

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



Gerald Fitzhugh, II, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
“The Teaching Superintendent”
June 8, 2021

Annual School Plan Summer Programs

- Academic Summer Programs:
 - Central Elementary School: July 6 - July 30, 2021
 - Cleveland Street School: July 6 - August 5, 2021
 - Forest Street School: August 2 - August 27, 2021
 - Heywood Avenue School: August 2 - August 20, 2021
 - Lincoln Avenue School: July 12 - August 6, 2021
 - Oakwood Avenue School: July 6 - August 6, 2021
 - Park Avenue School: July 6 - August 6, 2021
 - Rosa Parks: June 28 - July 29, 2021



Register Here: http://bit.ly/OPS_SummerPrograms2021

Academic Summer Programs at the Secondary Level (Credit Recovery)

- **Credit Recovery Programs for STEM/Twilight/OHS (9 – 12): June 28 - July 29, 2021**
 - ELA (English I – IV)
 - Mathematics (Algebra I, II, and Geometry)
 - Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
 - History (Global, US-I and II)
 - Driver's Ed/Health I – IV, PE I – IV, Family Living
 - World Languages (Spanish, French)
 - Visual and Performing Arts



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Summer School Programming

(Bridges, Pathways, Intensive: provides intensive support for pre-selected students or grades)

- OHS Senior Graduation Pathway (10-12): July 6 - August 6, 2021
- OPA Summer Bridge Program (8 – 9): July 26 - August 13, 2021
- Grade 8 Algebra I Readiness Bridge (Gr. 8): June 28 - July 30, 2021
- Pre-Calculus Summer Intensive: June 28 - July 30, 2021
- Grade 9 Mathematics Summer Intensive: July 6 - July 30, 2021
- STEM ACADEMY Summer Bridge (Gr. 9): July 1 - July 14, 2021
- OHS/OPA Honors Bio Summer Bridge: July 6 - July 30, 2021



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Summer School Programming

(Departmental Offerings running in July & August)

Humanities/English/History

- Summer Breakthrough (K – 2)
- Journalism
- Culture
- Debate

STEM

- Robotics
- TinkrWorks
- NJIT Summer Pre College Program
- Real World Connections
- Apple Creative

Visual & Performing Arts

- Band
- Dance
- Film
- Graphic Design
- Chorus

CTE/Career

- NJROTC
- Culinary

Extended School Year (ESY)

- Mathematics, ELA, Related services

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Summer School Programming

(ESL & ESY)

English Language Learners (ESL)

- Mathematics, ELA, WIDA skills
- Grades 1-12

Extended School Year (ESY)

- Mathematics, ELA, Related services
- K - 12

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The Orange Public Schools Facilities Update



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District Facility Maintenance & Custodial Services Update

- Thorough Cleaning Daily and Disinfecting of all touch points in the building (examples include but not limited to door handles, Bathrooms, entrances exits, and banisters)
- Spring Walk-through of all school district facilities: this gives us the proper lens related to Summer In Person Teaching and Learning as well as our Regular Start for September 2021.
- PCI and District Meeting based on Updates related to COVID-19 mandates and expectations
- Outlining needs for the September 2021 return for all students and staff as well as ensure the academic program alongside social emotional supports will flourish.

Facilities Walk- through Update

- During the month of May 2021, the Superintendent, PCI management team and myself continued with our walk-throughs of each location throughout the district to ensure the continued safe and welcoming learning environment. We checked to ensure all vents and filters were cleaned. In addition, the task was also to ensure that proper ventilation continues throughout all district buildings.
- PCI addresses any and all concerns dealing with lights, minor plumbing issues, and minor repairs when requested as well as a result of walk throughs.

Orange High School

On May 18, 2021, the School Development Authority and Terminal Construction trained PCI management, alongside Orange Preparatory Academy and Orange High School administrators and myself on how to properly maintain our new generator that is located between OPA and OHS.

Orange High School
Continued Updates to our District



Stem Innovation Academy of the Oranges

- On May 23rd and 24th PCI installed Air Conditioners at STEM. As you will see on the next slide, they had to frame out the window to properly secure the units to the window frames.

STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges

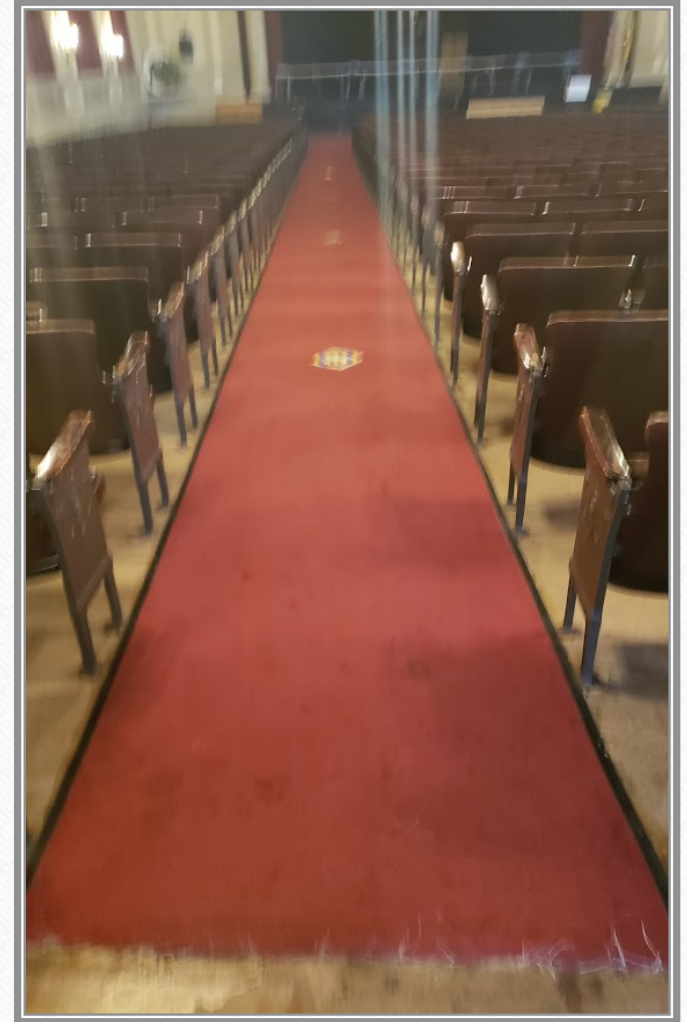


Orange Preparatory Academy

- The district decided it was time to replace the carpet in the auditorium. Over the years, the carpet due to heavy foot traffic, needed repair. In the next slides you will see pic of the old carpet the new installation and the new carpet.

Orange Preparatory Academy

Picture of old carpet



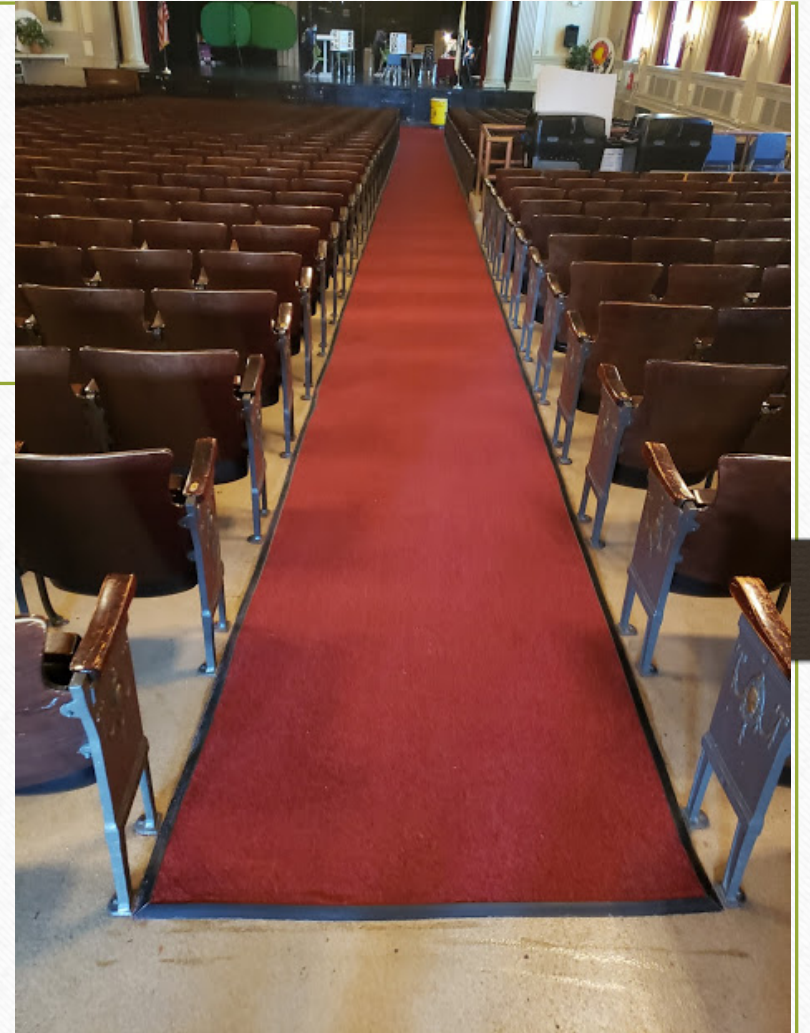
Orange Preparatory Academy Auditorium



Work in progress

Orange
Preparatory
academy

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Heywood Avenue School and Forest Street School

- In the district, we have started repairing windows that did not open properly and replacing screens that were in need. We started at Heywood Ave school and Forest Street School. More to come out of our ESSER funding that we received from the state.

Repairing of Windows and Screens

- The district contracted a company by the name of BRG to fix the windows and replace the screens. Be advised as shared in past facilities and finance meetings how the additional state funding was used in light of COVID-19.



Genesis Update

Looking at the Portal and the Enhancement of our Families using the Platform



Lisa Spottswood-Brown
District Registrar/Homeless Liaison
June 8, 2021

Genesis Parent Portal Reminder

- Have you signed up for the Genesis Parent Portal? Parents are able to see grades and assignments posted in real time. Should any concerns regarding the portal be directed to reopeningofschools@orange.k12.nj.us.

Orange Township Public School District Genesis Parent Portal

To continue to provide families with the most up to date information we are launching registration for the Genesis Parent Portal. When you are a part of the portal:

- You can view your child's grades in real-time
- Receive important information from the district



Sign up today for a Genesis Parent Portal account. If you have an account and your contact information changed (phone number, email address, etc.) you are encouraged to fill out the form.

Find registration links in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole at:
www.orange.k12.nj.us/genesislaunch.



Genesis Parent Portal Usage

Staying in Touch with Attendance and Academics

Term Date	Parent Logins Created	Difference
September 2018	522	
May 2019	720	+198
September 2019	800	+120
March 2020	1,069	+269
September 2020	2,335	+1,266
June 2021	3,417	+1,082

Scholarships for the Graduating Class of 2021

- **As of June 8, 2021**, the following are the acquired scholarship awards for Seniors in the Class of 2021:
- OHS-**\$16,571,994**
- STEM-**\$7,506,896**
- **Grand Total: \$24,078,890. Again, the largest this SCHOOL DISTRICT has ever seen. Isn't this great news?**

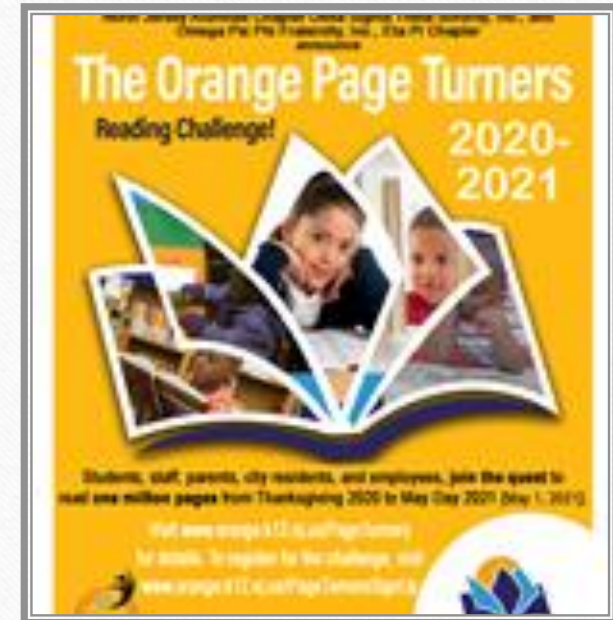
Page Turners and Poetry Contest Recognition



Karen Harris
Director of English Language Arts/Testing
June 8, 2021

Orange Page Turners SY 2020-2021 Reading Challenge

- Students, staff, parents, city residents, and employees, joined the quest to read one million pages that began on Thanksgiving Day 2020 to May 1, 2021.
- The **Orange Community** logged in **1,089,536 pages** surpassing our goal of 1 million pages read.



Page Turners Winners

- Grades K-2 Top Readers (Individual)

1. Aaryan Sonnylal (K)– Park Avenue School
2. Melissa Magana (K)– Forest Street School
3. Yordanos Begashaw (K) – Forest Street School

- Grades 3-5 Top Winners (Individual)

1. Daniel Williams (5) – Forest Street School
2. Jasmin Sevillano (5) – Forest Street School
3. Nicqua Thomas (4) – Lincoln Avenue School

Page Turners Winners

- Grades 6-8 Top Readers (Individuals)
 1. Jayden Moinvil (7) -Park Avenue School
 2. Marisol Guemes-Giles (8) – Orange Preparatory Academy
 3. Alejandra Mejia- (6) – Forest Street School
- Grades 9-12 Top Readers (Individuals)
 1. Jeremiah Lunis (12) Orange High School
 2. Majuri Carballo Garcia (11) Orange High School
 3. Rebecca Alexandre (11) Orange High School

Page Turners Winners

- Community (Individuals)

1. Chelsey Lepinski – Rosa Parks lepinski@gmail.com
2. Marie Moinvil - Park Avenue moinvima@orange.k12.nj.us
3. Dr. Terri Russo – BOE Curriculum & Instruction russoter@orange.k12.nj.us

Page Turners Winners

- **School Groups and Community Organizations**

- Group 1 – Small Schools

1. Forest Street School
2. Park Avenue School
3. Heywood Avenue School

- Group 2 – Large Schools

1. Rosa Parks Community School
2. Lincoln Avenue School
3. Orange Preparatory Academy

- Group 3 Community /Organizations

1. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
2. Orange Board of Education
3. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Resilience Poetry Contest

- *Kindergarten Winners District-Wide*

1st	Shamir Drinkard- Thomas	Maggio	Central Elementary
2nd	Abigail Celestine	Mathis- Smith	Central Elementary
3rd	Ava Collins	Maggio	Central Elementary

Resilience Poetry Contest

- *1st Grade District-wide Winners*

1 st	Brandon Butler	DeCorso	Central Elementary
2 nd	Amamihe Abengowe	Barrios	Heywood Ave
3 rd	Afiyah Sylvester-Martin	Roos	Park Avenue

Resilience Poetry Contest

• *2nd Grade District-Wide Winners*

1 st	Mecca Janae Robinson	Brennan	Forest Ave
1 st	Luthando Libisi	Willis	OACS
2 nd	Geanna Pierresaint	Brennan	Forest Ave

Resilience Poetry Contest

- *3rd Grade District-Wide Winners*

1 st	Ryker Grey Hammond	Swen	Forest Ave
2 nd	Victor Felix	Swen	Forest Ave
2 nd	Jalor Pinckney	Connor	Lincoln
3 rd	Jaylen Cosme	Connor	Lincoln

Resilience Poetry Contest

- *4th Grade District-Wide Winners*

1 st	Omarae Davis	Morrisroe	Oakwood
2 nd	Ymani Matthews	Higgins	Rosa Parks
3 rd	Emily Osei	Donnerstag	Forest Ave

Resilience Poetry Contest

- *5th Grade District-Wide Winners*

1 st	Melany Diaz	Stokes	Forest Ave
2 nd	Jaliyah McCalla	Morrisroe	OACS
3 rd	Nyah Crespo	Scott	Rosa Parks

Resilience Poetry Contest

- *6th Grade District-Wide Winners*

1 st	Amelia Eupha	Miqueli	Park Ave
2 nd	Alejandra Mejia- Lantigua	Stokes	Forest Ave
3 rd	Sanaa Bradley	Brandt	Rosa Park

Resilience Poetry Contest

- *7th Grade District-Wide Winners*

1 st	Jazmin Mejia	Dover	Lincoln
2 nd	Paul Barker	Brown	Rosa Parks
3 rd	Michele Tong	Walker	Forest Ave

Resilience Poetry Contest

• *8th Grade District-Wide Winners*

1st	Anthony Cambizaca	David	OPA
2nd	Dayana Flores	David	OPA
3rd	Guilbes Jules	David	OPA

Resilience Poetry Contest

- *9th Grade District-Wide Winners*

1 st	Om-Ahsi Jackson	Shair	OPA
2 nd	Terrence Benoit	Strauss	OPA
2 nd	Usman Ahmed	Buske	STEM

Resilience Poetry Contest

- *10th Grade District-Wide Winners*

1 st	Oviany Philizaire	Buske	STEM
2 nd	Gloria Noel	Davis	OHS
3 rd	Justin Dapaah	Buske	STEM

Resilience Poetry Contest

• *11th Grade District-Wide Winners*

1st	Khadar Chambers	Mathews	STEM
2nd	Iris Camero	Mathews	STEM
3rd	Tyler Henry	Boateng	OHS

Resilience Poetry Contest

• *12th Grade District-Wide Winners*

1 st	Keyanna Gittens Penny	Mathews	STEM
2 nd	Henry Alonzo Garcia	Jules	OHS
3 rd	Kenderly Faucher	Thomas	OHS

District Updates

- Graduation will take place for Orange High School Seniors on June 23, 2021 at 6:00 PM at Codey Arena. Due to COVID-19 mandates, this event is limited to a specific number of attendees. The same stands for the first ever graduating class of STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges. STEM's Graduation will take place on June 25th at 6:00 PM. The location will be at NJIT (New Jersey Institute of Technology)
- The Orange High School/Twilight Program Senior Soiree Toast Off will take place on June 24th at 4:30 PM. Social distancing and masks to be in place. Come one, come all safely to wish our students off for their Soiree!

District Updates

- Special thank you to Mr. Reggie Miller and the Brotherhood Program for hosting a Community Clean Up Event on Friday, May 28th. The energy was definitely out there!
- Special thank you to Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson for sharing with the district the Prom Dress Giveaway at Metcalf Park the Week of May 24th!
- A great event happening this weekend in Orange Township; rock the Block Party. This event has been organized by Orange Resident Allie Stratakis. The information about the event is on the district's Facebook page. The event will take place June 12th beginning at 2:00 PM and concluding at 8:00 PM at Metcalf Park.

District Updates

- Orange Week is now in full swing. The following are the events that are play this week:

Monday, June 7, 2021 - Friday, June 11, 2021 - COVID-19 Testing in District Schools

- *Description:* For staff/students enrolled in the program, a COVID-19 Test will be administered by representatives from JLHH, LLC, the district's community partner on the initiative. Dr. Sampson Davis is the lead healthcare provider on the collaboration.

Monday, June 7, 2021 - Friday June 11, 2021 - Virtual Spirit Week All District Schools

- *Description:* All district schools will host virtual "Spirit Days".

Monday, June 7, 2021 - Saturday, June 12, 2021 - Virtual Health and Wellness Run/Walk hosted by the City of Orange Township.

- *Description:* Virtual walk. For more information, visit: <https://www.ci.orange.nj.us/>

District Updates

Monday, June 7, 6:00pm - Resilience Poetry Contest Winners

- **Description:** Resilience Poetry Contest Winners will present their winning poems The event is being hosted by the ELA Department and will be displayed virtually via Zoom.

Tuesday, June 8, 5:30pm - Literacy Night

- *Rosa Parks Community School*
- **Description:** A series of activities for students and families to participate in. Vendors for families will be also available providing information on a series of topics.

Tuesday, June 8, 6:45pm - School Board Meeting

- **Location:** *Orange Preparatory Academy*
- **Description:** *Orange Public Schools June School Board Meeting*

District Updates

Wednesday, June 9, 4:00pm - Culinary Challenge

- *Location: Orange High School*
- **Description:** “Chopped Style” culinary competition. Competition will pair one OHS Culinary student with Dr. Fitzhugh, Mayor Warren and Mr. Belton. Each team will prepare one entree and one desert. The event will have three judges including: Chef Guy (Chartwells), Chef Darius Peacock (Food Network 2x Chopped Champion) and Candace Carter (SNAP- Ed). The event will be videotaped, presented via Facebook Live, and on the district’s Youtube channel. It will also be presented on the district's public access channel. Representatives from SNAP-Ed will provide a presentation on Healthy Cooking and Eating to Orange High School students on June 8, 2021. The event is organized by the Office of Community Engagement and the Healthy Living in Orange Team at Orange High School. Community partners on the project are Chartwells and SNAP-Ed.

Wednesday, June 9, 6:00pm - Bilingual/ESL Parent Advisory Committee Meeting

- **Description-** Bilingual/ESL Parent Advisory Committee Meeting. Translators will be available to facilitate the virtual session in English, Spanish and Haitian Creole.

District Updates

Thursday, June 10, 3:45 PM - 7:15pm - District Student/Parent Council Meeting

- **Description** - Monthly “virtual” meetings with Dr. Fitzhugh and Office of Community Engagement Team.

- **Thursday, June 10, 6:00pm**

- **Description** - Annual Spring Concert at Forest Street Community School

- **Thursday, June 10** - Celebration of 21st Century After School Programs Social Media

- **Description** - Social media posts of 21st Century Afterschool program culminating events

District Updates

Friday, June 11, 3:30pm - School Garden Clean-up at Lincoln Avenue School and Forest Street Community School

- **Description** - School garden clean up at Lincoln Avenue School and Forest Street Community School. High school students will receive community service hours for participating.

Saturday, June 12, 2:00pm - Rock the Block Party Metcalfe Park

- **Description** - A collaboration of several local community-based organizations providing a day filled with music, food, community resources and bike raffle.

- *For more information, contact Mr. Devone in the Office of Community Engagement at (973) 677-4000 ext. 6064 or devoneba@orange.k12.nj.us.*

Follow the district social media platforms for event updates:

Facebook - Orange Public School District

Instagram - opsdistrict

Twitter - @ops_district

District Updates

- Final Snow Day Give Back: June 18th....So, there was a decision about the final snow day that had to be given back for this school year. Schools and the District Offices will be closed. Why was June 18th chosen? June 18th was chosen in accordance with Juneteenth.
- Juneteenth (short for “June Nineteenth”) marks the day when federal troops arrived in [Galveston, Texas](#) in 1865 to take control of the state and ensure that all enslaved people be freed. The troops’ arrival came a full two and a half years after the signing of the [Emancipation Proclamation](#). Juneteenth honors the end to slavery in the United States and is considered the longest-running African American holiday.
- So much has happened in our nation and what better way to reflect and celebrate Juneteenth as a school community.

District Updates

- The CRRSA Act includes the same 12 authorized uses as CARES ESSER I (including uses authorized under ESEA, IDEA, Perkins V, and McKinney-Vento), with a distinct emphasis on the following additional uses: • Addressing student learning loss, to include administering and using high-quality assessments that are valid and reliable to accurately assess students' academic progress; • School facility repairs and improvement to enable operations of schools to reduce the risk of virus transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards; and • Projects to improve indoor air quality in school facilities, including HVAC, window, and door repair, replacement, and/or upgrading.
- The ESSER II funding for over 7.7 million that we received has to be earmarked no later than June 1st. Thank you to Dr. Powell, Dr. Russo Ms. Harper, Ms. Harris as well as Dr. Izbicki, Ms. Dismuke, Mr. Vasquez, and Mr. Cordes alongside me have met and allocated accordingly. Staff, students, and community, we heard you....Thank you for your continued input.

District Updates

- Heywood Avenue School received their Distinguished School Status for the Project Lead the Way Program! This is such great news for Heywood!! Three YEARS in a ROW. Once a Wildcat; Always a Wildcat!
- College Decision Day Program for OHS took place on Wednesday, May 19th! STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges had their College Decision Day on Wednesday, June 2nd. Next up is the Twilight Program who will host their College Decision Day tomorrow. We are so very proud of our SENIORS!

District Updates

- Orange's very own, **Melanie Laveriano**, a highly motivated 8th Grade student currently attending Orange Preparatory Academy and enrolled in the Scholars MS Program @STEM where she is taking coding classes, was accepted into the **WOLFRAM Middle School Summer Camp!!!**
- The Wolfram Middle School Summer Camp is an **intensive** one-week program designed to advance middle-school girls' programming and problem-solving skills.
- The application process is intense with **fewer than 25 students** accepted nationwide each year!!

District Updates

- **Wolfram Alpha** is an extremely popular and unique engine for computing answers and providing knowledge. It works by using its vast store of expert-level algorithms mimicking artificial intelligence to automatically answer questions, do analysis, and generate reports.
- Through lectures and activities lead by Wolfram instructors, students in the Camp will use the **Wolfram Coding Language** to learn and apply computational thinking skills.
- Melanie will take part in this prestigious program from June 14th through June 18th. Way to go Melanie. We are so proud of you!

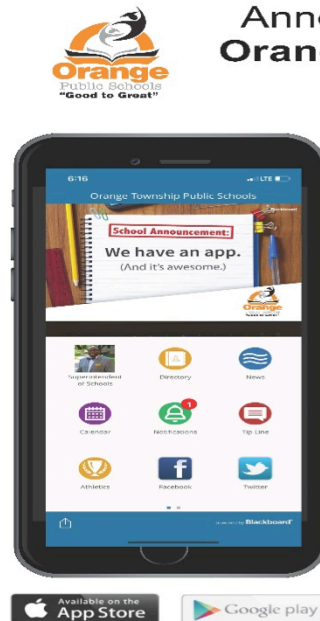
Special
Congratulations
to Ms. Rawls
and Ms. Hunter
from Heywood
Avenue and
Forest Street
Schools

- Congratulations to Ms. Hunter and Ms. Rawls for outstanding mathematics teaching and leadership. Both teachers successfully completed the competitive New Jersey STEM Innovation Fellowship program as the first cohort. As fellows, both teachers joined a statewide cohort of 28 elementary teachers and coaches from 24 districts. The teachers have implemented number strings using effective pedagogies while participating in professional learning communities led by faculty of Montclair State, Princeton, and Rowan Universities.
- Both teachers will be invited to apply to the newly formed NJ STEM Emeritus fellowship. This new fellowship will be an opportunity for teachers to remain active in the NJ STEM Innovation community after their fellowship has ended. This is a unique and competitive leadership program, whose goals are to keep knowledgeable and skillful teachers in the classroom, working directly with students, while also developing their capacity to mentor colleagues and provide instructional leadership within their schools. This is awesome news...Join me in Congratulating Ms. Rawls and Ms. Hunter!

District Updates

- As you know, we continue to provide breakfast and lunch to our school community. With that being said, we have distributed over 280,000 meals since March 17th. Continue to come out and grab a meal students.
- Reminder: School is NOT over at 12:30 PM. In fact, we have office hours for additional support. Asynchronous assignments are placed in Google Classroom for additional support. Let's not take this lightly. Instruction is paramount during these times and beyond. If there is a camera malfunctioning issue, please reach out to reopeningofschools@orange.k12.nj.us so we can connect you with your child's principal.

Reminder: The New Orange App Have you signed up?



Announcing the NEW Orange Public Schools Mobile App!

Designed specifically to keep you better informed, in REAL time!

Available for Apple and Android devices.

The app is **FREE** and available for **download today**. You are **encouraged to sign up**.

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Reminder: District News-Breakfast/Lunch Grab and Go Update

Please be reminded of food locations beginning at 7:30 AM and concluding at 1:30PM

- Rosa Parks Community School
- Lincoln Avenue School
- Forest Street Community School
- Scholars Academy

District News-Breakfast/Lunch Grab and Go Update

Please be reminded of food locations beginning at 7:30 AM and concluding at 1:30PM

- Heywood Avenue School
- Orange Early Childhood Center
- Park Avenue School
- Oakwood Avenue Community School

District News-Breakfast/Lunch Grab and Go Update

Please be reminded of food locations beginning at 7:30 AM and concluding at 1:30PM

- John Robert Lewis Early Childhood Center
- Orange High School
- STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges
- Orange Preparatory Academy
- Cleveland Street (Our Lady of Valley Swing space-Cleveland Students ONLY)

Reminders to the School Community

- For further supports, please be reminded that we still answer emails via reopeningofschools@orange.k12.nj.us for questions or concerns during this pandemic period as it relates to any facet of the plan or support needed. Responses will be generated within 24-48 hours of receipt.
- It is encouraged that you continue to visit our district COVID-19 Resources Tab on the district website www.orange.k12.nj.us for additional resources for families on mental health as well as updates on self care for students, families, and staff. We have posted instructional supports within the COVID-19 Resource Tab for your assistance. As you are aware, we update our COVID-19 Resource Tab weekly in the effort of providing further supports for our school community. Thank you to the Trauma Informed Team for supporting this work since March 17th.







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