

Superintendent's Report Orange Public Schools “Good to Great”

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April 19, 2023

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District Goal Number 1-4 and All Sub Sections



Kindergarten Orientation Dates

Save the Dates

School	Date and Time During the Day In-Person
Heywood	1:30 PM Wednesday, May 3rd
Forest	9:30 AM Friday, May 5th
Lincoln	9:00 AM Tuesday, May 2nd
Central	10:00 am on May 4th
Oakwood	2:00 PM on May 4th
Park	2:00pm on Friday May 5th
Cleveland (Located at Our Lady of the Valley)	Wednesday May 3rd @ 9 A.M.

Scholarships Update

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Scholarship Update as of April 19, 2023

- This past week, I requested scholarship totals for the Orange High School and STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges. As shared previously, I will report out on scholarships, so the community and Board of Education are very much aware of information in real time.
 - OHS - \$8,157,864 (As of March 3rd)
 - STEM - \$9,097,208 (As of March 3rd)
 - OHS-\$10,235,325 (As of April 12th)
 - STEM-\$13,080,561 (As of April 12th)
 - Total as of April 14th : \$17,255.072
 - Total as of April 19, 2023: \$23,315,886.00

Congratulations thus far to the Class of 2023 as well as our guidance, instructional, and administrative staff members for working so diligently with our scholars.

Last year, we amassed over 26 million dollars in scholarships district wide. We are well on our way....More to come!

District Updates

Page Turners has RETURNED: Help promote literacy throughout the City of Orange Township! Students, staff

- Students, parents, employees, city residents, and local businesses join our quest to read 1.5 million pages from Thanksgiving to May Day (May 1st).
- The challenge is back. Are you ready to log those pages?
- We have a few days left.....
- But first you have to register. Use this link <https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/Page/28187> or go to the Orange Page Turners' Reading Challenge webpages. Sign- up and watch our video. I know that we can make it when everyone joins in to participate.
- Brought to you by the collaborative efforts of The Orange Township Public School District; City of Orange; Scholastic Inc., ValleyArts Inc., HANDS Inc., North Jersey Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Eta Pi Chapter

April is Autism Awareness Month

- April 2nd is the 15th annual **World Autism Awareness Day**, as designated by the United Nations. This year's United Nations theme is "Inclusive Quality Education for All," to recognize the fact that school closures due to COVID hit students with autism especially hard.
- The UN, which officially declared April 2nd World Autism Awareness Day in 2008, is hosting a virtual event on April 8th on the topic of inclusive education.
- And the entire month of April is promoted by many organizations as a month devoted to those affected by **Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)**. According to Autism Speaks, it's World Autism Month. The Autism Society of America calls April **Autism Acceptance Month**. Still, the most often seen label is "Autism Awareness Month."

Public Budget Hearing

Each year, the School Business Administrators alongside the Assistant School Business Administrator and Superintendent of Schools will present items for consideration. The budget presentation allows the community to see how funds will be allocated. This meeting will take place in person on Tuesday, April 25, 2022, at 6:00 PM in the Orange Preparatory Academy of Inquiry and Innovation Auditorium.



National Assistant Principals' Week

National Assistant Principals Week was April 3–7, 2023! Join me in honoring the enormous contributions of our Orange School District Assistant Principals. Thank you for your continued support of staff, students, and families. Your support has not gone unnoticed. It is important to share that our assistant principals have demonstrated unwavering leadership and continue to be a source of strength and inspiration for us all. Thank you thank you thank you.



National School Librarians' Day

Please join me in celebrating all of our wonderful school librarians within the Orange Public School District! National School Librarian Day was on April 4, 2023. We are thankful for all the knowledge that our librarians possess. Take a moment and say thanks to the awesome librarians that are always on hand to help us each and every day. We salute and thank you always. Dr. Fitzhugh



National Paraprofessional Appreciation Day

Paraprofessional Appreciation Day is celebrated nationally on April 5, 2023. This special day is dedicated to those who work in a classroom under a teacher's direction. A paraprofessional is someone who works under a professional's guidance to help them in their job. In the school sector, paraprofessional educators are also known as teacher's aides, paraeducators, para-pros, and classroom assistants.

These fantastic staff members within the Orange School District deliver targeted support to students who may need extra help and work to maintain the classroom, assist with running it smoothly. Paraprofessionals are the unsung heroes of our education system. Join me in celebrating all of our paraprofessionals within our district, you are certainly appreciated.



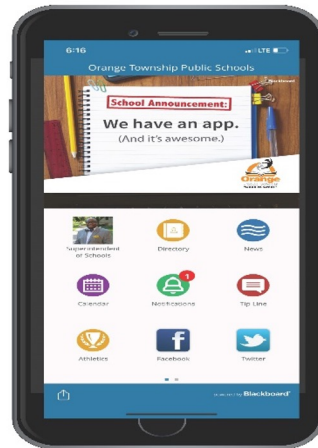
District Updates: District Updates: Student Summer School Announcement

- 2023 Summer School Application
- Orange Public Schools is pleased to announce the launch of our 2023 Summer School application. Our programs provide remediation, enrichment, credit recovery, and extended learning opportunities for students, ensuring a diverse and comprehensive array of offerings districtwide. Applications are due ASAP. Send questions to reopeningofschools@orange.k12.nj.us.

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