



# OBOE-Mail Blast

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## **"The Complete Works of William Shakespeare, (Abridged)[Revised]" Not to Be Missed!**

"The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) [Revised]" is spectacular! This is a play not to be missed for Shakespeare "lovers" and "haters" alike. You'll learn more about Shakespeare than you thought possible, in less than two hours, with references to all 37 of the bard's plays and his numerous sonnets. This is "Shakespeare's greatest hits minus the boring stuff." The entire auditorium is a stage and be prepared for audience participation. "The Complete Works" is funny and the actors show great comedic timing and spontaneity. Congratulations to the impressive cast and crew for a wonderful production.

Don't miss the remaining performances tonight, December 7, at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, December 8, at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Orange Preparatory Academy Auditorium. The play, originally written by Adam Long, Daniel Singer and Jess Winfield is a fast paced comedic production, presented with the permission of Broadway Play Publishing, Inc. Ticket prices are \$5.00 for general admission and \$3.00 for students and senior citizens. Tickets are available at the door.



The cast (pictured above) includes William Collins, Jeremiah Moore, Earl Nelson, Roger Tanis, Emilio DelVillar, Abdul Moses, Isa Rodriguez, Jamillah Williams, Yaramo Dione, LaNijah Willis., Lisa Dawkins, Isaiah Martin, Samuel Akande, Danielle Polidor, Tarrayah McGill, Asner Philemon, Shannon Lake, Hannah Nzedirma, Furquan Bilal, Loryne Roberson and Gabriela Rodriguez. Mrs. Maren Sugarman is the Director, Ms. Malika Abdul-Zahir is the Assistant Director, Ms. Tammy Bladwin is the Set Construction Manager, Ms. Diana Rhodes is the Production Manager, Ms. Megan Guerriero is the

Costume/Make-up Manager and Ms. Janelle Lynn Kennedy is the Set Manager. For more photos of Thursday night's performance see <http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.4610126244079.2181045.1020177194&type=3>.



## Orange Public Schools Present at the Educational Opportunity Fund Professional Association of New Jersey's Fall 2012 Conference

Superintendent of Schools, Ronald C. Lee and Matthew Stevens, from the district's Department of Special Programs (Corporate and Community Affairs) headlined a workshop entitled "Improving Student Recruitment with Inner City Schools" at the Educational Opportunity Fund Professional Association of New Jersey's Fall 2012 Conference. Held on December 3 at Mercer County Community College in West Windsor, NJ, the conference, themed "Living the Legacy," maintained the organization's guiding principal of providing "access to higher education for disadvantaged students" in an "ever-changing political, social, and educational landscape."

The 50-minute workshop presented at the conference was organized to help the Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) improve recruitment efforts in the inner city. The areas of concentration were to establish relationships with local school organizations such as the PTA and community advisory boards, the National Alliance of Black School Educators, and to participate in as many school functions as possible, including college tours, mentor programs and parent seminars. After the workshop, Superintendent Lee and Mr. Stevens followed up with two small work sessions that provided practical remedies for recruiting EOF candidates with Superintendent Lee focusing on discussions that addressed administrative concerns and Mr. Stevens focusing on special projects to improve recruitment.

The conference was beneficial and solidified relationships to advance the EOF program for Orange High School students. For more information on the Educational Opportunity Fund visit <http://www.nj.gov/highereducation/EOF/index.html>.



## Special Guests at Forest Street School

On November 30, 2012, Forest Street hosted its monthly school-wide assembly recognizing students who have obtained Principals Honor, Academic High Honors and Honor Roll.

The Honorable Mayor Dwayne Warren opened up the assembly with great words of encouragement speaking to the staff and students about trust. The audience really enjoyed his speech and was appreciative of his energy and presence.

Representatives of the American Red Cross were also invited. They were presented with a check from the students and staff of Forest Street School to help aid in the clean up from Hurricane Sandy. This initiative was supported with a student donation drive.



**Pictured: The Honorable Mayor Warren poses with staff and students (left and center); Representative from the American Red Cross receives donation from Forest Street's students/staff (right).**

*Submitted by Forest Street School*



## The Winter Concert Season - Off to a Good Start

The Winter Concert Season for the Orange Public Schools is a choral, instrumental and dance display of the talents in our schools. The season kicked off with the Forest Street Choir, under the direction of music teacher, Mr. Jayson Martinez. The choir sang as part of the holiday performances scheduled by the Livingston Mall for the entertainment of their shoppers. They sang beautifully to the delight of passersby. The students were energetic and exhibited confidence and spirit in their presentation. On hand for their show were family members, teachers, Principal Yancisca Cooke, Superintendent Ronald C.

Lee and Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, Peter Crosta.

As a signal of a great start to the concert season, a mall employee, Mr. Daniel Cody, unexpectedly volunteered to assist Mr. Martinez with the sound system for smooth transitions between songs. His assistance was greatly appreciated.

For a complete list of Winter Concerts, see below for a schedule and flyers for individual school performances.



**Pictured: Scenes from Forest Street School's performance at the Livingston Mall.**



## **Orange Board of Education Lobby Art Display Features Cleveland Street School**

The monthly art opening at the Orange Board of Education Administrative Office features art by the students of Cleveland Street School. The artwork is a mix of mediums across grade levels. The work, including some seasonal themes, will be displayed through the end of the calendar year and all are invited to view the colorful show organized by art teacher Barbara Sandford.



**Pictured: Scenes from Cleveland Street's art display.**



## **Coming Soon – A Full Recap of the School-Wide Spelling Bees**



There are a few more Spelling Bees being held this week and next. See below for the schedule.

A complete list of winners and photos will be shared in an upcoming issue.

# Coming Attractions

- *Thursday – Saturday, December 6 – 8, 2012 – "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare, (Abridged) [Revised]", 7:00 p.m. and also at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 8, at Orange Preparatory Academy Auditorium (See flyer below)*
- *Sunday, December 9, 2012 – Fatherhood Football Fellowship, Park Avenue School (sponsored by St. Barnabas Hospital) 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (See flyer below)*
- *Wednesday, December 12, 2012 – Orange Drama Project, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m., Lincoln Avenue School Choral Room (See flyer below)*
- *Friday, December 14, 2012 – Orange Preparatory Academy Spelling Bee, 1:00 -*
- *Monday, December 17, 2012 – Oakwood Avenue Spelling Bee, time TBD*
- *Tuesday, December 18, 2012 – Carols for a Cause with Sankofa, 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. (See flyer below)*
- *Thursday, December 20, 2012 – Dress for Success, A Program for Young Men, Orange Preparatory Academy, 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (See flyer below)*
- *Thursday, December 20, 2012 – NJTOP ESL Certification, registration deadline (See flyer below)*

## *"Tis the Season"*

*The Winter Concert Season has begun. . . 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 24, 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 12/05/2012*

*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 will not have a winter concert, due to scheduling complications.*

# Reminder!!

## The Orange Drama Project

### Has begun!

**FOR:**  
5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> GRADE ORANGE STUDENTS

**WHEN:**  
Wednesdays, 3:30 – 5PM

**WHERE:**  
Lincoln Avenue School Choral Room

Director: Mrs. Wendy Mir  
Assistant Director: Ms. Jennifer Grant



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**This is a program for students who have never acted before  
and want to learn about--**

**What acting is, how to create a character, what to do with a monologue...**

**Learn about the physical space of the stage and how to use it...**

**Projecting the voice on stage...**

**Answering the question who am I, and how does that affect  
what I do on stage...**

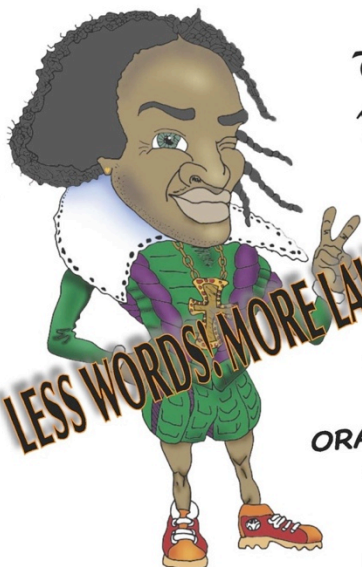
**and lots of 'Theater games'!**

*All activities are done in a non-threatening atmosphere while we  
have fun learning about this great art form.*

**Please join us!**

**If you need a permission slip, you can find them on  
Mrs. Wendy Mir's faculty page,  
Lincoln Avenue School: Drama Project Page**

ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL & ORANGE PREP ACADEMY  
PROUDLY PRESENT



*Funnier than Spark Notes!* *Shakespeare's Greatest Hits, MINUS the BORING stuff!*

# The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (ABRIDGED) [REVISED]

By Adam Long, Daniel Singer  
and Jess Winfield

DECEMBER 6, 7 & 8 2012  
THURSDAY & FRIDAY at 7:00PM  
SATURDAY 2:00PM & 7:00PM  
ORANGE PREP ACADEMY AUDITORIUM  
400 Central Avenue, Orange NJ

TICKETS \$5, STU/SR \$3  
INFO 973-677-4050 x5020  
rhodesdi@orange.k12.nj.us

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It's the most wonderful time of the year, and our students want to give back! Faculty, staff and administration, please come join us for an evening of Holiday Caroling throughout the City of Orange. Alongside our students, we will be singing to raise money for a student selected charity/organization. Afterwards, we will break bread together, family style, at Rosa Parks Central Community School!

For more information contact Ryan LaBoy at: laboyrya@orange.k12.nj.us

## Carols for a Cause!

Rehearsals:  
Wednesdays starting Nov. 14,  
2012 from 5:00-7:00 pm, Central  
School Auditorium

The Big Event:  
Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2012 from  
3:00-8:00 pm



The Orange Public Schools' Premiere Adult Vocal Ensemble

Orange Public Schools

## Fatherhood Football Fellowship



# Calling All Men Campaign

Increased Parental Involvement Improves Student Achievement

LOCATION: Park Avenue School (231 Park Ave.)

DATE: Sunday December 9, 2012

TIME: 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

- NY Giants vs. NO Saints
- Daddy Daughter Fitness Activities

SPONSORED BY: St. Barnabas Hospital



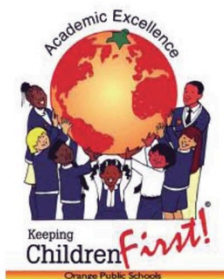
## Dress For Success A Program for Young Men

LOCATION: Orange Preparatory Academy  
(400 Central Ave.)

DATE: Thursday, December 20, 2012

TIME: 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m.

ACTIVITY: Teaching young men how to tie a necktie



# We Need Men

## FATHERHOOD FOOTBALL FELLOWSHIP

Come out and spend quality time with your children (specifically daughters) and participate in a special men's health activity that teaches fathers how to exercise with their daughters to improve female self-esteem. Hosted by Blazin Fitness Inc.

## DRESS FOR SUCCESS FOR YOUNG MEN

Calling All Men invites community members, men's ministries, fraternities and senior citizens to donate a necktie and help to teach young men how to dress for success. Hosted by Tied To Greatness Inc.

### CONTACT US TODAY

(973) 677-4000 (6086) Matt Stevens, Dept. of Special Programs - StevenMa@Mail.Orange.k12.nj.us

[www.Orange.k12.nj.us](http://www.Orange.k12.nj.us)



*Join us for an evening of music and dance!  
\*Plus a 50/50 raffle\**

**Monday, December 10, 2012  
7pm LAS Gymnatorium**

**Admission:  
\$3 Adult    \$1 Student**

*Robert J. Pettit, Principal*

*Mia Kirk, Assistant Principal*

*Performing Arts Team:*

*Wendy Mir, Marianne Mroz, Michelle Rosolen*



**HEYWOOD AVENUE SCHOOL  
PRESENTS THEIR ANNUAL**

**WINTER CONCERT**

**BELIEVE IN  
YOUR DREAMS**

**Featuring:**

- . Vocal**
- . Instrumental**
- . Drama**
- . and Visual Art Displays**

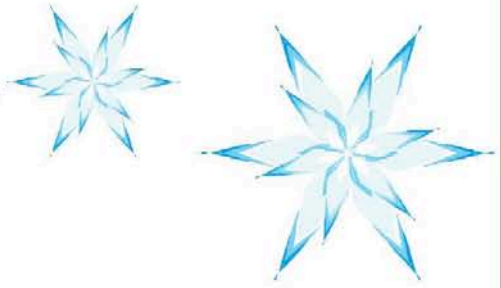
**Date: 12/12/12**

**Time: 6:30pm**

**Place: Heywood Avenue School**

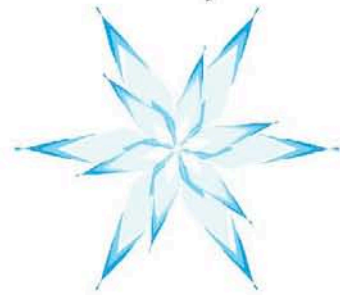
**FREE ADMISSION, EVERYONE WELCOME**

Oakwood Avenue School presents . . .



# Once On a Housetop

a Winter Musical



December 13th, 2012

at 6:00 PM

Oakwood Avenue Auditorium



Come join the Oakwood family  
for a little holiday cheer as we  
feature . . .

- \* Instrumental Band
- \* Vocal Music
- \* Drama & Dance
- \* And our brand new Strings program!

***Come for the show and stay  
for the free raffle giveaway!***

Forest Street School Presents:

**A Winter Holiday Extravaganza!**  
**Featuring the Musical**  
**“A Jingle In My Heart”**

**Also Featuring All of Our  
Performing Ensembles :**

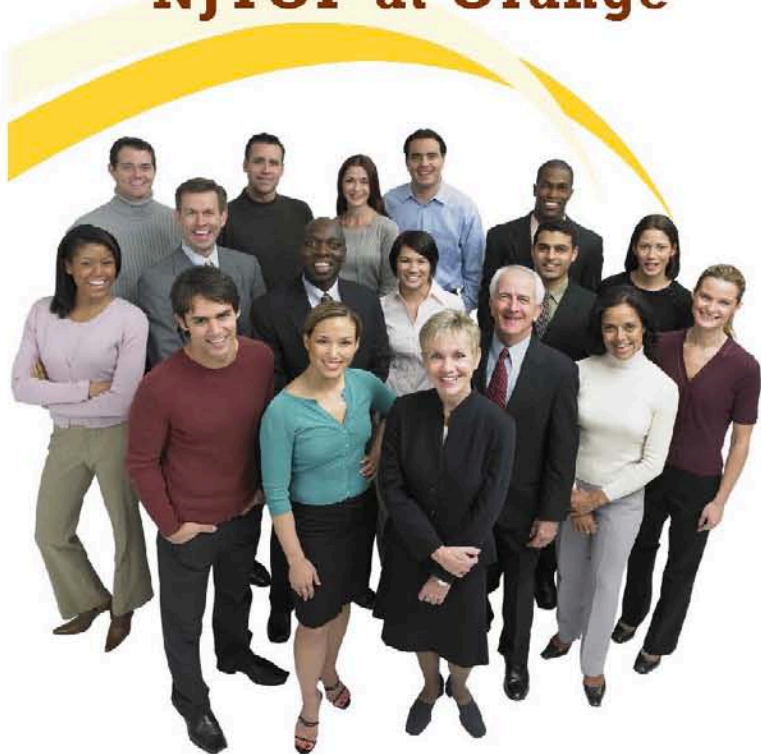


- **Angel Choir**
- **World Percussion**
- **Select Choir**
- **String Ensemble**
- **Band**

Monday, December 17 2012 @ 6:00pm

Free Admission

## New Jersey Teacher Outreach Program **NJTOP at Orange**



### Rowan University's Off-Campus Programs For Teachers and Educators

Upon successful completion of the ESL Certificate of Graduate Study program students become eligible for state certification, which allows them to teach English to non-English speaking students. ESL teachers help students from a wide range of language and cultural backgrounds living and working in primarily English speaking environments to speak, listen, read, and write in English.



## **ESL Certification**

**Discounted Tuition**

**Student loans if qualify**

**8 week accelerated courses, two courses a semester**

**Classes Start January 7th, 2013**

**Three Semesters, finish December, 2013**

**Location - Lincoln Avenue School  
216 Lincoln Avenue; Orange NJ 07050**

**Day & Time - Monday, 4:30—7:00 PM**

**Application deadline: 12/22/2012)**



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