different directions. All the academy and club members had a great time in explaining and performing for the Superintendent of Schools.



Pictured above: TV Box Creation (left) and students working on Robotics (right)



All-North Jersey High School Chorus

Ms. Micaelia Gibson, Orange High School (OHS) senior and member of the award winning OHS chorus, Voices In Harmony, sang with the 2013 All-North Jersey High School Women's Chorus at the North Jersey School Music Association's annual performance. The program took place at Secaucus High School on February 13, 2013. Congratulations to Micaelia for being selected to sing with the chorus and for proudly representing Orange High School.

Her choral director at OHS is Mr. David Milnes. He was present at the concert, along with Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, Mr. Peter S. Crosta, Micaelia's family and friends.



Pictured above: All-North Jersey Women's Chorus

Coming Attractions

- *Saturday, February 16, 2013 – Rising Tide Capital, Community Business Academy Orientation, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. at Rosa Parks Central Community School (Time and location to be confirmed – see flyer below)*
- *Sunday, February 24, 2013 – Art Reception at NJPAC, Victoria Theatre, 11:00 a.m.*
- *Monday, February 25, 2013 – College Awareness Week at Forest Street School*
- *Monday, February 25, 2013 – Department Meetings, Students dismissed at 2:30 p.m.*
- *Friday, March 1, 2013 – Read Across America, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Lincoln Avenue School*
- *Saturday, March 9, 2013 – Parent Resource Fair (POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE)*
- *Monday, March 18, 2013 – District History Bee, 6:00 p.m. at Orange Preparatory Academy (See updated District Competition flyer below)*
- *Tuesday, March 26, 2013 – North Jersey Spelling Bee Competition, Bergen Community College, 7:00 p.m. (See flyer below)*
- *Thursday, April 18 – Saturday, April 20, 2013 – Save the Date, Orange High School Presents "Little Shop of Horrors" at Orange Preparatory Academy Auditorium*
- *Saturday, May 18, 2013 – Save the Date, "Write on Track Writer's Festival" (See flyer below)*

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Rosa Parks Central Community School Cafeteria
369 Main St., Orange, NJ 07050

To **RSVP** call 201-432-4316 x. 111 or e-mail Tia@RisingTideCapital.org

**Rosa Parks Central Community School
Cordially invites you to a
Black History Program**

“EMBRACING OUR HERITAGE”

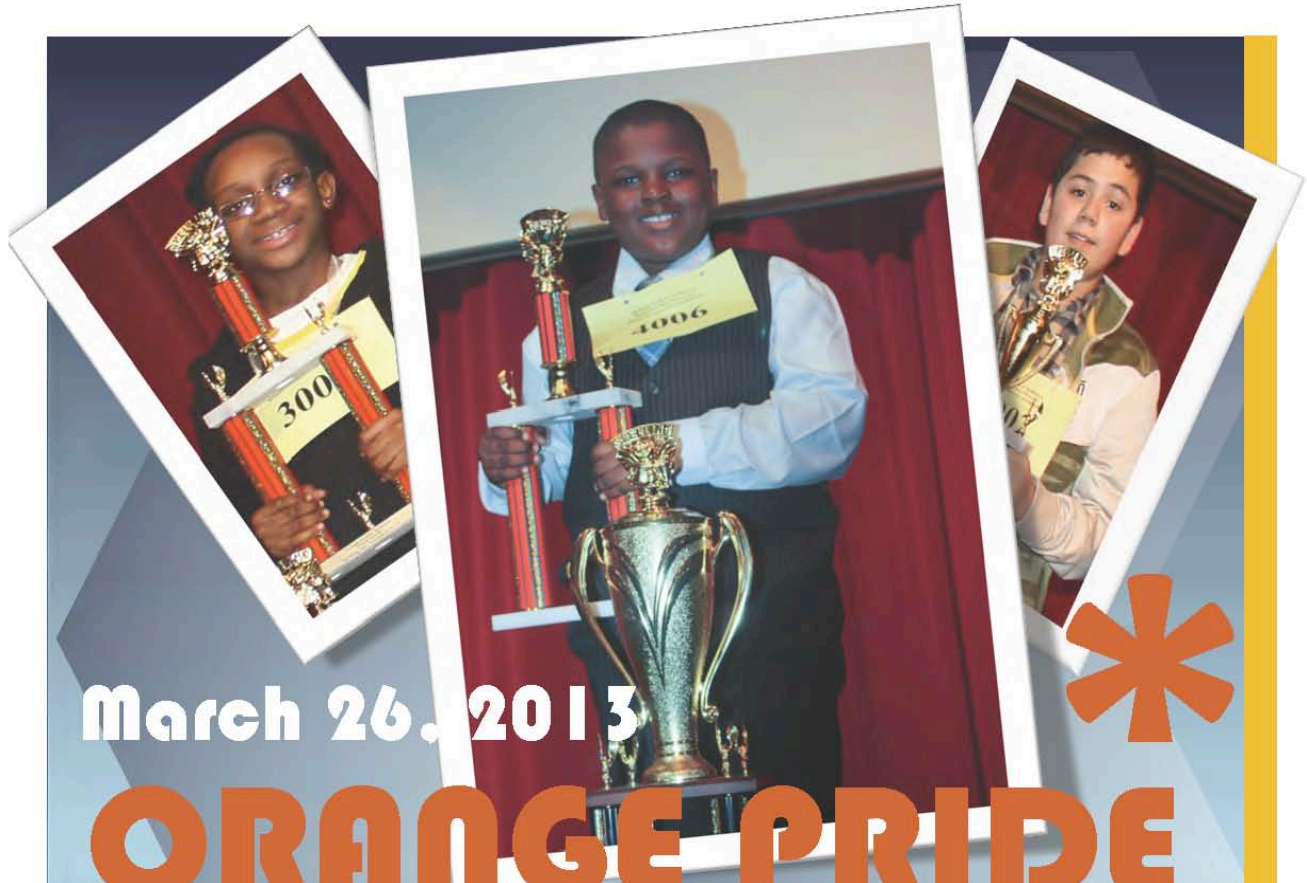


**Thursday, February 28, 2013
9:30AM – 11:00 & 1:30PM – 2:50PM**

**Friday, March 1, 2013
9:30AM – 11:00 & 1:30PM – 2:50PM**

Please come out and celebrate with us

There will be an unveiling of the Rosa Parks Forever postage stamp to commemorate her 100th birthday. Central School will also celebrate their 100th year Anniversary.



March 26, 2013

ORANGE PRIDE

The Orange Board of Education, administration, and faculty congratulate our North Jersey Spelling BEE competitors:

**Ibrahima Sacko, Keshima Smith,
Eduardo Fajardo, Da'Naya Rollins,
Duke Richman, David Purnell, Shamora Vassell,
and Ashleigh Howard-Jones**



Bringing Out The Brilliance!

Orange Public Schools and its employees are committed to fostering scholastic aptitude and encouraging a sense of academic competitiveness amongst students and their peers at home and in surrounding communities.



ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL

APRIL 18 - 20

Orange Prep Academy Auditorium

7:30 PM EVERY NIGHT

Plus a 2:00 PM Saturday Matinee Performance



General Seating Admission: \$10.00

Students (w/school ID) and

Senior Citizens: \$5.00

*Call for Tickets/Info
973-677-4000 x5020*

On The Write Track



The Writer's Festival 2013

Saturday, May 18, 2013

1PM-3PM

Lincoln Avenue School

216 Lincoln Avenue

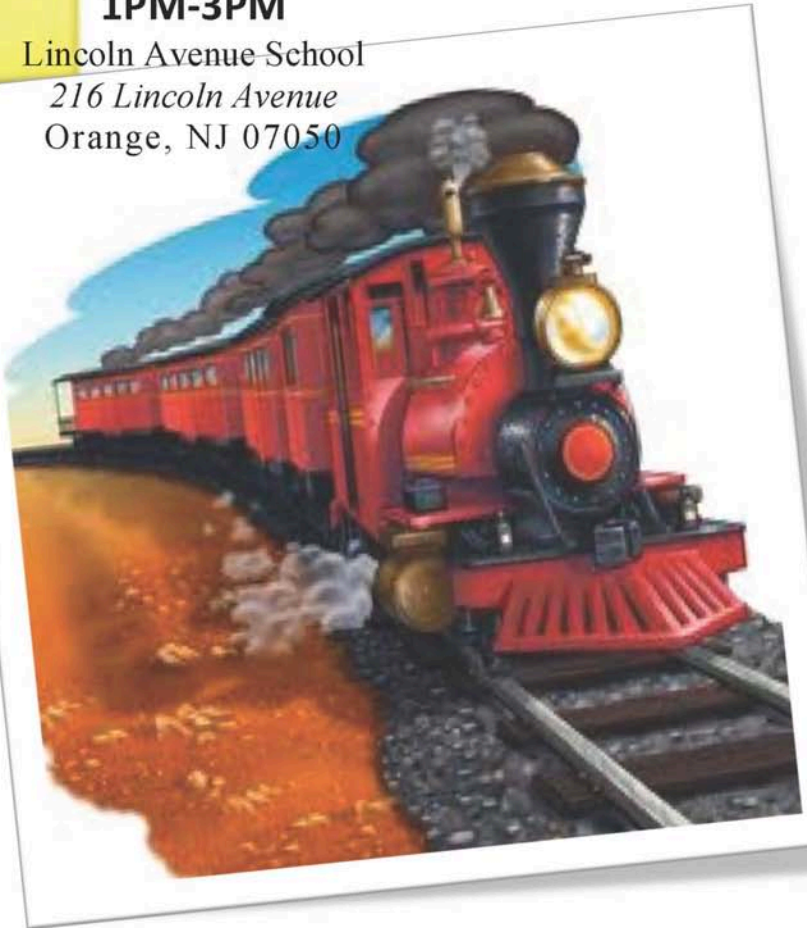
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Featured Authors

To Be Determined

**Orange Public School
Students**

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