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

At the December Monthly Board of Education Meeting, held on December 11, 2012, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee and Board of Education President, 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 the month of October:

Name	School	Grade
Jamila Pascal	Orange High School	12
Debbie Mendez	Orange Preparatory Academy	8
Kashonna Ball	Career and Innovation Academy of Orange	11
Terrence Benoit	Cleveland Street School	1
Ashleigh Howard-Jones	Rosa Parks Central Community School	4
Julian Jackson	Park Avenue School	3
Kylel McKenzie	Heywood Avenue School	K
Paulina Flores	Forest Street School	6
Nayelis Fernandez	Oakwood Avenue School	5
Reynaldo Giles	Lincoln Avenue School	5



Pictured in each photo are Board President Arthur and Superintendent Lee and family members with (from left to right): Ashleigh Howard-Jones, with Principal C. Cummins; Julian Jackson with Principal M. Hackett; Nayelis Fernandez with Principal D. Luckey.

After presenting certificates to the students, Superintendent Lee acknowledged the Parent of the Month selected by the school hosting the monthly meeting. This month, the Cleveland Street School family honored Ms. Tracy Evans. Ms. Evans is the secretary of the Parent Teacher Organization, a member of the School Management Team and a substitute teacher with the Orange Board of Education. She holds a Master of Arts Degree in Teaching from Montclair State University and plans to return to school for certification in Teacher of English as a Second Language.



From the moment her daughter enrolled at Cleveland, Ms. Evans hit the ground running. She introduced herself to her daughter's teachers and asked how she could help. Her contribution of time and energy, along with a warm smile, has helped increase parent involvement in the school. As the secretary of PTO, she reaches out to parents through flyers and e-mails. She is also instrumental in fundraising efforts. Ms. Evans does all she can to help make Cleveland Street School #1. The Cleveland Street School family would like to extend their sincere appreciation and deepest gratitude for her services to the school.



Reminder for Orange Staff Interested in ESL Certificate

As previously announced, Rowan University's New Jersey Teacher Outreach Program (NJTOP) is making available to Orange staff members a new Certificate of Graduate Study (COGS) in English as a Second Language. This is a three semester program to be completed December 2013. It is an on-site program conducted in-district, one evening a week, for eight weeks per semester. If interested, please register now! The registration deadline is December 22, 2012. Teachers are reminded that they must follow the district's policy/protocol on taking courses. (See flyer below)

Program Location	NJTOP Program Highlights	CONTACT
Lincoln Avenue School 216 Lincoln Avenue Orange, NJ 07050 Mondays, from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. Room B205	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rowan University Quality Instructors • Ready to use knowledge and skills in your classroom the next day • Tuition discount • Accelerated 8 week courses • Finish in less time • Financial Aid options if you qualify • Transfer credits are possible 	Dr. Barry Meinster Coordinator of New Jersey Teacher Outreach Programs (NJTOP) bmeister@NJTOPgraduate.com 1-888-664 5455

For additional information, please contact, Ms. Caroline Onyesonwu, Supervisor of Bilingual/ESL/World Languages, at ext. 6099.



Dads Read, Dads Lead Kick-Off at Rosa Parks Central Community School

The Orange Public School District is Calling All Men this school year with programs such as the Fathers Reading Club. Rosa Parks Central Community School has answered the call with Dads Read, Dads Lead Day that kicked off on November 30th. Principal Cayce Cummins was elated with the response, stating, "We had a good turnout, about 12 dads, and we will continue to have dads, uncles, grandfathers and other father figures involved in reading to students on the last Friday of every month". She commented also that the young students were thrilled to have dads and uncles reading to them and clamored to sit close to the readers. "Our students' and families' smiles and engagement were priceless!"

All of the dads that attended were able to pick out a free book with their child to take home with them. The next Dads Lead, Dads Lead Day is December 21, 2012. Other district schools are participating in the Fathers Reading Club, as well, and interested men should contact their local schools.



Pictured: Scenes from RPCCS Dads Read, Dads Lead Day.



Check Presented for Scholarship In Honor Of Officer Joyce Carnegie

The Trustees of the Joyce Carnegie Scholarship Fund have agreed to transfer the balance of the scholarship account to the Orange Board of Education to continue awards scholarships to deserving Orange High School graduates. The funds, plus a personal check from former Orange Councilman, Mr. William R. Lewis, the fund's Secretary and a Trustee, in the amount of \$3,000, were presented at the December 11, 2012 monthly board meeting. The funds represent the remainder of the fundraising effort conducted to pay for Officer Carnegie's funeral repast. Officer Joyce Carnegie, a respected member of the Orange Police Department was killed in the line of duty on April 8, 1999. The Trustees including former Police Director, Anthony Benevento, former Councilman Fred Riviello, Mr. Arthur Brown of the Hudson City Bank and Orange High School Graduate and friend, Ms. Diletta Mustascia agreed to transfer the monies to the Orange Board of Education to award \$1,000 each year for graduates who will major in criminal justice, law or business (in priority order). Mr. Lewis is pictured (on the right) presenting the scholarship money to (from left to right) the Superintendent of



Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, Board President, Mrs. Patricia A. Arthur and Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mr. Adekunle O. James.



Winter Concerts

It's a display of instrumental music, dance, song and drama in the winter concerts for the Orange Public Schools. Several concerts were held this week, to the delight of family and friends of the talented performers. Leading off the week, on December 10, with a maximum crowd in attendance was Lincoln Avenue School. The concert began with guitar players accompanied by a soloist entertaining the audience. Ms. Marianne Mroz, who also guided the band and violinists in their presentations, directed them. Ms. Wendy Mir led the various choruses, from kindergarten through the upper grades, singing a collection of holiday songs; they sang beautifully and the dancers, under the direction of Michelle Rosolen, were in step with several dance numbers. The evening ended with a Lincoln Avenue School sharing a 50/50 raffle with a lucky parent.

On December 11, the Kindergarten and First Grade Choruses, along with the Bilingual 1-2 Chorus, at the Rosa Parks Central Community School, held their concert. They performed a collection of holiday songs including "Must Be Santa", "Burn Little Candles" and "We Are Little Candles/ Twinkle Twinkle Little Stars". Several budding musicians showed their talents in a guitar and a drum solo. The evening was aglow with proud parents and staff. Mr. Scott Clark directed the performers and Ms. Susan Cutugno accompanied the singers on the piano.

On December 12, Heywood Avenue School held their concert entitled "Believe in your Dreams". The concert featured instrumental ensembles under the direction of Mrs. Erin-Leigh Van Orden, vocal ensembles, directed by Ms. Jessica Gabbert and dramatic presentations of "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy", an original pantomime and Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol", directed by Mr. Michael Seidel. The songs performed, "A Dream is a Wish Your Heart Makes", "Somewhere Over the Rainbow"/"What A Wonderful World" and "I Believe I Can Fly", followed the evening's theme. The finale was a fitting end to a delightful program, concluding with "Don't Stop Believing".

Taped performances will be aired on Orange's local cable station Channel 35 or placed on OrangeArts.net for viewing, thanks to the Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, Mr. Peter Crosta.





Pictured: Scenes Lincoln Avenue School's Winter Concert.



Pictured: Scenes RPCCS's (Grades K-1) Winter Concert.



Pictured: Scenes Heywood Avenue School's Winter Concert.

Coming Attractions

- *Monday, December 17, 2012 – Oakwood Avenue Spelling Bee, time TBD*
- *Monday, December 17, 2012 – Department Meetings, students dismissed at 2:30 p.m., meetings begin at 3:00 p.m.*
- *Tuesday, December 18, 2012 – Carols for a Cause with Sankofa, 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. (See flyer below)*
- *Wednesday, December 19, 2012 – Cleveland Street Winter Concert, 6:00 p.m. at Park Avenue School*
- *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 – OHS Winter Concert, 7:00 p.m. at Orange Preparatory Academy Auditorium (See flyer below)*
- *Thursday, December 20, 2012 – NJTOP ESL Certification, registration deadline (See flyer below)*
- *Friday, December 21, 2012 – Holiday Recess schools dismissed at 12:30 p.m.*

“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 Gymnasium
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 Gymnasium
December 18, 2012	OPA Winter Music Concert	7:00 PM	OPA Auditorium
December 19, 2012	Cleveland Street Winter Concert	6:00 PM	Park Cafeteria
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 Cafeteria
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 (grades 2 -7) will not have a winter concert, due to scheduling complications.

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



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

Cleveland Street School

presents...

Annual Winter Concert

Wednesday, December 19, 2012

6pm at Park Avenue School

Featuring:

Band/ Orchestra

The Musical:

"Jingle All The Way"



Principal, Ms. Denise White

Orange Public Schools

Calling All Men Campaign

**Increased Parental Involvement
Improves Student Achievement**

Dress For Success
A Program for Young Men

LOCATION: Orange Preparatory Academy
(400 Central Ave.)

DATE: Thursday, December 20, 2012

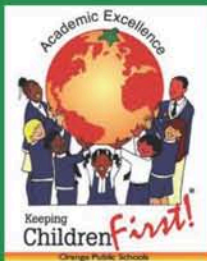
TIME: 12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m.

ACTIVITY: Teaching young men how to
tie a necktie



We Need Men

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.

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Orange High School



PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

2012 Winter Concert

Thursday December 20, 2012

7:00 PM @ OPA Auditorium

Admission: \$5

Featuring: Concert Band, Concert Choir, String Orchestra and Voices in Harmony.

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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