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## Teen Summit 2014

### **The 6th Annual Teen Summit, “Talk about it! Conversations Can Change Situations”**



For the sixth year in a row, the Orange Public School District has sponsored the Annual Teen Summit, organized by Orange Preparatory Academy (OPA) Nurse, Laura Sacks. With a team of dedicated OPA staff, student volunteers and supporters, she has directed this valuable event for grade 6 - 12 students in Orange. Mrs. Sacks is appreciative of the Orange Public School District for its support, which goes well beyond presenting the event, to championing its cause. Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee sees this event as an endorsement of students, providing valuable life lessons and demonstrating that the gathering of students for supervised activities are beneficial to today's youth.

Over 450 students and parents registered for the event that took place on October 24 - 25 at Lincoln Avenue School.



Teen Summit 2014 opened on October 25 for an evening of frank discussions, highlighted by a panel of parents, students and staff addressing topical issues confronting families.

Local rapper, “Brown Eyes”, Nichelle Brown, shared her experiences regarding integrity and making positive choices. She then performed her message in a rap. Also addressing the audience was author, Jackie Hardrick.

The student/parent panel provided a model for dialogues between children and their parents, advocating the premise of the Summit, “Talk about it! Conversations can change situations.” Parents and students were selected to represent the families in Orange. There was positive audience participation, as well. Ms. Michelle Martin, one of the school counselors at Orange High School, was also on the panel, along with Mrs. Sacks, and summarized the different topics and student options. Mr. Troy Bell, a teacher and recording artist, moderated the panel. Superintendent Lee was there to welcome participants.



**Adult Women's Workshop.**



**The Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills.**



**Board Member Mateo addresses the audience.**



**Rutgers students, Teen summit participants, parents and staff pose after presentation.**

October 25 was a full day that began with Hasan Johnson, a social worker and doctoral student at Rutgers University. He gave an excellent introduction to integrity in his presentation entitled "Integrity: The Key to a Successful & Peaceful Life." The workshops that followed gave an opportunity for students to learn about different concerns in their lives, such as, relationships, finding yourself, social identity, dealing with the streets, and there was a special "Caring Project" for Haitian and Hispanic students who are English Language Learners.

Rutgers University students led a discussion, during this period, about preparing for college and how to qualify for scholarships.

Additionally, the Junior League of Short Hills and the Oranges inspired attendees with a "Conversation Board" and they donated brownies for dessert on Friday evening, and provided volunteers.

Dr. Eddie Jumper, New Jersey Community Research Initiative, returned again this year to speak about responsible health related behaviors. And, the final workshops were great fun for everyone: singing, makeovers, acting, Zumba, kickboxing and hip-hop dance.

There were other speakers and workshop leaders who were appreciated for their contribution to the summit, including: Director of Language Arts and Testing, Kathy Carter; author Jackie Hardrick; parent coach, Kumari Ghafoor-Davis; a representative from the Army; a women's coach, Tatianna Etienne, social worker, Debbie Kiraly, dance instructor, Deborah Rembert, and teacher/musician, Troy Bell, who moderated many of the workshops and MC'd the summit.

Mr. Ron C. Lee, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Paula Howard, Deputy Superintendent, Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Ms. Patricia A. Arthur, President of the Orange Board of Education, Ms. Cristina Mateo, Orange Board of Education member and Mr. Elroy Corbitt, Orange Councilmember, were in attendance and participated in workshops. Also present was OPA Principal, Ms. Aretha Malloy, and members of her administrative team.

The following businesses and individuals are thanked for their support and contributions to Teen Summit 2014:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Orange Board of Education</b></li> <li>• <b>Master Pizza</b></li> <li>• <b>McDonald's</b></li> <li>• <b>Eagle Rock Bowling</b></li> <li>• <b>Bowtie Cinema, South Orange</b></li> <li>• <b>Coldstone Creamery</b></li> <li>• <b>Nordstrom's Clinique Counter</b></li> <li>• <b>CMB Kicks in South Orange</b></li> <li>• <b>G &amp; S</b></li> <li>• <b>Carol Lukoff (free books)</b></li> <li>• <b>Jackie Hardrick, book donation</b></li> <li>• <b>Makeup Party from Bobbi Brown's Studio</b></li> <li>• <b>VIP Membership for 3 months to Retro Fitness in West Orange</b></li> <li>• <b>NJ Fitness – Get Jersey Fit 24/7</b></li> <li>• <b>The Chelsea Set</b></li> <li>• <b>South Mountain Yoga</b></li> <li>• <b>Suzy Q's</b></li> <li>• <b>Lululemon Athletics</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>TGIFridays</b></li> <li>• <b>Hat City Kitchen</b></li> <li>• <b>Home Depot</b></li> <li>• <b>The Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills (A special thank for volunteers, desserts, and the <i>Conversation Wall Project Created by Ain Farrow and Lisa Taitt</i>)</b></li> <li>• <b>Chartwell</b></li> <li>• <b>Rockland Bakery</b></li> <li>• <b>Whole Foods</b></li> <li>• <b>Stellar Smile Center in Montclair – Dr. Marie Jackson, D.M.D.</b></li> <li>• <b>Trader Joe's</b></li> <li>• <b>Dunkin Donuts</b></li> <li>• <b>Shop Rite</b></li> <li>• <b>Costco</b></li> <li>• <b>TD Bank</b></li> <li>• <b>Donation of wood squares by Jamie Lasell</b></li> </ul>
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## The Orange Board of Education October Board Meeting

Cleveland Street School hosted the monthly Orange Board of Education Meeting, on October 14, with a presentation of poetry and song that commemorated the 60th Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education, a landmark decision that struck down the separate but equal provisions in education. Dr. Cayce Cummins, school principal explained that students prepared and recited poems in honor of the historic school desegregation decision demonstrating their understanding of the significance of the case. Students recited poems about public schools compared to charter schools, “Charter Chatter”, transformed poems to song about the struggles of separate but equal, performed raps and impressed the audience with their stark response to the state of education today. They were enthusiastically applauded for their performance.



Students are shown on stage during their performance (left) and chart that summarized their presentation (right).



## Student of the Month

SOTM	School
Yaramo Dione	Orange High School
Samantha Francois	Orange Preparatory Academy
Robbie Samuel	Career and Innovation Academy of Orange
Ashley Williams	Cleveland Street School
K'Lynn Jackman	Rosa Parks Community School
Kayla Howell	Park Avenue School
Yasheka Smith	Heywood Avenue School
Jaylen May-Green	Forest Street School
Cereniti Jones	Oakwood Avenue Community School
Kimberly Acosta-Mendez	Lincoln Avenue School

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.



**Principal Robert Pettit, Oakwood SOTM and parent, along with President Arthur and Superintendent Lee (left). Principal Dr. Cayce Cummins, SOTM and her family, along with President Arthur and Superintendent Lee (right).**



**Orange High School SOTM, with Principal, Dr. Kalisha Morgan, Board President Arthur and Superintendent Lee (left). Orange Preparatory Academy SOTM and family, with Principal, Ms. Aretha Malloy, Board President Arthur and Superintendent Lee (right).**



**Heywood Avenue SOTM and parent, with Principal, Ms. Faith Alcantara, Board President Arthur and Superintendent Lee (left). Forest Street SOTM, with second grade teacher, Joyce Daniels, substitute Principal, Mr. Eugene Brown, Board President Arthur and Superintendent Lee (right).**

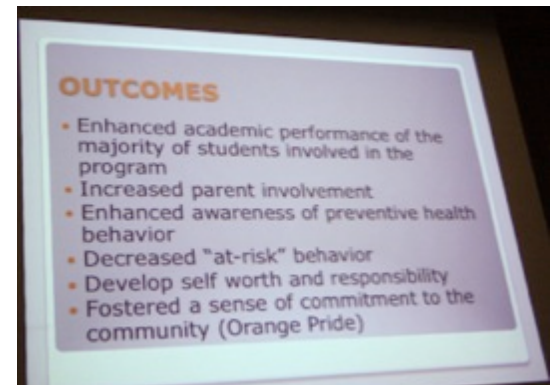


### **Ms. Rhonda Wills, Parent of the Month**



The Cleveland Street School family declared that Ms. Rhonda Wills is one of those parents every school needs. She offers her services throughout the school and Cleveland Street has welcomed the opportunity to have Ms. Wills assist in the Main Office, as well as the Nurse's Office. Her extra set of hands, as well as her efficiency and organizational skills, have greatly helped the school this year. The Cleveland Street School family congratulated and thanked Ms. Wills for her contribution to the school.

Following the Superintendent's acknowledgements, there were two other Board presentations: Mr. Reggie Miller, Director for the *Male Student Support Program*, gave a status report about the mentoring program that has served students of Orange for twenty years. Mr. Miller spoke of the positive impact of the program, sponsored by Rutgers Medical School, on the young men in Orange and detailed the effects of the project. He underscored the positive outcomes, including **(see chart on the right)**: enhanced academic performance, increased parental involvement, heightened health awareness, decreased "at risk" behavior, development of self-worth and Orange pride. Mr. Miller thanked program backers and the district for their continued support.



	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Violence	18	11	13	7	15	14	15
Vandalism	6	4	2	0	1	2	0
Weapons	5	2	5	0	1	1	4
Substance Abuse	4	11	17	22	16	18	20
Total	33	28	37	29	33	45	39

The presentation included comparison charts detailing incidence in four tracked categories: Violence, Vandalism, Weapons, and Substance Abuse from School Year 2007-2008 through School Year 2012-2013.

Mrs. Shelly Harper, Director of Special Services, followed with a presentation of the *Violence and Vandalism Public Hearing Report*. This report is given annually at a Board of Education meeting, in accordance with State Statutes/N.J.S.A: 18A: 17-46, which mandates that each school district hold a public hearing/presentation, prior to the filing of its Annual Violence and Vandalism report.

This year's presentation was coupled with the monthly October forum. It covered the period, September 2013 to June 2014. There were a total of 39 incidents reported.

### Park Avenue Bridge Champions

(Contributed By Dr. Denise Harlem, Technology Coordinator, Park Avenue School)



Park Avenue student, 7th grader Salbrina Teal, a member of the school's Bridge Team, made a presentation to the Board at the October meeting. She explained the value and success of the afterschool Bridge program she attends. She further discussed the opportunity she had to travel to Las Vegas this past summer to participate in the National Bridge Tournament. Salbrina also thanked the Board of Education, the Orange Public School District and the community for their support.



Park Avenue bridge students Sayeed Bennett and Taylor Peart took home a trophy at the National Bridge Tournament in Las Vegas this past July 2014. The pair was up against competitors from China, Canada, and the United States. Sayeed and Taylor stayed focused and were determined to go home with an award. That effort paid off for the pair. Congratulations to them both!

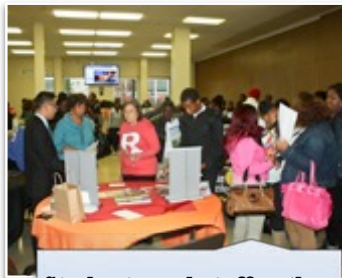


## Orange High School Students Attend College Fair 2014

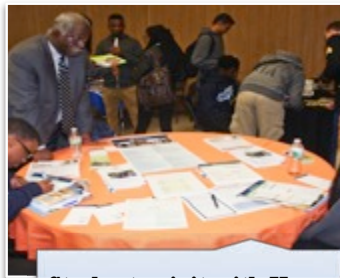


The Orange High School Guidance Department held its annual College Fair for Orange High School students on October 23. The students visited with a wide selection of colleges, career institutions and the Armed Forces. The event was held from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and was also attended by students from the Career and Innovation Academy of Orange.

Counselors, Lyle Wallace and Dana Jones, coordinated the College Fair. The Supervisor of Guidance, Mr. Vernon Pullins, was on hand for the event.



Students and staff gather at the 2014 College Fair



Students visit with Kean University



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## Mr. Glenn Gamble, Business Technology is OPA Employee of the Month.

*(Submitted By Ronald Jones, OPA Math Resource Teacher)*

The Math Resource teacher at Orange Preparatory Academy, Mr. Ronald Jones, recommended Mr. Glen Gamble for the Orange Preparatory Academy's *Employee of the Month* award. Mr. Jones nominated him for the following reason: "We have two shared time students who attend Vocation School (ECVT) in the morning and then attend Orange Prep in the afternoon. The problem for these two students is that they arrive the last 15-20 minutes of second block with no structure for them. I approached Mr. Gamble to see if he would take the initiative to create a program and also to supervise the students. Mr. Gamble developed a yearlong community service curriculum, which involves technology, and the students would be able to earn their graduation requirement of 60 community service hours by the end of this year."



Mr. Jones and Administrative Assistant, Ms. Salima Covington, with Mr. Gamble, as he receives award in front of school staff (left). Mr. Jones and Mr. Gamble (right).

## Town Hall Meeting 2014

Over 300 individuals from the Orange school community and the greater Orange community attended the special Board of Education Meeting, on October 22, for a “State of the District” presentation. Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, led the discussion. The presentation is available online at [www.orange.k12.nj.us](http://www.orange.k12.nj.us).

Families, students and staff gathered for the event, the highlight of which was the awarding of medals to students who received a “perfect score” or were “advanced proficient” on the NJASK or HSPA standardized test. Over 125 students were acknowledged for their achievement and students who received medals in two areas received a trophy.

Attendees of the event included, the Honorable Mayor Dwayne Warren of Orange, Councilmembers, Jamie Somers-Johnson and Elroy Corbitt, Council President Donna Williams and members of the newly formed Parent Academy. The event was held at Lincoln Avenue School and featured supper and desserts prepared by Orange High School and the Career and Innovation Academy of Orange students. Further, “baby-sitting” was provided to care for children.



Scenes from the Town Hall Meeting.



Math medal recipients with Superintendent Lee and Mayor Warren.



Science medal recipients with Superintendent Lee and Mayor Warren.





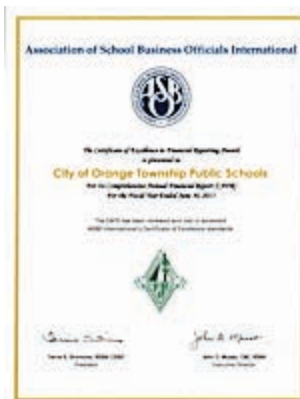
**Language Arts Literacy medal recipients with Superintendent Lee and Mayor Warren.**



**Trophy recipients with Superintendent Lee and Mayor Warren.**

## **Orange Pubic School District Receives Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Award**

*(Press Release, ASBO International)*



The City of Orange Township Public Schools received the Association of School Business Officials International's (ASBO) *Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting* award for having met or exceeded the program's high standards for financial reporting and accountability.

The district was recognized for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending 2013. This is the fourth year in a row that the district has received this award.

Sponsored by VALIC (Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company), the Certificate of Excellence (COE) award confirms the school business office's commitment to financial accountability and transparency. Recognition through the COE program can help strengthen a district's presentation for bond issuance statements and promotes a high level of financial reporting.

**VALIC**, a long-time supporter of school business, is committed to the K-12 marketplace. VALIC was the first company to enroll a K-12 public school district in a 403(b) plan. For more than half a century, **VALIC** has served as a leading retirement plan provider for K-12 schools and school districts, as well as for higher education, healthcare, government, and other not-for-profit institutions. As of August 30, 2013, VALIC has more than \$79 billion in total assets under management and manages plans for nearly 25,000 groups serving nearly 2 million plan participants. VALIC represents The Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company and its subsidiaries, VALIC Financial Advisors, Inc. and VALIC Retirement Services Company. For more information on VALIC, please visit [www.VALIC.com](http://www.VALIC.com).

Founded in 1910, the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) is an educational association that supports school business professionals who are passionate about quality education. ASBO is committed to providing programs and services that promote the highest standards of school business management, professional growth, and the effective use of educational resources. Through its programs, services, advocacy, and global network, ASBO International is the voice of school business officials.

For more information on the COE award, visit ASBO's website: [www.asbointl.org/COE](http://www.asbointl.org/COE).

# FYI

## Haunted House Halloween:

The Orange High School Student Council is hosting a *Haunted House Halloween* on Friday, October 31, for the entire community. The event is from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Orange High School. Admission is \$2. See flyer below.

## Veterans Day Homecoming Parade

In honor of “all those who served our country,” the City of Orange is hosting a parade on Saturday, November 1, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., from 105 Main Street, ending at Bell Stadium. The Orange Public School District will participate in the parade. For more information on the parade call Mr. Campanella Godfrey at 973 266-4045. See flyer below.



Following the parade, the Orange High School Tornados will play the Verona High School Hillbillies at 1:00 p.m., in the annual Homecoming Day Game. During halftime, Orange High School will present the Homecoming Court and celebrate Senior Day.

## On the Stage at Orange Preparatory Academy



# October 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Back to School Night 6:00 - 8:00PM Scholars Academy	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Orange Prep Academy Smile Day (to kick-off <i>Week of Respect</i> , 10/6 - 10/10)	<b>4</b> OHS Rummage Sale 8-4PM Father's Conference East Orange Campus HS 8:30-2:00PM <i>Registration Required</i>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> District Academic Competition: Real Deal Movie Submission (See district website)  <b>Week of Respect</b>	<b>7</b>  <b>HSPA Test</b>  <b>Week of Respect</b>	<b>8</b> Cleveland Lobby Art Show, 6:00PM at the Administrative Bldg.  <b>HSPA Test</b>  <b>Week of Respect</b>	<b>9</b>  <b>HSPA Test</b>  <b>Week of Respect</b>	<b>10</b>  <b>Week of Respect</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 	<b>14</b> Monthly BOE Meeting 7:30PM at OPA, Violence and Vandalism Hearing  <b>HSPA Make-up Test</b>	<b>15</b>  <b>HSPA Make-up Test</b>	<b>16</b>  <b>HSPA Make-up Test</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Orange Board of Education - Town Hall Meeting 6:00PM - 8:00PM Lincoln Avenue School	<b>23</b> OEA/OASA In-Service Day, 12:30PM Dismissal for Students	<b>24</b> Teen Summit 2014 6:00PM at Lincoln Avenue School	<b>25</b> Teen Summit 2014 8:00AM - 5:00PM at Lincoln Avenue School
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> District Prof. Development Day, 12:30PM Dismissal for Students	<b>31</b> Halloween 	





# Haunted House Halloween

**OCT 31**

**@ OHS**

**6:00-8:00 pm**

**After Party \$3**  
**8-10pm**  
 OHS Students **ONLY**  
 ID Needed  
 Costumes Welcome

**\$3 ADMISSION**

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 Tim Kelly

Directed by  
 Dana Levin

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**MOVING ORANGE FORWARD**

# **VETERANS DAY HOMECOMING PARADE**

**A parade to honor all those who served  
our country — both living and dead.**



**The Parade  
will include:**

- Marching Bands
- Cheerleaders
- Football Teams
- Community Organizations
- Veterans

**Saturday, November 1, 2014**

**10:00AM - 12:00PM**

The parade will begin at 105 Main Street in Orange  
for a march to Bell Stadium followed by a football game:  
Orange Tornados vs. Verona Hillbillies

**For more information, call  
Campanella Godfrey 973-266-4045**

For information and updates on this event and other activities in Orange please visit us online at [www.ci.orange.nj.us](http://www.ci.orange.nj.us) — and like us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/orange.jersey](http://www.facebook.com/orange.jersey)