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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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January EVENTS

- **Monday, January 7, Orange Board of Education Reorganization Meeting, 7:00 p.m., OBOE Administrative Building, 451 Lincoln Avenue**
- **Tuesday, January 8, Park Avenue School Winter Concert, 6:30 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, January 8, Monthly Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Orange Prep Academy**
- **Wednesday, January 9, Board Lobby Art Show, featuring Cleveland Street School, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., OBOE Administrative Building, 451 Lincoln Avenue**
- **Thursday, January 10, Park Avenue and Dance Conservatory Winter Showcase, 7:00 p.m., Orange Prep Academy**
- **Wednesday, January 16, Orange Public Schools Poetry Night, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Orange Prep Academy**
- **Thursday, January 17, OHS and Orange Prep Academy Winter Dance Showcase, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Orange Prep Academy**

Sister2Sister Members Enjoyed a Great Day in NYC

Submitted by Mrs. Charmaine Walker, Mentoring Group Advisor, Heywood Avenue School

On December 13, Heywood Avenue School's Sister2Sister members enjoyed a great day in NYC! They met the Chairman and CEO of Republic Records, Mr. Monte Lipman and the Senior Vice President of Marketing, Ms. Katina Bynum. Both imparted powerful advice to our sisters on the importance of having a strong work ethic, being serious about their education and taking advantage of opportunities. Both executives gave insight into their humble beginnings and the path they paved through hard work and relationship building that allowed them to be successful today.



Pictured: Heywood Avenue School Sister2Sister members at Republic Records.

This was the group's second year visiting Universal Music Group and they are grateful to them for opening their organization to career exploration and mentorship. After our session, our sisters visited Rockefeller Center followed by lunch at Dallas BBQ on 42nd St. A great day in NYC!



Pictured: Heywood Avenue School Sister2Sister members at Republic Records.

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) at Heywood Avenue School

Submitted by Faith Alcantara, Principal, Heywood Avenue School

As part of Heywood's Annual School Plan, one of our SMART goals was to focus on our student's Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) this school year, based on data derived from our Fall and Spring 2017 - 2018 student surveys. This year we have decided to dedicate specific days to bring our entire school community together to engage in activities that will help them to develop in the five (5) core competencies of SEL: **Self Awareness, Self Management, Decision Making, Social Awareness and Relationship Skills.**

We have conducted two SEL days thus far, November 21 (focused on Relationship Skills) and December 21 (focused on Self Awareness). All primary classes (grades PreK - 3) are paired with an intermediate class (grades 4 - 7). Together, they engage in activities designed by the two-paired teachers. Activities included:

Students in Ms. Hill's Kindergarten class had been studying bats, so they worked together with students in Mr. McBride's 5th grade class to teach them about those fascinating mammals. The students in McBride's class used the input from the Kindergarten students to create a PowerPoint presentation. Both groups worked together to agree on the content for each slide.

Students in Mrs. Barrios' 1st grade class joined with Mrs. Rawls' 4th grade class. Groups of students were assigned a letter from the word TEAMWORK and had to create a visual and written representation of that letter and how it relates to teamwork. Ex. T: together, E: excitement, etc.

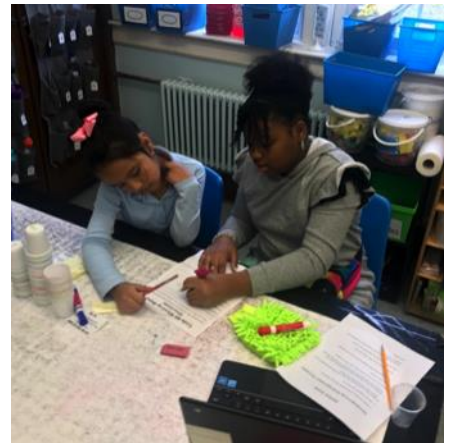


Pictured: SEL activities at Heywood Avenue School.

Since it was Thanksgiving, they worked together as a team to make butter. Although it was a simple project, it required a lot of effort to work together. Students enjoyed "breaking bread" and used their butter to spread on some delicious bread.

Ms. Smith, 2nd grade, and Ms. Whitley, 6th grade, combined their classes for their "self-awareness" activity. Ms. Smith focused on acrostic poetry. Self-awareness starts with identifying what makes one unique. By celebrating their findings through poetry, students were able to honor who they are and who they are growing to be as a learner, and global-minded citizen. In Ms. Whitley's room, students were challenged to honor their feelings through new and formidable movement. The African dance 'cou cou' allowed students to perform a traditional African dance while following the rhythm of the drum. As the drum beats faster so does their movement, as it slows down so do they. As they focus on tapping into who they are, they can express such connections through movement.

Ms. Mooney's 2nd grade class and Mrs. Radomski's 7th grade class came up with the idea to build gingerbread houses. To help them develop self-awareness, students decorated their houses with candies that represented different qualities and strengths students believe they possess.



Pictured: SEL activities at Heywood Avenue School.

After activities were completed, each class returned to their homeroom to engage in a "Circle" activity. Our interim School Social Worker, Ms. Koa Thomas, designed a template for use for each SEL day based on our Restorative Practice training and our focus SEL core competency. Teachers used this template to conduct their "Circle" building both community in their respective classrooms and the opportunity to assist our scholars in developing their social and emotional learning. Feedback from both staff and students has been extremely positive and they are looking forward to the additional days we have planned.

Orange High School December Board of Ed Art Display

The December 5 the Board Lobby art opening for Orange High School was a professional display of artwork by talented students. The work included Mexican folk art masks, tie-dyed T-shirts, watercolor sunsets, ink drawings, ceramics and caricatures of pop icons. Students accompanied by family and friends were present to see their work and receive recognition for their creations.

There to congratulate the students and to award certificates were art teachers, Mrs. Megan Guerriero, Mrs. Shana Falda and Mr. Nathaniel Brown, Assistant Principal Mohammed Abdelaziz, along with Visual and Performing Arts Supervisor Donna Sinisgalli and Curriculum and Instruction Director Dr. Terri Russo.



Pictured: Supervisor Donna Sinisgalli, Assistant Principal Abdelaziz, art teachers Brown, Falda and Guerriero.



Pictured: OHS students with art teachers, and Assistant Principal Abdelaziz.

The next Board Lobby art opening is Wednesday, January 9, 2019, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., featuring Cleveland Street School. The Orange school community is invited to attend the opening and to visit the lobby during normal business hours, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Pictured: Scenes from the OHS art display.



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December Board of Education Meeting Honors Alumni and Departing Board Members

December 11 was a special occasion for Orange High School; not only were they hosting the December Board of Education meeting, they were kicking off a year-long celebration of the 150 year anniversary of Orange High School. They began the evening with a reception in the lobby of Orange Prep Academy where many alumni were present from several more recent decades of the school's history. Educators, judges, former collegiate and professional athletes, law enforcement officers, firefighters, current Orange teachers and administrators, city officials and students met and were offered refreshments by the culinary club and entertained by the OHS Jazz Ensemble and members of Voices in Harmony.



Pictured: Scenes from the alumni reunion on December 11 at the Board of Education meeting.



The board meeting opened with the school's NJROTC Color Guard and flag salute with the singing of the National Anthem and OHS alma mater. The alumni were invited on stage with a brief bio read by the senior class president. At the end of the introduction, other alumni present for the program were invited to introduce themselves, including attending parents, board members and teachers. Some of the distinguished guests included Mr. Hakim

Sims, former Orange police director, Councilwoman Jamie Summers Johnson, NY Giants Super Bowl champion Jay Alford, board members, Cristina Mateo, Jarreau Israel and Jeffrey Wingfield, and newly elected board member Derrick Henry.



Pictured: Orange alumni celebration at the December board meeting.

The program was supported by a video tribute by the Orange Dance Ensemble. Principal Jason Belton thanked all for the rousing kick-off to the school's 150-year celebration and promised more events during the school year.

At the close of the high school's program, Interim Superintendent Lee presented several videos acknowledging past district events. The winning video and runner up from the district's participation in FilmBoot 24 were shown, as well as a video review of the Teen Summit 2018. The student videos received well-deserved accolades and Interim Superintendent Lee acknowledged Nurse Laura Sacks for her tireless effort in organizing the Teen Summit each year.



Pictured: Orange alumni celebration at the December board meeting.



Pictured: Orange alumni celebration at the December board meeting. Nurse Laura Sacks and Interim Superintendent Lee.

Plaques for Departing Board Members

Board President E. Lydell Carter honored the departing board members, Mr. Jarteau Israel and Ms. Rhoda Irodia with plaques thanking them for their time and service to the Board of Education and the children of Orange. Each was singled out for their priceless contributions and applauded by their fellow board and audience members.



Pictured: Board President Carter with departing board members Mr. Jarteau Israel and Ms. Rhoda Irodia, along with fellow board members Jeffrey Wingfield, Cristina Mateo, Siaka Sherif, Dr. Courtney Thomas and Tyrone Tarver.

Student of the Month

Interim Superintendent of Schools Ronald C. Lee and Board of Education president Mr. E. Lydell Carter 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:

Ruthchamar Jolibois	Orange High School
De'vantae Davis	CIAO Alternative School
MayC Watts	STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges
Ca'moore Jones	Orange Preparatory Academy
Jada Campbell	Academy for Pupil Excellence
Dylan McCormick	Cleveland Street School
Tavia Ashman	Forest Street Community School
Brandon Williams	Heywood Avenue School
Ciara Bonsu	Lincoln Avenue School
Deyonna Brookins	Oakwood Avenue Community School
Markez Timothy	Park Avenue School
Tejan Farrell	Rosa Parks Community School

Pictured below with SOTM and school administrators are Interim Superintendent Lee and Board President Carter:



Pictured (left to right): OHS SOTM with parent, Principal Belton and Assistant Principals Richardson, Abdelaziz and Halstead; STEM Academy SOTM with Parent and Principal Dr. Stewart; Orange Prep SOTM with parent and Assistant Principal Agosto.



Pictured (left to right): Cleveland SOTM with family and Principal Pettit; Forest Street Community School SOTM with family and Principal Dr. Cooke; Heywood Avenue School SOTM with family and Principal Alcantara.



Pictured (left to right): Lincoln Avenue SOTM with family, board member Sherif and Interim Principals Colon and Yearwood; Oakwood Avenue Community School SOTM with parent, teacher, and Principal White; Park Avenue School SOTM with family and Principal Dr. Hackett; Rosa Parks Community School SOTM with family and Principal Joseph Charles.

Parent of the Month



Orange High School (OHS) knows that for every student encountered there is a parent behind them, pushing them to be the very best they can. So is the case with Ms. Ashley Lively (*pictured left*), Orange High School's Parent of the Month. Ms. Lively has jumped in with both feet to volunteer for the OHS Tornado Varsity football team, of which her son is a member. She offers her time and talents for whatever is required. Whether it's at Bell Stadium, carpooling, distributing items or just an ear to listen, Ms. Lively steps forward to lend a helping

hand. As a mother to a son who is not only doing big things on the gridiron, but is also very strong in the classroom as an academic, Ms. Lively understands that in today's culture it is extremely important that we push our students to strive for academic achievement. Working as a registered nurse, which comes with grueling hours, Ms. Lively still finds time to support causes that she holds dear, such as the annual Breast Cancer Walk. She understands that service is a must in her life and she gives willingly. OHS salutes Ms. Lively for demonstrating to others that excellence is not a sometime thing, but a way of life. OHS is proud to have saluted Ms. Ashley Lively as Parent of the Month!

Cleveland Street School's The Polar Express and Winter Songs

On December 19, Principal Robert Pettit welcomed families to Rosa Parks community School's Central auditorium for the school's annual winter concert. The show was a musical event, opening with 2nd Grade Chorus singing, "It's a Celebration." They were followed by the 5th and 6th Grade with "Don't Worry be Happy," and the 7th Grade Band playing several tunes including "Carol of the Bells." Mr. Brian Silvoy led the vocal and instrumental students.



Pictured: Scenes from Cleveland Street School's Winter Concert.

The second part of the program introduced drama teacher Britt Shubow Keshner's interpretation of the children's classic "The Polar Express." Through four scenes the Christmas tale unfolded with songs to support the story line. The actors sang "The Polar Express," "Hot Chocolate," "Mele Kali Kimaka" and "Rockin' On Top of the World."

Orange High and Orange Prep Academy's Winter Music Concert

Opening with the Orange Preparatory Academy Combined Chorus, led by Annmarie Guenther, singing, "Welcome the Holidays," the evening was cast with beautiful tunes and inspirational performances. The 8th Grade Chorus sang "Swinging Bells," and the 9th Grade Chorus sang, "All I Want for Christmas is You." The Orange Prep Concert Band performed, "Jingle Bell Rock," among other tunes. The band director, Peter Abazia was the conductor, who also introduced the percussion ensemble playing "Snare Flair," and "Drum it Up."



Pictured: Scenes from the OHS/OPA Winter Concert.

The String Ensemble, directed by Jui-Eun Gu, performed several songs including “Canon for Christmas,” leading the way for the Orange High School Concert Band led by Jonathan Clerie. The band performed “The Tempest,” “A Christmas Canon,” and “The Crossings.”

The Orange High School Concert Choir sang “Pacem Noel,” and other holiday classics, before Charles Postas, vocal music teacher, introduced Voices in Harmony to perform classics, most notable “The First Noel,” with soloist Cassandra Dawson, Louri Ann Foster and Zamar Lake.



The musical event ended with the OPA/OHS Jazz Ensemble (*pictured above*) performing “Chameleon.”

FYI

Public Notice Orange Board of Education Public School District

The Orange Board of Education has scheduled its next regular Reorganization Meeting on Monday, January 7, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Administrative Building, 451 Lincoln Avenue, Orange, New Jersey, at which newly elected board members will be sworn in.

Preschool Registration for 2018-2019



The Orange Public School District Early Childhood Program has scheduled registration for the 2018-2019 school year for Tuesdays, January 8, 15, 22, and 29, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with the last sign-in at 12:00 p.m., at the Orange Early Childhood Center (OECC), located at 397 Park Avenue in Orange.

The Orange Board of Education provides a full day preschool education for all three and four year old residents of Orange. There is no fee for the school day (8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.).



The registration requirements are:

- 3 or 4 years old by 10/01/18
- Must be resident of Orange Township
- Original Birth Certificate
- Child's Immunization Record
- Current Lease or Mortgage Statement (*Note: 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.*)
- 2 Current Proofs of Residency (i.e. PSE&G bill, telephone or cable bill)
- Picture ID of the Parent

Additionally, the Orange Early Childhood Program includes all children, regardless of abilities. If parents are concerned about how their preschool child is developing or learning differently, they can call the district to request an evaluation for preschool special education and related services.

For more information about preschool registration call 973-677-4000 ext. 1922. See flyers below for details.

January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<i>Happy New Year</i> 2019	1  New Year's Day District Closed	2	3	4	5
6	7 Orange Board of Education Organization Meeting, 7:00PM, 451 Lincoln Ave.	8 Park Ave. Winter Concert, 6:30PM Monthly Board Meeting, 7:00PM, Orange Prep Academy	9 Board Lobby Art Show, 6:00-7:00PM, 451 Lincoln Avenue	10 Park Avenue and Dance Conservatory Winter Showcase, 7:00PM, Orange Prep Academy	11	12
13	14	15	16 Orange Public Schools Poetry Night, 6:00-8:00PM, Orange Prep Academy	17 OHS & Orange Prep Academy Winter Dance Showcase, 6:00-9:00PM, Orange Prep Academy	18	19
20	21 Martin L. King Birthday District Closed 	22	23	24	25 Behind the Curtain Voices in Harmony Event, 6:00-9:00PM Orange Prep Academy	26
27	28	29	30 End of Marking Period 2 Professional Development Day, 12:30PM Dismissal for Students	31 Beginning of Marking Period 3 Professional Development Day, 12:30PM Dismissal for Students		

See IMPORTANT Flyers Below

Check the district Website calendar for Concerts and Activities.



*Park Avenue School
presents the
Winter Concert*

*Details
6:30pm
January 8, 2019
231 Park Ave
Orange, NJ*

ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS POETRY NIGHT

WHEN

January 16th, 2019
6pm - 8pm

WHERE

Orange Prep Academy
Auditorium

400 Central Ave, City of Orange, NJ 07050

FEATURING

POETRY OUT LOUD FINALS
& "GUIDING LIGHT"
POETRY CONTEST FINALISTS

ALL COMMUNITY
MEMBERS
WELCOME!

COME VOTE FOR
YOUR FAVORITE
PERFORMERS

FREE
ADMISSION
EVENT



PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2018-2019

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 - **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: January 2019

8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

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

Orange Early Childhood Program includes all children regardless of abilities

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.

REGISTRACIÓN PREESCOLAR 2018-2019

REQUISITOS:

3 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/18

4 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/18

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.

FECHA: Enero 2019

8, 15, 22, 29

HORA: 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

El programa preescolar de Orange incluye a todos niños independientemente de sus habilidades

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.