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Orange, NJ 07050
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Parent Teacher Conference April 20 - 23, See Calendar Below!

A Black History and Women's History Celebration

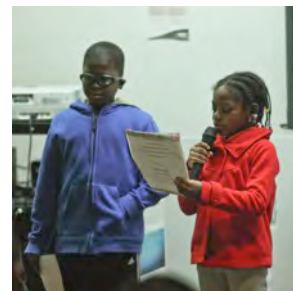


On March 27, Cleveland Street School paid tribute to renowned African Americans and Women during "A Black History and Women's History Celebration" presented at the Orange Public Library. Students in Kindergarten represented noted figures: Malala Yousafzai portrayed by Amani Hugh, Rosa Parks portrayed by Za'Niah Dillard, Ruby Bridges portrayed by Giovanna Williams, Celia Cruz portrayed by Anyjah Gibbs, Harriet Tubman portrayed by Helene Vital, and Maya Angelou portrayed by Eden Tom-James. The third grade students performed "All About Women Cinquain," reciting five-line poems inspired by Japanese haiku and tanka. There were other poetry readings, as well, recited by Nanakraa Boakye-Yiadam, Anaija Hilliard, Miracle Obianuwe and Ashley Laveriano. Students also performed excerpts from two plays. The first was *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf*, by Ntozake Shange, acted by Anaija Hillard, Ashley Laveriano, Shatrice Hertilien, Aminah Mason and Blessing Okafor. The final performance was a segment of *The Colored Museum*, by George C. Wolfe, acted by Kailanny Torres and Ashley Williams.



Library.

Principal Dr. Cayce Cummins (**pictured left**), who opened the program, thanked everyone for an inspiring program, attended by parents, staff, students and guests. The program also included a raffle drawing, light refreshments and a display of artwork. Teacher, Keisha Hooks-Lee (**pictured above**) moderated the entertaining event, with special thanks to Dr. Cummins, PTO representatives, Samira Sewell, Christine Vassel and Charmaine Fraser, along with teachers, Felicia Bateman, Ketsia Jean-Baptiste and Stephanie Gagliardo-Sabol and the Orange Public





Pictured: Scenes from Cleveland Street's A Black History and Women's History Celebration.

April 2nd Activities Held at Oakwood Avenue Community School

Submitted by Pamela Venable, School Counselor, Oakwood Avenue Community School

Grandparents Day 2015:

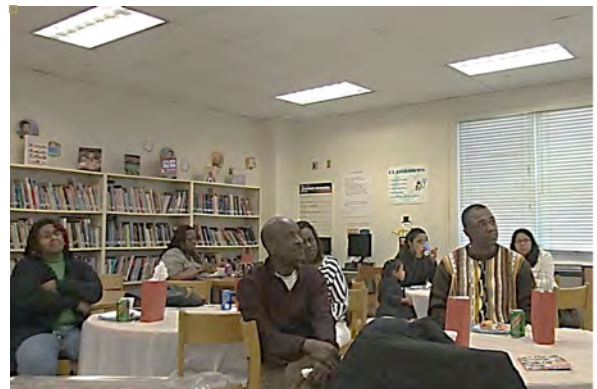
Grandparents Day 2015 was a wonderful morning, filled with conversation and the sharing of ideas. As the grandparents enjoyed a continental breakfast, they were treated to poetry written by members of the Student Leadership Council. The students were very excited, noting that their grandparents were going to pay a special visit to their classes.

Principal, Mr. Robert Pettit, received a great deal of positive feedback from the visitors. Some of the comments: "the staff really cares," "the teachers are doing a great job with my grandchild," "I am willing to mentor some of the students," and "who do I see, to volunteer and give support in any way that I can."

One of the Kindergarten grandparents entertained everyone, in song, with her fabulous voice. Finally, Oakwood Avenue Community School extends congratulations for a job well done to the event chairperson, Ms. Susan Battle, and her committee.

Ronald McDonald Teaches a Lesson on Friendship:

Ronald McDonald's delivered a message about friendship and offered tips on how not to be a bully.



Teachers, as well as students, joined Ronald as he provided several different role-play segments to reinforce the behaviors that we all want from our students. Students grades Kindergarten through 5th grade demonstrated their enthusiasm, as well as their knowledge of how friendships are developed by offering suggestions to him and the audience.

School Counselor, Ms. Pamela Venable, noted that Ronald McDonald asked how Oakwood learned about their program. She answered that, "Ms. Cindy Pagano, the K-2 School Counselor at the Rosa Parks "Central" Campus introduced me to the program," adding that "Ronald McDonald expressed how great an audience we were and indicated to us that he would return to share other character educations activities in the future."

The Bunny Hop:

The Student Leadership Council of Oakwood's Micro-Society organized a K-3 Bunny Hop. This was an activity for the students to socialize, dance and have an afternoon of fun. The 5th through 7th graders made certain that every primary grade level student participated in the egg hunt and was able to leave with some type of prize.

The Student Leadership Council were guided in the planning and implementing of the activity and every Student Leadership Council member was assigned a specific task, in order to insure the success of the Bunny Hop.

The activity was a life lesson for the Student Council and they thank the Easter Bunny, teachers and AmeriCorps members for their support.



Pictured (above and right): Scenes from Grandparents Day, Ronald McDonald and OACS's Micro-Society Bunny Hop.

Hip Hop Dancer Sean Bankhead to Help Orange Dance Festival Kick Off National Dance Week

Orange, NJ - Sean Bankhead, Hip Hop dancer and instructor at Dance 411 Studios in Atlanta, as well as guest instructor at Broadway Dance Center, NYC, will be teaching Master Classes and offering insight and feedback to aspiring dancers at the Fourth Annual Orange Dance Festival, to be held on Sunday, April 26th at the Lincoln Avenue School in Orange, New Jersey. Mr. Bankhead has been inspiring dancers since 2006 when he first started sharing his talents for dance and choreography via YouTube, and has since expanded his repertoire to include working with artists such as Beyoncé Knowles, Britney Spears, Diddy, Miley Cyrus, Tiffany Evans, Drake, Young Jeezy and choreographers Fatima Robinson and Jamal Sims, among others. He has also performed at the Grammy Awards, The Soul Train Awards, American Idol, MTV, BET, BET Awards and the Apollo. Mr. Bankhead has persevered through many struggles to pursue his dream, and encourages young dancers to be prepared to do the same – to use their passion and their commitment to the art of dance to achieve their goals.



Deborah Rembert, Coordinator of the Orange Dance Festival and Director of the Orange Dance Conservatory, understands these struggles all too well. “Arts Programs in our communities are under fire with budget cuts and funding considerations, but we are striving to work beyond those challenges and present our young people, and the young people of our neighboring communities, with opportunities to explore the art of dance. We are fortunate that the Arts Programs in the Orange Public Schools are alive and well, due to the tireless support of our Superintendent, Mr. Ronald C. Lee.” Ms. Rembert continues, “The Orange Dance Festival, which is our kick off for National Dance Week, April 24 - May 3, offers lovers of dance age 5 through adults with a chance to take a full day of classes in a variety of dance styles, and meet and learn from some of the top Master Dance Educators in the field. Along with Mr. Bankhead, we will also feature Master Classes with former Dance Theatre of Harlem Company Member, Ms. Karen “KB” Brown and Ms. Ebony Williams, a member of the Cedar Lake Contemporary Ballet Company and performer in Beyoncé’s “Single Ladies” video. There will be opportunities to hear from students and Professors from College Dance Programs at the University of the Arts, Pace and Marymount, as well as opportunities to take part in mock auditions and to participate in a performance showcase at the end of the day. And all in a safe, nurturing environment here at the Lincoln Avenue School in Orange, NJ for an affordable cost -- \$35 for a full day of dance, and lunch is included! Honestly though, the world of dance is such a close knit community, and that is why we can think of no better way to kick off National Dance Week than by inviting dancers from all of our communities to come and learn and dance and have fun with some of the best educators from the larger dance community.”

The Orange Dance Festival will be held at the Lincoln Avenue School at 216 Lincoln Avenue, Orange, NJ on Sunday, April 26th from 9:00-3:00, with a performance showcase to follow. Cost is \$35 per student, and if you register 3 dancers together, your 4th dancer will attend for free. The festival is open to all dance studios, dance schools, youth programs, public and private school dance programs and any lover of dance in our communities. Pre-registration is available at the Park Avenue School, 231 Park Avenue, Orange, NJ or via email at remberde@orange.k12.nj.us. Please indicate in the email if your dancers are interested in performing in the showcase, so Ms. Rembert may provide you with details.

The Orange Dance Festival is presented by the Orange Dance Conservatory and sponsored by the Orange Public School District under the guidance of Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee.

OACS Basketball Champions

Submitted by Mr. Robert Pettit, Principal, Oakwood Avenue Community School

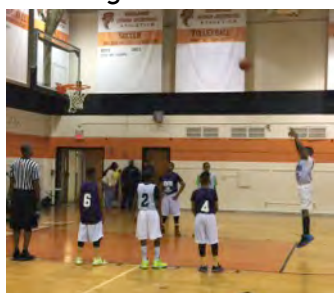
On Saturday, April 11, Oakwood Avenue Community School's (OACS) Soaring Eagles, under the coaching direction of Ms. Vicki Wright and Mr. Jonathan Gonzalez, defeated Rosa Park Community School. OACS beat a formidable competitor to become the number one basketball team in the district.

During the game there were a few tense moments, but by the 3rd quarter the Soaring Eagles took a commanding 10-point lead, which they kept until the final buzzer. Fans stormed onto the court to celebrate the victory with the players and coaches.



**Pictured:
Championship Trophy.**

As always, the OACS Cheer Leaders did an outstanding job cheering their team on to victory. GO SOARING EAGELS – CaCaw



Pictured (left to right): Scene from game; Soaring Eagles with trophies; OACS Cheerleaders.

OACS Donates to ALS Charity

Submitted by Mr. Robert Pettit, Principal, Oakwood Avenue Community School



Back in early October Mr. Pettit was and still is the **ONLY** Principal/District Administrator that took Mr. Lee up on his challenge to complete the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge. Mr. Pettit went on to challenge the entire Oakwood Avenue Community School family to join him in completing the challenge,

which they did. After completing the challenge they in turn challenged their Sister School Lincoln Avenue, who has yet to complete the challenge (maybe in the spring). Oakwood held a school-wide denim day and on Wednesday March 23, 2015 allowing the ALS Team at Oakwood to donate \$250.00 to the National ALS Charity Foundation in Washington DC.



<https://www.facebook.com/oakwoodavenuecommunityschool>

Cleveland Street School Visits Rutgers Dental School

Submitted by Lynn Jacobs RN, BSN and Daniel Turk, Guidance Counselor, Cleveland Street School



On April 14, the children of Cleveland Street School were invited to participate in a Partnership Celebration for Rutgers University School of Dental Medicine, in Newark, in partnership with Smiles Across America, an Oral Health America Program. Third and fourth grade students, along with their teachers Ms. Kiesha Lee and Mr. Esak Crawley, took part in the program. They heard the Dean of the Dental School, Dr. Cecile A. Feldman, speak about the new pediatric dental clinic and saw Ms. Beth Truett, President and CEO of Oral Health America, present Rutgers with a \$25,000

check to provide dental sealants for the children of Newark and Orange. Ms. Truett recognized Cleveland Street children and expressed her gratitude to their parents and guardians for allowing them to take the trip to Rutgers. She reported that 25% of low-income children have not seen a dentist before entering Kindergarten and more than 51 million school hours are lost nationally, each year, to dental-related illness, the number one reason for missed school days. "We are very thankful to Oral Health America for providing the bus for us to get to Rutgers and the Dental School for arranging treatment," stated Nurse Jacobs and Mr. Turk, jointly.



Pictured: Cleveland Street students/staff at Rutgers.

After the proceedings, the children were each escorted into the clinic by a student dentist and had their teeth examined and had sealants applied to their permanent molars. The sealants can play a critical role in keeping the teeth cavity free. Unfortunately, some of the children already had cavities and require follow up care. Letters were given to the students so their parents can provide follow up dental care. After the dental treatment the students and staff were treated to a pizza and fruit lunch.



Pictured: Cleveland Street students/staff at Rutgers.

Cleveland Street School looks forward to additional trips to Rutgers, when second grade students will have sealants applied to their molars.

STEM Night at Rosa Parks Community School

Submitted by Mr. Andrew Coban, Social Studies teacher, Rosa Parks Community School

On April 1, the Rosa Parks Community School hosted its first annual STEM Night, inviting the Orange community to engage in fun and exciting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) activities. The students, who ran the interactive stations, are members of Rosa Parks' STEM Club, whose advisors include educators Ms. Joy Hanke, Ms. Hanife Yildiz, and Mr. Andrew Coban.



Each station encouraged guests to play and innovate, while thinking critically about the importance of STEM in their everyday lives. The many stations included activities ranging from the physics of paper airplanes to the classic spaghetti-marshmallow challenge. Guests also appreciated the opportunity to win prizes at each station.



Under the direction of Mr. Barry Devone, Rosa Parks' Community School Coordinator, the STEM Club partnered with Drew University, Montclair State University, and AmeriCorps and had them set up STEM stations during the event. Their presence provided guests with exposure to college-related content, as an added bonus. As Parent Liaison of the PTA, Mr. Dwight Holmes provided logistical support in selling food items for the large turnout, with assistance from several Rosa Parks staff.

Congratulations to Rosa Parks' STEM Club students on a successful event, who truly demonstrated their learning that evening. Highlights from STEM Night can be viewed here: www.tinyurl.com/2015stemnight.



Pictured (above): Scenes from Rosa Parks Community School STEM Night.

Sisterhood Luncheon at Park Avenue School

On March 28, the *Park Avenue Sisterhood* held its *First Annual Sisterhood Luncheon, Heroines of Tomorrow*, in celebration of their organization and Women's History Month. The Sisterhood is an educational program for girls in grades 5, 6 and 7, which builds self-respect, through the practice of self-restrain and self-development. The program also addresses attitudes, how to form friendships, bullying, social media, personal concepts, and how to receive proper support from the right friends, as well as adults.

The event opened with welcome remarks and a buffet lunch. Park Avenue dancers entertained attendees, which included current members and *Sisterhood* alumni, parents and friends. Park Avenue's Assistant Principal, Ms. Devonii Reid presented, *Sororities, Sisterhood Organizations*, which gave the young women a glimpse of membership in such groups, while in college. Ms. Waffiyah Saleem delivered the keynote address, *Sisterhood is Powerful*. She had the young women complete several small group exercises and held an open discussion on friendships. Teacher, Ms. Tamika Withers, also spoke, with her daughter, on the topic *Parents as Sister-Friends*.

The event closed with acknowledgement of members of the *Sisterhood* and remarks by Ms. Guerdy Baguidy, the group's advisor, along with Ms. Shonda Moore. She has headed the group for the past 10 years and was touched by the return of many past members.



Pictured (above): Scenes from Park Avenue's Sisterhood Luncheon.

FYI

2015-2016 Preschool Registration - New Schedule Announced for April and May

Preschool Registration 2015-2016



The Orange Township Public School District began preschool registration for the 2015-2016 school year on March 2. All children who are residents of Orange and will be 3 or 4 years of age by October 1, 2015, are eligible to attend free, full day, pre-school, in the Pre-K 3 or Pre-K 4 class.

The April and May Spring registration session is as follows:

- April 2015, *Tuesdays* – 21st, 28th
- May 2015, *Tuesdays* – 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

Registration will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with the last sign in at 1:00 p.m., at the Orange Early Childhood Center, located at 397 Park Avenue in Orange

Two proofs of residency are required, as well as child's original birth certificate and immunization record. Also, parent or legal guardian must show a current lease or mortgage statement and a picture ID. For more information, call 973-677-4500 ext. 1904 or 1918. (See flyers below)

April 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Good Friday District Closed <i>Happy Easter</i>	4 (April 3 - 11)
5 	6 SPRING RECESS District Closed	7 SPRING RECESS District Closed	8 SPRING RECESS District Closed	9 SPRING RECESS District Closed	10 SPRING RECESS District Closed	11
12	13	14 Monthly BOE Meeting 7:30PM at OPA	15 OPA Lobby Art Show, 6:00PM Administrative Bldg.	16	17 Marking Period 3 Ends	18
19	20 Parent Conference Grades 8-12, 6:00-8:00PM Marking Period 4 Begins	21 Grades 8-12, 12:30PM Dismissal Parent Conference 1:15 - 4:00PM	22 Parent Conference Grades PreK-7 6:00 - 8:00PM	23 Grades PreK-7 12:30PM Dismissal Parent Conference 1:15 - 4:00PM	24	25
26 4th Annual Orange Dance Festival 9:00AM - 4:30PM Lincoln Ave. School	27 Depart. Mtgs. 2:30PM Dismissal for Students	28	29	30		

See below for important events and activities:

- Orange High School Parent Brunch - Saturday, April 18
- Orange High School Earth Day Event - Wednesday, April 22
- Oakwood Avenue Community School Earth Day - Friday, April 24
- The Fourth Annual Orange Dance Festival - Sunday, April 26





NJEA “PRIDE”

Is Proud to Announce

ORANGE EARTH DAY 2015

“MAKING ORANGE GREEN”

April 22, 2015 (Rain date April 24th)

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Itinerary:

Orange High School

Board of Education

Main Street

Orange Public Library

Lunch at Orange High School

For more information contact:
Minette Salomon or Linda Siddiq at OHS

OAKWOOD AVENUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL PRESENTS



JOIN US as we embrace *Earth Day* on

April 24, 2015 from 5pm to 7pm

Oakwood Avenue students and parents are welcome to participate in a variety of family friendly activities!

Snacks and refreshments will be available.



ORANGE DANCE CONSERVATORY
PRESENTS

THE
4TH ANNUAL

ORANGE DANCE FESTIVAL

April 26, 2015
9:00AM-4:30PM

Lincoln Avenue School
216 Lincoln Ave, Orange, NJ

CALLING ALL DANCERS, DANCE SCHOOLS, DANCE TEAMS,
AND ANYONE FROM AGE 5 TO ADULT WITH A PASSION FOR DANCE!



FEATURING
CELEBRITY CHOREOGRAPHER

SEAN BANKHEAD

& TEACHING ARTIST EBONY WILLIAMS

Plus Teaching Artists:
Chio - Carlos Neto
Jaime Jackson - Karen "KB" Brown
Yvonne Gutierrez - Michael Felder
April Cook

Admission: \$35 (Register 3 students together & get the 4th FREE)

Register via Email: remberde@orange.k12.nj.us

or **Call:** 973-677-4124

****Lunch is Provided****

Sponsored by: 

Orange Public School District. Ronald C. Lee, Superintendent of Schools



ORANGE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Administration Building
451 Lincoln Avenue Orange, New Jersey 07050
Tel: (973) 677-4015
Website: <http://www.orange.k12.nj.us>

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Supervisor of Early Childhood

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

REQUIREMENTS:

- 3 years old by 10/01/15 4 years old by 10/01/15
- Must be resident of Orange Township
- Original Birth Certificate
- Child's Immunization record
- Current lease or Mortgage Statement
- 2 Proofs of Residency (e.g., PSE&G bill, telephone or cable bill, **NO CELLPHONE BILLS!**)
- Picture ID

If you are living with a friend or relative, you must be included in their lease agreement. Notarized letters stating you rent a room/apartment/house will not be accepted.

Registration Days: APRIL 2015
TUESDAYS – 21st, 28th
MAY 2015 – TUESDAYS – 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Last sign in: 1:00 p.m.
Place: ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
397 PARK AVE, ORANGE, NJ 07050
973- 677-4500 ext. 1904 or 1918

IF YOU ARE CONCERNED YOUR PRESCHOOL CHILD IS DEVELOPING OR LEARNING DIFFERENTLY, YOU CAN CALL THE DISTRICT TO REQUEST AN EVALUATION FOR PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES.



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REGISTRACIÓN PREESCOLAR

REQUISITOS:

- 3 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/15
- 4 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/15
- DEBE SER RESIDENTE DEL MUNICIPIO DE ORANGE
- PARTIDA DE NACIMIENTO ORIGINAL
- EXPEDIENTE DE INMUNIZACIONES DEL NIÑO/NIÑA
- DECLARACIÓN ACTUAL DEL ARRIENDO O DE LA HIPOTECA
- Identificación de fotos
- **2 Pruebas de Residencia (recibo de PSE&G, teléfono o recibo del cable, NO CELLPHONE!) deben ser actual.**
- **SI USTED ESTA VIVIENDO CON UN FAMILIAR O AMIGO TIENE QUE ESTAR INSCRITO EN EL CONTRATO DE ARRENDAMIENTO. NO SE ACEPTARA CARTAS NOTARIZADA.**

REGISTRACIÓN:

AVRIL 2015 - MARTES 21, 28

MAYO 2015 - MARTES 5, 12, 19, y 26

10:00am-200pm

Tiene que firmar antes de las 1:00pm

**LUGAR: ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
397 PARK AVE, ORANGE, NJ 07050
(973) 677-4500 ext 1904, 1918**

SI USTED ESTA PREOCUPADO POR QUE SU HIJO/HIJA ESTA DESAROLLANDO ALGUN PROBLEMA DE APRENDISAJE O APRENDIENDO DIFERENTE FAVOR DE CONTACTAR AL DEPARTAMENTO DE SERVICIOS ESPECIALES EN EL DISRITO.