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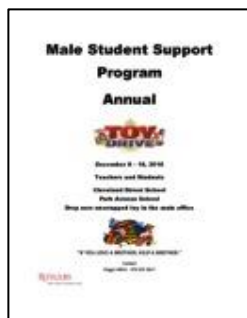
FYI:



See Important Flyers Below:

- Toy Drive
- Winter Concerts
- Pre-K Registration
- District Staff Holiday Party

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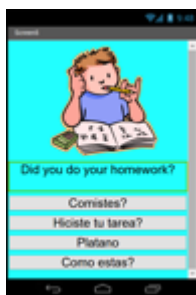
**Toy Drive
December 8-16
See flyer below!**

- **Saturday, December 10, NJ-State FLL Championship, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Mt. Olive High School, 18 Corey Road, Flanders, NJ**
- **Saturday, December 10, The Odd Couple (Female Version), 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., Orange Preparatory Academy**



- **Monday, December 12, Oakwood Avenue Community School Winter Concert, 6:00 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, December 13, Monthly Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at Orange Preparatory Academy**
- **Wednesday, December 14, Lincoln Avenue School Winter Concert, 6:00 p.m.**
- **Thursday, December 15, OHS/OPA Winter Concert, 6:00 p.m.**

Cleveland Street Students Need Your Support in App Development Competition (Before Sunday December 11)



Two Grade 6 students from Cleveland Street School, Mary Morocho and Angie Santillan, have been participating in a Girls Who Code program and have developed an app to be presented to a panel of judges on Sunday, December 11. Their app is called *Flippery Match*, which is a fun game that has the user matching Spanish to English terms commonly used in the classroom or the flip, English to Spanish terms. Prizes will be awarded for the Top 3 apps along with a Popularity Prize, for the app with the most downloads. Prizes included Amazon Echo, Arduino Starter Kit, smartwatches and more.

Here's the

link https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=appinventor.ai_s23asantillan.laungagetranslater

Flippery Match - Android Apps on Google Play

A language translator app for Spanish speaking students at public schools.

FIRST LEGO League Qualifying Tournament

On December 3, at Lincoln Avenue School, the Orange Public School District hosted its inaugural *FIRST LEGO League Qualifying Competition*. The office of Mathematics and Science, led by Director Dr. Tina Powell and spearheaded by Supervisor of Science/Robotics Shafeek Mohammed, organized the event. Seven teams: Cleveland Street, Heywood Avenue, Lincoln Avenue, Oakwood Avenue Community, Orange Preparatory Academy, Park Avenue and Rosa Parks Community Schools participated in the event.

The FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Robotics challenge this year is "Animal Allies." This theme requires each FLL teams to research and explore solutions to a real-world problem facing animals and wildlife, locally or internationally. Each school team, over the course of a five-hour period, participated in several matches and were judged and awarded first and second place in four areas: Project Presentations, Core Values, Robot Design and Robot Performance. Overall rankings in these areas produced the district's champion, Orange Preparatory Academy. They researched Canadian Geese and how to deter them from landing in unwanted areas with laser light beams.



Pictured (left to right): Orange Prep team with coaches S. Tanner and D. Peterson; Orange Prep team; Oakwood Avenue Community School team with coach A. Meredith.

Additionally, the following teams received first and second place awards, as follows:

Project Presentations

- 1st: HEYWOOD AVENUE
- 2nd: PARK AVENUE

Core Values

- 1st: LINCOLN AVENUE
- 2nd: ROSA PARKS COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Robot Design

- 1st: OAKWOOD AVENUE
- 2nd: CLEVELAND STREET

Robot Performance

- 1st: OAKWOOD AVENUE
- 2nd: PARK AVENUE



Pictured: Heywood Avenue team with Coaches R. Rutz and K. Clark.



Pictured: Park Avenue team with coach G. Perez-Flores.



Pictured (left to right): Lincoln Avenue team with coach E. Meredith; RPCS team (Coach J. Cruz not shown); Cleveland Street team (Coach V. Leone not shown).

Orange Preparatory Academy will advance to the NJ-State FLL Championship on Saturday, December 10, from 8 AM to 5 PM, at Mt. Olive High School, 18 Corey Road in Flanders, NJ. Also advancing to the state championship is **Oakwood Avenue Community School**. Please come out and support our teams!

FIRST LEGO League challenges kids in over 80 countries to think like scientists and engineers. During the ANIMAL ALLIES season, teams will choose and solve a real-world problem in the Project. They will also build, test, and program an autonomous robot using LEGO MINDSTORMS® technology to solve a set of missions in the Robot Game. Throughout their experience, teams will operate under the FIRST LEGO League signature set of Core Values, celebrating discovery, teamwork, and Gracious Professionalism®. (<http://www.firstlegoleague.org/challenge#block-block-19>)

Superintendent's Town Hall Meeting



On November 2, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee hosted a Town Hall Meeting attended by over 120 parents, students, district administrators, board

of education members, city officials and members of the community. The meeting was an informative session, with a presentation, which included an update on the district's seven year Strategic Plan, a review of student data assessment/*Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers* (PARCC) test scores, district initiatives and accomplishments, a facilities update, which included a review on the renovation and construction for Cleveland Street and Orange High Schools, and an update on the new STEM Academy.



Pictured: Student volunteers helped to facilitate the evening with Community Engagement Officer Mr. Barry Devone.



Pictured: Student volunteers with Ms. D. Dobbs, Secretary to the Superintendent.

Key Take-A-Ways:

- The district is moving towards 8 of the 11 district facilities being full community schools by 2021, with Orange Preparatory Academy joining Rosa Parks and Oakwood Avenue Community Schools this school year.
- The district plans for a 100% graduation rate by 2021. This past school year the district achieved a 93.3% graduation rate.
- The district hopes to improve the standardized test score attainment for students across the board.
- The new STEM Academy is being planned with partner input (e.g. NJIT), a recommended format, as illustrated in the film *Beyond Measure*. A clip was shared with the audience with an invitation to attend a free screening of the movie on December 5.

At the close of the presentation, audience members were asked to address several *Tasks*. The “break-out” teams, formed at each table, focused on two tasks, as follows:

1. Task 2: Literacy (Reading and Writing) scores currently do not meet district expectations.
2. Task 3: Parent Voice and Communications.

The various teams presented responses to the questions pertaining to each task.

Select feedback for Task 2:

- Computer labs open in the evening and on weekends throughout the district for the community to access.
- Students should be willing to stay after school and ask for help or strategies to improve their literacy skills.
- Increase parent/teacher meetings
- Update the Public Library, make it more modern/current.
- Create opportunities at a school level that assist parents in being more knowledgeable about instructional programs.

Select feedback for Task 3:

- Make parental involvement more digital.
- Sponsor evening activities, as opposed to Saturdays, with translation/interpretation.
- Provide student incentives to increase parent engagement (community service credits, no homework days, class trips, etc.).
- Get kids excited about school events.
- Encourage businesses to become community partners with schools.



Pictured: Childcare was provided for the youngest attendees at the Town Hall Meeting.



Pictured: Ms. S. Desanges and Mrs. V. Paiz provided Creole and Spanish translation, respectively.



Pictured: Attendees discuss Tasks during the break-out session.



Pictured (above and right): Superintendent Lee during presentation to Town Hall Meeting attendees.



Pictured: Scenes from the Superintendent's Town Hall Meeting.

Plans are to post the response to the Tasks, and responses to questions asked by the participants, on the district website.

A Few Good Men Visits Cleveland Street School

Submitted by Ms. Miriam Martin, Technology Coordinator, Cleveland Street School

For the past few weeks, the *Few Good Men* group of Orange has been holding a Meet & Greet with the students in the Orange School system. On November 22, the Honorable Mayor Dwayne D. Warren and Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, joined district staff members in greeting Cleveland Street students. Also present were Assistant Principal Noel Cruz, Mr. Reginald Miller, Director of Male Student Support Program and other dedicated staff, along with Principal Dr. Cayce Cummins. The group held a 45-minute workshop for young men. The topic of the workshop was *Doing Your Best in School*.



Pictured: Scenes from the Cleveland Street School visit by *A Few Good Men*.

November Board of Education Meeting



On November 7, at the Monthly Board of Education meeting, Cleveland Street Principal, Dr. Cayce Cummins (***pictured left***) introduced students, in Ms. Toshia Copeland's second grade class, who demonstrated what they have learned in the *Match Point Tennis* program they are participating in at the Orange Tennis Club. Mr. Bob Bynum, Match Point's director, outlined what the children are taught, two times per week, with a live demo by several of the students. They showed the movements and swings, which are supported with a **video**

linked the schools website, about the program. Students were able to participate through a grant from the United States Tennis Association, received by Mr. Ed Harris, Physical Education teacher. Dr. Cummins is a strong supporter of the program. This is the second year Cleveland Street has participated in *Match Point Tennis*.



Pictured: Cleveland Street students demonstrating tennis basics. Also shown, Mr. Bob Bynum.

Student of the Month:

Superintendent Ronald C. Lee and Board of Education President, Ms. Cristina Mateo, presented students with certificates for being selected Student of the Month (SOTM). On a monthly basis, students are recognized for exemplary behavior, academics and citizenship by their school. The students honored were:

Name	School
Eirvkha Prophete	Orange High School
Michelot Gelin	Career and Innovation Academy of Orange
Minoucha Previlon	Orange Preparatory Academy
Noelia Vargas	Cleveland Street School
Solei Crawford	Rosa Parks Community School
A'Rina Black	Park Avenue School
Ja'Quan Legrier	Heywood Avenue School
Troyanna Evelyn	Forest Street School
Lizbeth Torres	Oakwood Avenue Community School
Jhasmin Lopez	Lincoln Avenue School



Pictured: CIAO SOTM with Principal Dr. Stewart, Board President Mateo and Superintendent Lee.



Pictured with Board President Mateo and Superintendent Lee and (left to right): Cleveland SOTM and family with Principal Dr. Cummins; RPCS SOTM and parent with Park's Principal Dr. Hackett; Park SOTM and family with Dr. Hackett.



Pictured with Board President Mateo and Superintendent Lee (left to right): OACS SOTM and family with Principal Mr. Pettit; Lincoln SOTM and family with Principal Ms. White. Also pictured, Principal Jacqueline Blanton accepting certificate for 2016 Exemplary Educator Award.

Parent of the Month:

Ms. Lacya May was selected Parent of the Month for Cleveland Street School. She is an enthusiastic parent volunteer who manages and coaches the cheerleading squad. She was born and raised in Orange, New Jersey, which helps her to be completely involved with parents and others from the Orange community. Being a product of Orange Township, she knows the needs of our parents and would like to be a parent liaison, to strengthen the home-school connection.

Exemplary Educator Award

A special presentation was made to Ms. Jacqueline Blanton, Principal of the Orange Early Childhood Center and Ms. Amy Burns, Teacher/Coach-Preschool. They were nominated for and received certificates of recognition from the New Jersey Department of Education Exemplary Educator Recognition Program. The goal of the program is to identify outstanding educators for special recognition and award each candidate with an Exemplary Educator certificate.

The next Board of Education Meeting is Tuesday, December 13, 7:00 p.m. at Orange Preparatory Academy. A Special Board Meeting was held on November 28 at the Board of Education Office to discuss personnel matters and present the current Board of Education Audit Report.

Cleveland Street School’s November Art Opening



During November, Cleveland Street School showcased the artwork of their students in the Board of Education lobby. The work included several lessons dedicated to Hispanic Heritage, geometric shapes visualized through animals and lines and shapes to illustrate faces. Art teacher, Monica Chavarria (**pictured left**) presented certificates to students in attendance. Dr. Cayce Cummins congratulated the young artists, as did Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts Donna Sinisgalli.



Pictured: Artwork displayed by Cleveland Street students.



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On December 7, Forest Street School held an opening for its student's artwork, which will be featured in the next Weekly E-mail Blast. Visitors are welcome to the Board of Education building to see the Forest Street School exhibit, now through December 22, during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FYI

The Orange Page Turners Reading Challenge

Presented by the Orange Board of Education in partnership with Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq., the Orange Municipal Council, the Orange Housing Authority, Scholastic Inc., Reading Plus and the Orange Education Foundation



JOIN US IN OUR QUEST TO READ ONE MILLION PAGES

November 25, 2016 - April 16, 2017

Register today at www.orange.k12.nj.us. Registration forms will also be available at the library and local and school events. Once registered, you will receive a welcome email and the following link to log the number of pages you have read: **Orange Page Turners' Reading Challenge Tracker**

Look for Winter Concert highlights, Parent Academy Town Hall Meeting feedback, Beyond Measure Screening article and more in upcoming issues of the Weekly E-mail Blast.



December 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Heywood Winter Concert, 6:00 ^{PM} <i>Remembering Rosa: A Concert for Peace, 6:00^{PM}, Central Auditorium</i>	2	3 Parent Academy Town Hall Meeting, 10:00 ^{AM} -12:00 ^{PM} , Scholars Academy
4	5 RPCS Winter Concert, 6:00 ^{PM} <i>Beyond Measure Film Screening at OPA, 6:00^{PM}</i>	6 Cleveland Winter Concert, 6:00 ^{PM} Central Auditorium	7 Park Avenue School BOE Lobby Art Exhibit, 6:00 ^{PM}	8 OHS/OPA Presents <i>The Odd Couple</i> at Orange Prep, 7:00 ^{PM}	9 OHS/OPA Presents <i>The Odd Couple</i> at Orange Prep, 7:00 ^{PM}	10 OHS/OPA Presents <i>The Odd Couple</i> at Orange Prep, 2 ^{PM} & 7 ^{PM}
11	12 OACS Winter Concert, 6:00 ^{PM}	13 Monthly Board of Ed Meeting, 7:00 ^{PM} at OPA	14 Lincoln Winter Concert, 6:00 ^{PM}	15 OHS/OPA Winter Music Concert, 6:00 ^{PM}	16	17
18	19 Forest Winter Concert, 6:00 ^{PM}	20 Park Winter Concert, 6:00 ^{PM}	21	22	23 Holiday Recess 12:30 ^{PM} Dismissal	24 HAPPY HANUKKAH
25 Merry Christmas!	26 Holiday	27 Recess	28	29 District	30 Closed	31 Happy New Year!
1	2 <i>News Year's Day Observance, District Closed</i>	3 District Reopens				

Check district [website calendar](#) for December events.

See Below For Important Flyers:

- *Toy Drive*
- *Winter Concerts*
- *Pre-K Registration*
- *District Staff Holiday Party*

Male Student Support Program Annual



December 8 – 16, 2016

Teachers and Students

**Cleveland Street School
Park Avenue School**

Drop new unwrapped toy in the main office



"IF YOU LOVE A BROTHER, HELP A BROTHER."

Contact

Reggie Miller 973-675-5617



Oakwood Avenue Community School
Performing Arts Students
Present

Winter Concert 2016



MONDAY, December 12th 6:00 PM

Oakwood Avenue Community School Auditorium

Mr. Robert Pettit, Principal
Mrs. Annmarie Guenther, Vocal/Instrumental Music
Mrs. Britt Keshner, Drama
Ms. Helen Kwon, Art



Lincoln Avenue School
presents its
**Winter Concert &
Winter Land Exhibit**

Wednesday, December 14, 2016

6 pm in the LAS Gymnatorium

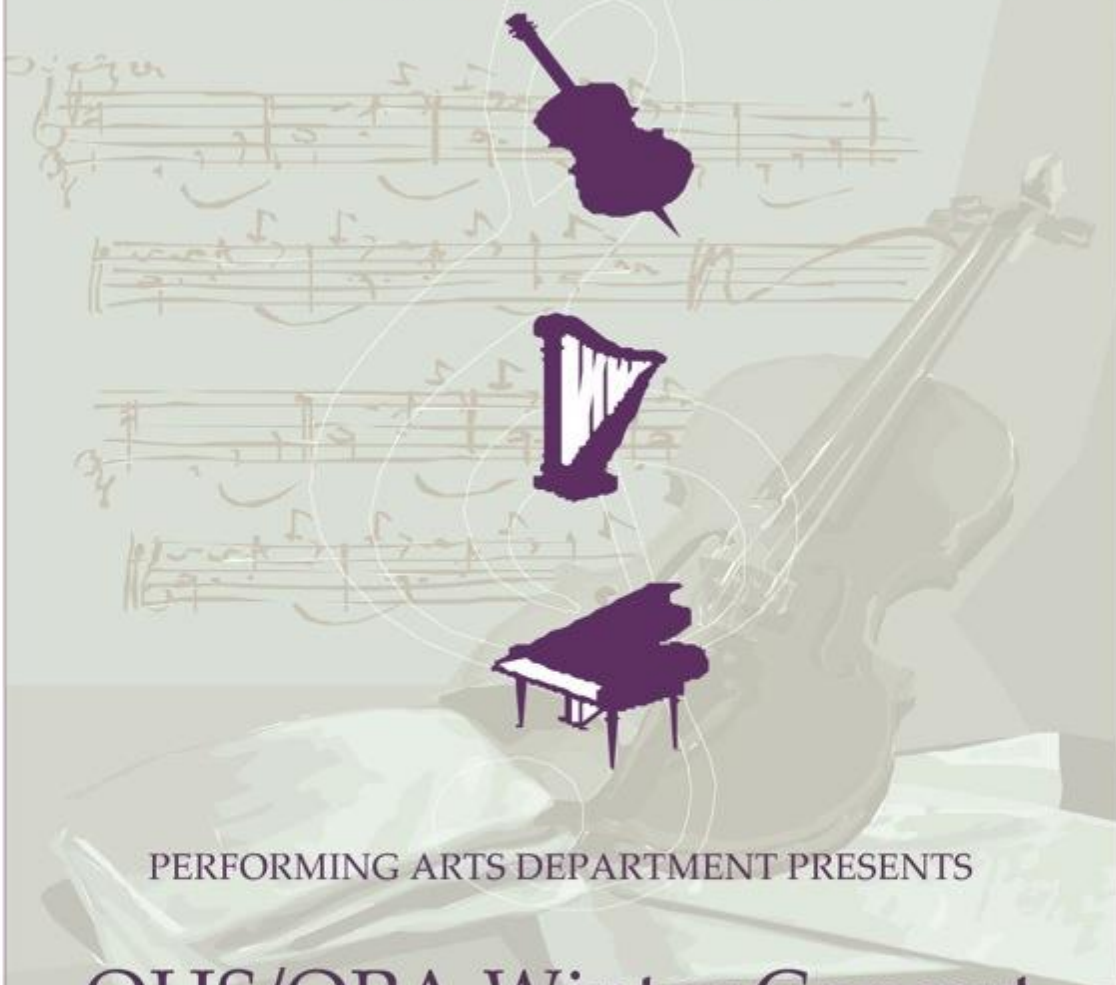
Denise White, Principal
Isabel Colon, Assistant Principal
Patrick Yearwood, Assistant Principal

Performing Arts Team:
Sem Etienne, Band
Wendy Mir, Chorus
Michelle Paradise, Dance

Visual Arts Team:
Monica Chavarria
Chery Jones

Admission: Adults - \$2 Children - \$1
All students must be accompanied by an adult.

Orange High School and Orange
Preparatory Academy



PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

OHS/OPA Winter Concert

Instrumental and Choral
Thursday December 15, 2016
6:00 PM @ OPA Auditorium



You're invited to ...

Forest Street School's
Annual Winter
Concert

Monday, December 19th
6:00 p.m.

Forest Street School's Multipurpose Room

*Featuring performances by: The Band, Violinists,
Dance Ensembles, Vocal Ensembles, and a special
Disney Musical Preview!*



ORANGE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS EARLY CHILDHOOD DEPARTMENT



PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2016-2017

REQUIREMENTS:

- 3 years old by 10/01/16
- 4 years old by 10/01/16
- 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.

DATES: DECEMBER 2016

6th, 13th, and 20th

JANUARY 2017

10th, 17th, 24th and 31st

FEBRUARY 2016

7th, 14th, and 28th

TIME - 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Last sign in: 12:30 pm.

***PLACE:* ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

397 PARK AVE, ORANGE, NJ 07050

973-677-4000 ext. 1922

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 10/01/16 4 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/16
- 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:

DECIEMBRE 2016 – 6, 13, y 20

ENERO 2017 - 10, 17, 24, y 31

FEBRERO 2017 – 7, 14, y 28

10:00am-1:00pm

Tiene que firmar antes de las 12:30pm

**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.***



DISTRICT HOLIDAY PARTY 2016

OBE/OASA/OEA

Raffles, Gift Baskets, 50/50's



Thursday, December 22, 2016

Highlawn Pavillion

1 Crest Drive

(Eagle Rock Reservation Overlooking NY skyline)

West Orange, NJ 07052

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

\$35.00 per person

All monies due by December 15th

Contact Faith Alcantara, OASA, @2600 Belinda Smiley, OBE @6019

Butler Served Hors D'oeuvres

Hot & Cold Buffet

Cash Bar