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**See flyer below to register for the registration schedule!**

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Orange, NJ 07050  
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- **Saturday, August 26, Orange Preparatory Academy Student Orientation: Grade 8 at 9:30 .m. and Grade 9 at 10:30 a.m.**
- **Tuesday, August 29, Orange High School Grade 10 and 11 Class Orientation, 6:00 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, August 29, Special Board of Education meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Administrative Office**
- **Wednesday, August 30, Orange High School Grade 12 Class Orientation, 6:00 p.m.**
- **Friday, September 1, Superintendent's Forum, 8:30 a.m., Orange Preparatory Academy Auditorium**

## Cirque D'Oranje Summer Fun for Students

*Submitted by Mr. Barry Devone, Community Relations Manager*

As part of the 21st Century Summer Program, for 4 weeks during the summer (July 5-28), a group of 60 Orange Public School District students in grades 4-7 worked together to create a homegrown circus titled "Cirque D' Oranje"! The goals of Cirque D' Oranje were:

- To provide an opportunity for children to participate in an innovative program that allows them to work in teams, take risks, and expand their horizons while using core competency academic skills.
- To provide a platform for students to demonstrate the practical usage of skills in language arts, art and math, as well as social skills such as teamwork, perseverance and conflict resolution at an age appropriate level.

The students rotated through several classes throughout the day to help them develop the skills for performing in a circus, including: Theater Arts (set & costume design) and Circus Stations (juggling and unicycle). An added bonus to Cirque D' Oranje was having the students who were enrolled in the district's K-3 Summer Breakthrough Program participate in the event, singing several songs to open the circus!



**Pictured (above): Students participating in Cirque D' Oranje.**



**Pictured: Cirque D'Oranje organizers including Mr. Barry Devone (left).**

Orange Public Schools (OPS) collaborated with ValleyArts and Luna Stage, two community oriented arts organizations committed to serving OPS students, as partners of the district with the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Summer Program. With the guidance of Dikki Ellis, a professional with 30 years of experience in circus arts and education, students participated in a program that was engaging and fun, exposing them to new learning opportunities.

Surveys completed by students at the end of the program showed that they had a positive experience and are looking forward to participating in the circus next year.



**Pictured (above): Students participating in Cirque D'Oranje.**



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## More Than the Wins, Toronto Bridge Trip was an Experience



Hundreds of students, from around the world, gathered on July 27 - 29 in Toronto, Canada, to compete in the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Youth North American Bridge Championships. Among them were students from the Oakwood Avenue Community School and the Park Avenue School Bridge Clubs. The clubs traveled, for the third year in a row, to attend this competition, and came away winners and experienced travelers.

Park Avenue School's Technology Coordinator and Bridge Coach, Dr. Denise Harlem, documented her student's experience in a captivating video that chronicled their departure from Orange and exploration of Toronto. The students won 8 trophies overall and two "flashlights," in a special tournament. Equally as significant, was their visit to Niagara Falls, bus tour of Toronto, trip to the CNN tower, a boat ride on Lake Ontario, a visit to Ripley's Aquarium and a Blue Jays baseball game.



**Pictured: Park Avenue Bridge Club students in Toronto.**

It is clear to see why such experiences are a dynamic addition to academic coursework. There were congratulations from the district leadership, which was aptly summarized by Dr. Tina Powell when she stated to all those who assisted in the program, "Kudos for providing extended learning experiences to our students! Exposing students to the world outside of their classrooms gives them a new sense of their own possibilities! And congratulations on all of the wins!"

To view the You Tube video, click the following link: [https://youtu.be/\\_5NheqDIJxA](https://youtu.be/_5NheqDIJxA).



Oakwood Avenue Community School students captured their experience with essays about the bridge tournament and trip to Toronto. Excerpts from one of the papers, written by a third grade student, Chidiogo Iherobiem, is shown below:

On the way to Toronto, Canada . . . There was a long line of people, but when we got there they gave us blue plastic cloaks to cover us through the falls. Yep, that's right the one the only Niagara Falls. A very popular sight in Canada. It took time but, when we got to the falls it was... AMAZING, especially the fact you could see that much mist, no wonder they named it maid of the mist . . .

Our hotel . . . was Westin Harbour Castle . . . A body of water outside looked like a pool and leads . . . out to the Ontario Lake. The lake has 14 islands, and the boat ride mentioned if you found Babe Ruth's baseball you could win millions! . . . The first two days were of bridge . . . We won 2 trophies! . . . Second day we got 1 trophy and the last day we got none.



**Pictured: Oakwood Avenue Community School Bridge Club students in Toronto.**

On Sunday we went to the Blue Jays game. They had a rough start, but scored a grand slam worth 4 points.

I would like to thank everyone who sponsored our trip. (Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Venable, Mrs. Battles, Mrs. Francis and others.) I had a great experience and hope for more like this.

## **Orange High School Students Attend Wrestling Camp**

*Submitted by Mr. Jose Valdez, Head Wrestling Coach, Orange High School, Math teacher, Orange Preparatory Academy*

This summer two Orange High School students, senior Ebenson Macenat and junior Pierre Senat, attended a weeklong summer wrestling camp at Campbell University in North Carolina. To document their weeklong experience, wrestling coach, Mr. Jose Valdez, produced a video to share with the community. The video is 11 minutes long and can be viewed at the following link:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B3GuSZJhkqOqUUdwM2V6UDRpUmM>



## 2X NCAA CHAMP AND OLYMPIC WRESTLER CARY KOLAT

**Pictured: Scenes from Campbell University Wrestling Camp.**

Coach Valdez was made aware of the camp through his college wrestling teammate, the head coach at Montgomery Blair High School in Silver Spring, MD, who opened up the opportunity to join his team for the week long instructional camp at Campbell University, run by Olympic wrestler Cary Kolat. The trip was funded through a partnership between the Orange Police Athletic League (Orange PAL) and the wrestling coaching staff at Orange High School. The Orange PAL and OHS coaching staff organized fundraisers at wrestling events, and made donations to cover the expenses of the camp. Students Ebenson and Pierre both love the sport of wrestling and always want to improve their abilities. They were selected to attend the summer wrestling camp; Ebenson and Pierre loved their experience and the plan is to send more wrestlers next summer.

# August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Administrator's Retreat – Administrative Offices	<b>2</b> Administrator's Retreat – Administrative Offices	<b>3</b> Administrator's Retreat – Administrative Offices	<b>4</b> Administrator's Retreat – Administrative Offices	5
6	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Monthly Board of Ed Meeting 7PM Administrative Offices	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	12
13	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges – Student/Staff Meet and Retreat at Scholars Academy	<b>18</b> STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges – Student/Staff Meet and Retreat at Scholars Academy	<b>19</b> Zumba Fundraiser 10am – 12pm at RPCS (See flyer below)
20	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> New Staff Orientation Rosa Parks Community School (RPCS)	<b>26</b> Orange Prep Academy Student Orientation: Grade 8 at 9:30am Grade 9 at 10:30am
27	<b>28</b> New Teacher Technology Induction Orange Prep Academy	<b>29</b> New Staff Orientation, RPCS -- Board Mtg. at Admin. Office, 7:30pm OHS Grade 10/11 Orientation, 6PM	<b>30</b> New Staff Orientation RPCS OHS Grade 12 Orientation, 6PM	<b>31</b> New Teacher Orientation RPCS	 Superintendent's Forum	
	<b>HAPPY LABOR DAY</b> District Closed	Staff Professional Development  Preschool Registration (See flyer below) →	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School for Students - 12:30pm Dismissal 	First Full Day of School		

**SEE FLYERS BELOW**

# ORANGE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS EARLY CHILDHOOD DEPARTMENT

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## **PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2017-2018**

### REQUIREMENTS:

- 3 years old by 10/01/17                      4 years old by 10/01/17
  - Must be resident of Orange Township
    - Original Birth Certificate
    - Child's Immunization record
    - Current lease or Mortgage Statement
- 2 Proofs of Residency (PSE&G bill, telephone or cable bill,
  - No cellphone bills, please)
  - 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.**

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**DATES: SEPTEMBER 2017**

**5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup>- 2:00PM-7:00PM**

**Last sign in: 6:00pm**

**12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>**

**TIME- 10:00 a.m. to 1:00pm**

**Last sign in: 12:00 pm.**

**PLACE: ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

**397 PARK AVE, ORANGE, NJ 07050**

**973-677-4000 ext. 1922**

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***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.***

**ESCUELAS PUBLICAS DE ORANGE  
DEPARTAMENTO DE EDUCACION  
PREESCOLAR**

**REGISTRACIÓN PREESCOLAR**

**REQUISITOS:**

- 3 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/17                                  4 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/17
- 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:**

**SEPTIEMBRE-5 Y 6 2-7PM**

**Tiene que firmar antes de las 6:00pm**

**SEPTIEMBRE 12, 19, Y 26**

**10:00 am-1:00PM**

**Tiene que firmar antes de las 12:00PM**

**LUGAR: ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER  
397 PARK AVE, ORANGE, NJ 07050  
(973) 677-4000 ext 1922**

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