



OBOE-Mail Blast



July 28, 2017

(Summer Edition)

Volume 6, Number 39

In This Issue:

Summer Gateway Camp for the Inaugural Class of the STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges

Orange High School and Orange Preparatory Academy Drama Showcase

Orange High School and Orange Preparatory Academy Presents Dance Creations

Scholars Academy Students Share Their Projects at End of Year Expo

Summer Gateway Camp for the Inaugural Class of the STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges

Rising Grade 9 students accepted into the STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges attended a successful 2-week *Summer Gateway Camp* designed to prepare them for the ninth grade year in the areas of Mathematics and Engineering. The students were engaged in rigorous math calculations and engineering projects, as a prerequisite for upcoming course work. The camp was held at the district's Scholars Academy and ran from June 27, 28, and July 5 – 13. Students will gather again at a "Meet and Retreat" with their teachers, on August 17 and 18.

The STEM Innovation Academy of Orange is a highly innovative 4-6 year program that is a collaborative effort between the Orange Public Schools, New Jersey's Institute of Technology (NJIT), Essex County College (ECC), The College of New Jersey, Montclair State University and The City of Orange. The Academy exemplifies an early college model where students, beginning in Grade 9, navigate through a six-year scope and sequence of high school and college coursework. The STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges opens September 6 and is located at 445 Scotland Road, South Orange, NJ 07079, at the former Marylawn Academy of the Oranges.



Pictured: STEM Academy of the Oranges students prepare for the new school year at the Summer Gateway Camp.

Contact Information:
Orange Board of Education
451 Lincoln Avenue
Orange, NJ 07050
[Send Us An Email](#)



Pictured: The STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges students prepare for the new school year at the Summer Gateway Camp. Also pictured (center) are the Director of Mathematics and Science, Dr. Tina Powell and the principal of the STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges, Mr. Robert Pettit.

Orange High School and Orange Preparatory Academy Drama Showcase

Presented at the Luna Stage on June 7, the Orange High School and Orange Preparatory Academy performing arts students had the perfect venue for the OHS/OPA Drama Showcase 2017! The Masters of Ceremonies were seniors Shannon Lake and Ashley Matos, under the direction of Dana Levin, OHS drama teacher, and Michael Sidel, Orange Prep drama teacher.

The performances included scenes from Shakespeare's "As You Like It," "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead," a series of short sketches from "Chicken Bones in the Teenage Soup," "Our Town," "Fences," and "Sound Off." There were soliloquies with humor and emotion including "Dear Dad," and Letters to Dad," and the banter of "Miss Jealous." The improvisation games demonstrated the quick wit and acting abilities of the students. Also, there were performances of college audition pieces by students pursuing a career in the performing arts.

The evening was entertaining and provided a real theatre experience for the energetic and excited actors and the audience of proud family members and friends.



Pictured (left to right): Ms. Levin; Mr. Sidel with student; Masters of Ceremonies.



Pictured: OHS and Orange Prep students perform at the 2017 Drama Showcase.



Pictured: OHS and Orange Prep students, (along with direction from Mr. Sidel) perform at the 2017 Drama Showcase.

Orange High School and Orange Preparatory Academy Presents Dance Creations

It was a memorable evening as the dance students at Orange High School (OHS) and Orange Preparatory Academy (OPA) exhibited their talents, creativity and energy. Their dance teachers and choreographers, Ms. Tosha Brown, OHS and Mr. Alonzo Hall, Orange Prep, directed the various ensembles. The program, which opened with OHS alumni Marco Farroni, now a seasoned dancer whose skills increase with every performance, was infused with signature pieces, such as “My Life” by the OHS Dance Ensemble and an encore performance of the 2017 Black History assembly presentation by the OPA Dance Ensemble.

Throughout the evening there were senior solo performances by: Jaleel McRae, Deborah Frimpong, Kiara Baron and Alajah Brascom, and Nu Delta Alpha Solo performances by: Serena McKay, Kamonni Epps, Roldinia Louis, as well as a senior duet with Dequan Battles and dance company members from OHS and Orange Prep.



Pictured: Scenes from Dance Creations at Orange Preparation Academy (Photos by Donna Sinisgalli)

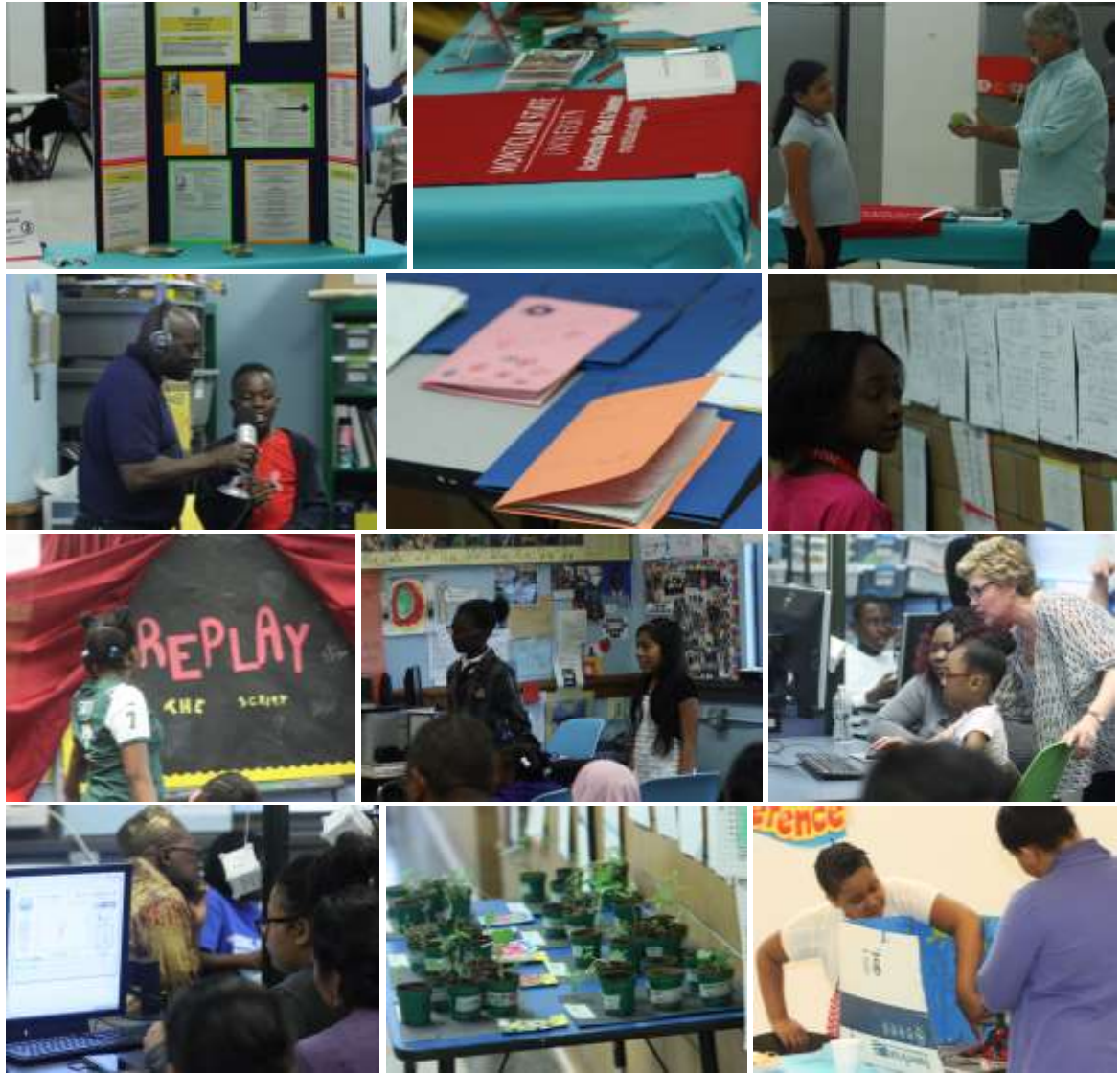
The dance styles were varied, lively and upbeat. Dancers performed to music by Mumford and Sons, “I Will Wait,” a mix, including African Tribal Drums with Bel Biv Devoe and TLC, music by Beyoncé and more. A featured piece, a “Teacher Tribute,” choreographer by student Deborah Frimpong, featured music by Janet Jackson.



Pictured: Scenes from Dance Creations at Orange Preparation Academy (Photos by Donna Sinisgalli)

Scholars Academy Students Share Their Projects at End of Year Expo

On June 8, the students who attended Orange’s gifted and talented program at Scholars Academy, under the direction of Principal Karen Machuca, shared their project work and demonstrated to families and guests what they had accomplished during the 2016-2017 school year. From animal dissections, which drew large crowds and fascination in the Science core, to STEM projects, which also had a live broadcast with student interviews about their work, thanks to guest teacher Mr. Benjamin Green. The Literacy core featured skits, book reviews and analysis. The Math students had work displayed and Montclair State University participated with an interactive display. During the evening, students manned poster boards and gave project demonstrations to show the results of their work. The teachers, Mr. Terrence E. Brooks (English Language Arts), Mrs. Shannon Keogh (Mathematics), Mr. Stephen Baer (Science) and Mrs. Regina Nadbielny (STEM) supported the students and provided narratives for parents.



Pictured (above): Scholars Academy Expo on June 8.

The Scholars Academy program will be overhauled for the 2017 – 2018 school year. The current plans are for students in Grades 5 – 8 to attend the program at the new STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges.

July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3 STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges Summer Gateway Camp at Scholars Academy Robotics Camp at Rosa Parks Community School (RPCS)	4  District Closed	5 Robotics Camp Summer Gateway Camp PACarts/Luna Stage Camp at RPCS	6 Robotics Camp Summer Gateway Camp PACarts/Luna Stage Camp	7 Summer Gateway Camp PACarts/Luna Stage Camp	8
9	10 Robotics Camp Summer Gateway Camp PACarts/Luna Stage Camp	11 Summer Gateway Camp Robotics Camp PACarts/Luna Stage Camp Monthly BoE Meeting, 7 th at Board of Ed., 451 Lincoln Avenue	12 Robotics Camp Summer Gateway Camp PACarts/Luna Stage Camp	13 Robotics Camp Summer Gateway Camp PACarts/Luna Stage Camp	14	15
16	17 Robotics Camp PACarts/Luna Stage Camp	18 Robotics Camp PACarts/Luna Stage Camp	19 Robotics Camp PACarts/Luna Stage Camp	20 Robotics Camp PACarts/Luna Stage Camp	21 PACarts/Luna Stage Camp	22
23	24 Robotics Camp PACarts/Luna Stage Camp	25 Robotics Camp PACarts/Luna Stage Camp	26 Robotics Camp PACarts/Luna Stage Camp	27 Robotics Competition from 9:30 ^{AM} - 11:00 ^{AM} RPCS PACarts/Luna Stage Camp	28 PACarts/Luna Stage Camp Cirque Oranj "Summer Circus" - 4:00 ^{PM} - 5:15 ^{PM} at RPCS	29
30	31					