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- Saturday, June 3, English as a Second Language (ESL)/Bilingual Fair, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Lincoln Avenue School

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“The Future is Here,” Round Two of the STEM Innovation Academy of Orange Application Process

Submitted Mr. Robert Pettit, Principal, STEM Innovation Academy of Orange

On Friday May 19, 2017 The STEM Academy of Orange held “Round 2” of the application process, the Face-to-Face Evaluation. All participants experienced an Independent Task, Collaborative Design Challenge and Group Interview. Out of all the applications received, only seventy students were eligible to move forward to round two, and potentially fill the sixty slots for the freshman class of 2017.



For the independent, task students were allotted sixty minutes to complete and submit one of two possible mathematical problem-solving tasks of their choosing. Students then moved on to collaborative design challenge where once again they were allotted sixty minutes to complete the design challenges. They worked in teams of four where they brainstormed ideas, selected their roles and put their plans into action. Final results were graded using a scoring rubric completed by all the committee members.

Finally, students participated in the fishbowl group interview where they were asked a series of questions, and offered their viewpoint and experiences. Some of the question/scenarios included:

- How do you resolve conflicts with peers when working in a group?
- Describe a time when you experienced failure and what you learned from it!

When it was over, students left with renewed sense of self, excited about the prospects of being accepted into the STEM Innovation Academy of Orange. Committee members will debrief and make the final selections on May 26, 2017 at Orange Board of Education. Students will be notified on or by June 1, 2017 about their acceptance status.



Pictured: STEM Academy applicants with members of the interview committee.



A special thanks to all the members of the face-to-face interview committee for their hard work. Pictured left are members of the Mathematics and Science Department, led by Dr. Tina Powell.

Listed below are all of the committee members.

Robert Pettit	Principal - STEM Innovation Academy of Orange and Oakwood Avenue Community School
Tina Powell	Director of Mathematics and Science
Tanya Maloney	Assistant Professor – Montclair State University
Larry Glover	Advertising Consultant
Cheryl Matthews	Leading Engineering Technologies LLC.
Terri Russo	Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Professional Development and Data Assessment
Karen Harris	Director of Language Arts Literacy and Testing
Faith Alcantara	Principal – Heywood Avenue School
MengLi ChiLiu	Supervisor of Mathematics (9-12)
Shafeek Mohammed	Supervisor of Science (9-12) and STEM
Daniel Ramirez	Supervisor of Mathematics (6-8)
Asale Harris	Supervisor of Mathematics (3-5)
Kurt Matthews	Supervisor of English Language Arts Literacy (9-12)
Farjana Rahman	Mathematics Coach (9-12)
Belinda Koloska	Mathematics Coach (6-8)
Min Kim	Mathematics Coach (3-5)
Nancy Lasher	Science Teacher / Coach – Orange Preparatory Academy
Clyde Griffith	Science Teacher – Career Innovation Academy of Orange

The Laura Bush Foundation for America’s Libraries Awards More Than \$930,000 in Grants to School Libraries

Grants Will Help Park Avenue School, One of 160 School Libraries, Buy Books (Press Release)

Dallas, TX – On May 19, Mrs. Laura Bush announced that more than \$930,000 is being distributed to 160 school libraries from 38 states across the country through the 2017 library grants from the Laura Bush Foundation for America’s Libraries.



THE LAURA BUSH FOUNDATION
FOR AMERICA'S LIBRARIES

“Congratulations to the schools and libraries that have been awarded a 2017 Laura Bush Foundation for America’s Libraries grant!” said Mrs. Laura Bush. “As a former librarian, I know school libraries play an important role in improving student achievement, and with this grant, your librarian will make your library the perfect place for students to fall in love with reading.”

Mrs. Bush, who was one of the founders of the Texas Book Festival, announced the 2017 grant recipients while participating in the Texas Book Festival's Reading Rock Stars literacy program. This year the program was hosted at Thomas Tolbert Elementary School, a school that received a grant from the Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries in 2013. The Texas Book Festival's Reading Rock Stars literacy program brings books to life for children in low-income schools by inviting authors and illustrators into classrooms with entertaining presentations that inspire students to read, write, and create. James Luna, author of two bilingual picture books, and Hena Khan, Pakistani-American author of *Amina's Voices*, joined Mrs. Bush in participating in the program. Mrs. Bush read her children's book, *Our Great Big Backyard*, and spoke about the importance of reading to a child's success, both in and out of the classroom, and encouraged students to continue to read during the summer months.

"During the summer months to come, I encourage every student to read something every day and for our younger children, to read aloud, too. These simple steps will help students build reading skills and keep them ready for the next school year." said Mrs. Bush.

This April while in Africa, Mrs. Bush announced the first ever international grants from the Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries. Therisanyo School in Gaborone, Botswana and Ella Du Plessis High School in Windhoek, Namibia each received \$2,500 towards their school libraries.

The Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries provides grants of up to \$7,000 to our Nation's neediest schools so they can extend, update, and diversify the book and print collections in their libraries with the goal of encouraging students to develop a love of reading and learning. Since its inception in 2002, it has awarded over \$14.3 million to more than 2,700 schools across the country. In addition to the annual grants, the "Gulf Coast School Library Recovery Initiative" in 2006 provided nearly \$6.5 million to school libraries affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita to rebuild book collections lost or destroyed in the storms.

In 2014, The Laura Bush Foundation transitioned from the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region in Washington, D.C. to the George W. Bush Presidential Center in Dallas, Texas, where it is managed as a restricted fund. More information can be found at www.laurabushfoundation.org.

Park Avenue School has been notified that they have received a \$5,000 grant from the Laura Bush Foundation. To acknowledge this achievement, they will host a grant celebration on Friday, June 16, 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the school's library.



2017 Winners of the NJ Safe Routes to School Recognition Program

Submitted by Mr. Barry Devone, Community Engagement Officer

NEW JERSEY Safe Routes to School



www.saferoutesnj.org

The New Jersey Department of Transportation and the NJ Safe Routes to School Resource Center are pleased to announce the 2017 Recipients of the New Jersey Safe Routes to School Recognition Program! These winners are recognized for their commitment and support of the Safe Routes to School program by enabling and encouraging children to walk and bike to school.

Three Orange Schools, Park Avenue, Heywood Avenue and Oakwood Avenue Community Schools are 2017 winners of the NJ Safe Routes to School "First Step" Award.

Over the last few months these schools have participated in the following activities, along with the Community Engagement Office:

- Park Ave- Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) presentation to students, poster contest, Walkability Assessment, along with the Honorable Mayor Dwayne D. Warren Esq., his staff and members of the Orange Interfaith Council
- Oakwood- SRTS presentation to students, Poster Contest
- Heywood- SRTS presentation to students, Poster Contest

This year, there were 175 winners in all — 157 winners for the school recognition program, and 18 for the municipality recognition program. Recipients for 2017 are recognized for their hard work and commitment to the Safe Routes to School program from 2015-2016, and recognition is valid for three years.

This status provides a great opportunity for the schools to become eligible for Bronze, Silver and Gold level awards that can be used as points for Sustainable New Jersey Grants. In the near future, the schools will be developing "Walking School Bus" teams for students, which will enable them to continue earning points towards the higher level awards.

SRTS Regional Coordinators from Transportation Management Associations across New Jersey will be honoring and awarding NJ Safe Routes to School Recognition Program winners at a breakfast awards ceremony on Thursday, October 19, 2017.

Congratulations and thank you to all of the municipalities and schools for making walking and bicycling to school a priority in your community! Keep up the great work!

NJ Safe Routs to School

Park Avenue School Art Show and Spring Concert

Submitted by Mr. Paul Halligan, Grade 5-7 Social Studies teacher, Park Avenue School



Pictured: Mrs. Lipstein, being honored for her many years of service, is pictured with Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts Donna Sinisgalli.

On May 18, Park Avenue had its Art Show and Spring Concert. The proceedings started at approximately 5:30 with the Art Show displays throughout the school. There were amazing works by students of all grades. Students' pieces included drawings of George Washington, sculptures of geometric design, and even Facebook Masks. The works were enjoyed by all. Before the Music portion of the program, Mrs. Lipstein was honored for the tremendous job she has done over the years at Park Avenue.

The music portion of the program started with the band ensemble led by Thaddeus Hammond. The performance was extremely well received and enjoyed by all. Works included the Park Avenues Blues, Faisol Melody, and even a piece by Gershwin - Summertime. The pieces included beautiful solos by performers.

The choir then took the stage led by Scott Clark. They continued with a lively performance to equal the band. Numerous songs included solos by performers. Songs included "Don't Give Up," "Set it All Free," "The Greatest" and ended with "Can't Stop the Feeling."

The cafetorium was packed with parents and students, even though the temperatures were high. The performance was enjoyed by all and left everyone highly entertained and satisfied.



Pictured: Images from Park Avenue Art Show.



Pictured: Images from Park Avenue Spring Concert Show

You Can Do the Rubik's Cube

Submitted by Mrs. Shannon Keogh, Math Core Teacher, Scholars Academy

Since its creation, the Rubik's Cube has continued to fascinate, bewilder and challenge millions of people. While many have tried to solve the cube, few have succeeded.

Mrs. Keogh's 5th and 6th grade students participated in the "You Can Do the Cube" Challenge, as part of the Lending Library opportunity from Rubik's cube. For six weeks, the Scholars Academy was able to borrow 36 cubes and use all the lesson plans, projects, and videos that accompany the Lending Library. Learning to solve the cube was both enriching and entertaining. It fostered positive peer collaboration and a great sense of accomplishment and pride. Additionally, this project helped teach many life lessons: following directions, perseverance, memorization and focus.

Mrs. Keogh's students said this magical puzzle has increased their self-esteem, made them feel smarter and more willing to take risks, helped them overcome their fear of failure and even made them more outgoing.

Her students experienced a great sense of accomplishment and pride when they finally saw the ordered rows of colors with each piece sitting in its correct position. Can you do the Cube? Just ask one of these students to assist you!



Pictured (above and left): Scholars Academy students and Mrs. Keogh with Rubik's Cubes.

Cleveland Street School Spring Arts Festival

On May 16, Cleveland Street School held its Spring Arts Festival 2017 at Rosa Parks Community School's Central Auditorium. The program opened with instrumental music led by Ms. Marianne Mroz. The orchestra began with Russian Music Box, followed by the band playing "A Little Bit of Latin" and "Oye Com Va." The recorder students played Old McDonald, "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" and "La Bamba." All were supported by fellow Cleveland Street vocal music teacher Mr. Brian Silvoy on guitar, Orange Prep Academy Music teacher Mr. Peter Abazia on percussion and Heywood music teacher Ms. Erin-Leigh VanOrden on trumpet.



Mr. Silvoy also performed an African Folk Song Medley with two students, Thelemarque Seignon and Justin Benjamin on drums. He then led the third grade chorus in two selections and the First Grade Chorus in three selections including, a fan favorite, "Pizza Love." Ms. Britt Keshner (pictured left) introduced her drama students in a fanciful production "Cinderella: Prince vs. Robin Hood." Special thanks were given to Principal Dr. Cayce Cummins, RPCS, Mr. Scott Clark, Park Avenue

music teacher, sound engineer and bass guitarist. The program also included scenery organized by art instructor Ms. Monica Chavarria.



Pictured: Scenes from Cleveland Street's Spring Concert.

FYI

Park Avenue Elementary School Multicultural Party

On Thursday, June 8, Park Ave School will host a multicultural celebration, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for Park's families to celebrate and share their culture with the school. They are asking parents to help by bringing a dish from their native country.

Park Avenue's dance classes will perform and present a fashion show with traditional clothing. There will be Haitian, Jamaican, African and Spanish cuisine.

Kindergarten Orientation and Preschool Registration

Orange Public Schools
Kindergarten!
2017 Orientation

Parents, if you have a preschooler who will be attending Kindergarten at Oakwood Avenue Community School or Cleveland Street School, next school year, please attend the orientation session for your assigned school.

The schedule is as follows:

Oakwood Avenue Community School	June 1	10:00 a.m.
Cleveland Street School	June 2	9:00 a.m.

Literacy Block Party to Announce Orange Page Turners' Challenge Winners



The Orange Public Schools English Language Arts (ELA) Department will hold its annual Literacy Block Party on Friday, June 2, from 5:00-7:00 pm, at Lincoln Avenue School, located at 216 Lincoln Ave. The first 100 attendees will each get a free t-shirt at the event, "Every Hero Has A Story." There will be Games, Give-a-ways, puppets and more! Guests who represent their

favorite superhero will automatically get a ticket towards food and prizes.

At the event, winners of the Orange Page Turner's Reading Challenge will be announced and awarded.

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2	3 OHS BOE Lobby Art Exhibit 6:00 ^{PM} at BOE	4	5 Board of School Estimates, 6:30 ^{PM} at Board of Ed 	6  Nursing: The Balance of Mind, Body, and Spirit
7	8	9 Monthly BOE Meeting, 7:00 ^{PM} at Orange Prep Academy	10	11	12	13 Special BOE Meeting Exhibit 6:00 ^{PM} at Board of Ed
14 	15	16 Cleveland Spring Arts Festival, 6:00 ^{PM} at Central Auditorium	17 Geography Bee, 6:00 ^{PM} at Park Avenue School	18 Park Spring Arts Festival, Art Show at 5:30 ^{PM} and Concert at 6:00 ^{PM}	19	20
21	22	23	24 Oakwood Spring Festival, including Sonic Explorations at 6:00 ^{PM}	25 Jeans for Troops Day 	26	27
28	29  District Closed	30	31			

Check the district [Website calendar](#) for upcoming events.



See Below For Important Flyers

- Literacy Block Party
- Bilingual-ESL Fair 2017
- Parent Academy Workshops
- Summer Sports Academy

The Orange Public Schools English Language Arts Dept.
Annual Literacy Block Party



EVERY HERO HAS A STORY

June 2, 2017

5 - 7 PM

Hosted at Lincoln Avenue School
216 Lincoln Avenue

BILINGUAL/ESL FAMILY FAIR



DATE: *SATURDAY – June 3, 2017* TIME: *9:00 AM – 12:00 PM*

LOCATION: *Lincoln Avenue School, 216 Lincoln Avenue*

Our Goal as Teachers:

The Orange School Community believes that every child can learn. We provide a positive learning environment that acknowledges and celebrates the multicultural differences within our community. We encourage mutual respect among our teachers, students and community. As a result, our students will become leaders in the community!

What Parents will gain by attending the Bilingual/ESL Family Fair:

- Gain an understanding of the *benefits of the Bilingual/BSL Education.*
- Learn ways to help your child pass the **Benchmark, PARCC and ACCBSS Tests.**
- Gain information about **community resources**
- Gain information about **college opportunities**
- Help your child understand that *parents and teachers are working as a team* to help them succeed.

Orange Board of Education will provide:

- Continental Breakfast *9AM – 10AM.*
- Snacks
- Presentations in *French, Haitian Creole, and Spanish.*
- Child care for children from the *ages 5 – 10 years old.*
- Games and activities for students
- Raffle tickets will be provided to parents for a chance to *win a prize!*

Caroline Onyesonwu, Supervisor of Bilingual/BSL/World Languages Programs

Dr. Terri Russo, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Professional Development, and Data Assessment

-- Deadline 5-30-17 ---- TEAR OFF & RETURN TO HOMEROOM TEACHER --- --Deadline 5-30-17---

The Orange Bilingual/ESL Family Fair

Student name(s): _____

Check primary language: French Creole _____ Spanish _____ Other _____

The number of guests attending including student(s): _____

BILINGUAL/ESL FAMILY FAIR



DAT: **SAMDI – 3 Jwen 2017** LÈ: **9AM – 12PM**

LYE: **Lincoln Avenue School, 216 Lincoln Avenue**

Bi nou kòm pwofesè:

Kominote Lekòl Oranj kwè ke chak timoun kapab aprann. Nou ofri yon anviwònman aprantisaj pozitif ki rekonèt epi selebre diferans anpil kilti andedan kominote nou an. Nou ankouraje respè respwòk nan mitan pwofesè nou yo, elèv, ak kominote nou an. Kòm rezilta, elèv nou yo pral devni lidè nan kominote a!

Sa Paran yo pral jwenn lè yo vini nan Fwa Bileng/ESL Fanmi an:

- Y'ap konprann **benefis Edikasyon Bileng/ESL lan**.
- Y'ap konprann fason pou yo ede pitit yo pase **PARCC ak ACCESS**.
- Y'ap ede pitit yo konprann ke **paran ak pwofesè ap travay kòm yon ekip pou yo ka ede yo reyisi**.

Depatman Edikasyon Oranj lan ap bay:

- Manje Maten **9AM – 10AM**
- Prezantasyon an **Franse/Kreyòl ak Panyòl**
- Swen Timoun pou timoun nan **laj 5 – 10 zan**
- Tikè Raf a paran yo pou yon chans pou **genyen yon pri!**

*Caroline Onyesonwu, Sipèvizè Pwogram Bileng/ESL/Lang Mondyal yo
Dr. Terri Russo, Direktè Kourikoulòm, Enstriksyon, Devlopman Pwofesyonèl, ak Evalyasyon Done*

-- Dènye delè a se 5/30/2017----- **KOUPE KOUPON ANBA A & RETOUNEN LI BAY TPWOFESÈ PRINSIPAL LA**

Reyinyon Paran Oranj pou Bileng/ESL

Non Elèv la: _____
Tcheke Premye Lang: Kreyòl Ayisyen _____ Panyòl _____ Oswa Lòt _____
Kantite moun k'ap vini nan reyinyon an ki enkli non elèv la: _____

BILINGUAL/ESL FAMILY FAIR



FECHA: SÁBADO , 3 de junio de 2017 HORA: 9AM - 12PM
UBICACIÓN: Lincoln Avenue School, 216 Lincoln Avenue

Nuestro objetivo como educadores:

La Comunidad Escolar de Orange cree que cada niño puede aprender. Ofrecemos un ambiente de aprendizaje positivo que reconoce y celebra la las diferencias multiculturales dentro de nuestra comunidad. Queremos fomentar el respeto mutuo entre nuestros maestros, estudiantes y la comunidad. Para que como resultado, nuestros estudiantes se conviertan en líderes de la comunidad.

Lo que los padres se beneficiarán con asistir a la Feria bilingüe/ESL Feria:

- Ganar comprensión de los beneficios de la *educación bilingüe/ESL*.
- Aprender formas de ayudar a que su niño pase el *PARCC* y *acceda a* .
- Ayude a su hijo a comprender que los padres y *los maestros están trabajando como un equipo* para ayudarlos a tener éxito.

La Junta de Educación de Orange proporcionará:

- Desayuno: 9 AM - 10 AM.
- Presentaciones en *Criollo Francés y Español*.
- Habra cuidado de niños de edades comprendidas entre *5 - 10 años*.
- Sorteo. Entradas serán proporcionados a los padres para poder ganar un *premio!*

Caroline Onyesonwu, Supervisor de Educación Bilingüe/ESL/Programas de idiomas del mundo
La Dra. Terri Russo, Director del currículo, la instrucción, desarrollo profesional y evaluación de datos

Fecha Límite 5-30-17 - ----- arrancar & VOLVER AL PROFESOR DE AULA--- -Plazo 5-30-17- - -

Distrito de Orange Depto. Bilingüe/ESL reunión de padres

Nombre del alumno(s): _____

Verificar idioma principal: criollo Francés _____ Español _____ Otro _____

El número de asistentes incluidos los alumno(s): _____

Orange Township Public Schools



Parent Academy 2017 Workshops



FREE PARENT WORKSHOPS

Parent Academy is a District Wide Initiative to support overall student achievement by providing families with learning opportunities and resources that will enable them to become more involved in our students success. By attending the workshops, or school related events/programs you can earn 1 point toward a Special Graduation Ceremony. Board Meetings (2 points) are held on the second Tuesday of each month.

EACH WORKSHOP IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO WIN FREE GIFTS!

June

Date	Time	Location	Topic
Saturday 6/3/17	9:00am- 12:00pm	Lincoln Avenue School	Bilingual ESL Fair
Wednesday 6/14/17	6:00pm	Lincoln Avenue School	Parent Academy Recognition Ceremony

**For Information on Parent Academy Workshops/Programs/Events please contact:
Barry Devone, Office of Community Engagement
973-677-4000 ext. 6064**



Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq.

And The Orange Municipal Council
MOVING ORANGE FORWARD

ORANGE RECREATION SUMMER SPORTS CAMP 2017

The Orange High School Varsity Coaches will conduct a one week camp respective of their sport, providing an opportunity to work with young kids. Campers will learn the game and have fun, while receiving outstanding instruction in the fundamentals of the sport.

Grades:
4th through 8th
Time:
8:30am to 12:30pm
Cost: \$65
Site:
All Activities at Rosa Parks (except where noted)*
Number of participants:
Minimum of 20
Breakfast and Lunch will be served

Week 1 (June 26 – 30)
Coach Jamaal Cooper
Boys Basketball* – At Lincoln Avenue

Week 2 (July 3 – 7)
no camp on July 4
Coach Alphonse Prophete
Boys Soccer* - At Lincoln Avenue

Week 3 (July 10 – 14)
Coach Randy Daniel
Football – Rosa Parks

Week 4 (July 17 – 21)
Coach Chris Cosmillo
Boys & Girls Volleyball* - At Lincoln
Coach Pia Frazier

Girls Basketball – Rosa Parks

Week 5 (July 24 – 28)
Coach Tosha M. Brown
Cheerleaders – Rosa Parks

Week 6 (July 31 – Aug. 4)
Coach Akil Boucaud
Track - Rosa Parks

Week 7 (Aug. 7 - 11)
Coach Peter Naumowicz
Girls Soccer – Rosa Parks
Softball* – At Central from 1pm – 4pm.

Approved 7/3/17

To download an application, please go to: www.ci.orange.nj.us

To Register Please Call (973) 266-4045