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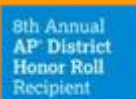
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January EVENTS

- **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**
- **Monday, January 21, Martin L. King Birthday - District Closed**
- **Friday, January 25, Park Avenue and Orange Preparatory Academy Winter Dance Showcase (rescheduled from 1/10/2019)**

Oakwood Avenue Community School Winter Wonderland

Submitted by Mrs. Rose Morrisroe, Grade 3 and 4 Teacher/Education Coordinator, OACS

Principal Denise White, Mrs. Rose Morrisroe, and the Community Room staff were the enthusiastic coordinators of the Oakwood Avenue Community School Winter Wonderland event on December 21.

Every student received a present from Santa Claus, thanks to the generosity of the Orange Police Department. After receiving a gift from Santa, students visited six holiday stations where they could create their own ornament, wreath, write a letter to a Soldier or Santa, make reindeer food, drink hot cocoa, and create artwork.

The Honorable Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq., Director of the Orange Police Department Todd Warren, Councilwoman Adriane Wooton, members of the Orange police department, parents, and Santa Claus were in attendance. All had fun!



Pictured: Oakwood Avenue Community School Winter Wonderland.



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Park Avenue Media Center Receives Funding to Develop Youth Coding Programs

Submitted by Linda Martelli, Library Media Specialist, Park Avenue School

The Park Avenue School Media Center received \$500 from the American Library Association (ALA) that helped the school plan and implement coding activities during Computer Science Education (CS Ed) Week 2018 (December 3-9) and beyond. Park Avenue School Media Center was one of 250 school and public libraries around the country to receive this 'microfunding' from Libraries Ready to Code, an initiative of the American Library Association sponsored by Google.

Ms. Linda Martelli, Ed.S., media specialist at Park Avenue School, said, "The School Library Media Center is the learning hub at Park Avenue School. Since Dr. Harlem, technology coordinator, already has a strong coding program in place, it makes sense to collaborate. The learning benefits of digital literacy joining media literacy are for all students to become lifelong learners with strong 21st Century skills." Dr. Harlem shared, "Coding is the language that makes everything from cars to computers to microwaves run. It is the primary language between humans and machines. For young people, learning this language is something that will help provide for their success in the future. At Park Avenue, we aim to give our students lessons that expose them to the world of coding using various coding languages, preparing them for future jobs."

"Libraries are the cornerstones of our communities," said Google program manager Nicky Rigg. "We are proud to include Park Avenue School Media Center in our CS Ed Week activities this year. We hope these libraries will join the growing number of facilities excited to offer CS programs that help youth create, problem solve and develop the confidence and skills to succeed in their future careers."

"ALA is pleased to provide microfunding to Park Avenue School Media Center and other Ready to Code libraries," said ALA President Loida Garcia-Febo. "We hope this microfunding will not only generate enthusiasm for CS Ed Week, but spark year-round programming to develop critical thinking and digital skills youth can draw on over a lifetime."

The 250 libraries selected for CS Ed Week funding will each host activities based on Google's free CS First curriculum, which uses video-based instruction to introduce CS to kids through block-based coding. Libraries will pursue projects that reflect Ready to Code themes critical for advancing youth learning, especially for building computational thinking literacies. The Ready to Code team estimates that the CS Ed Week funding will support more than 60,000 youth all around the country taking part in coding activities throughout the week.

"We are so proud to receive the American Library Association mini-grant of \$500.00. The money from the grant will provide our students with supplies that will allow the Media Center at Park Avenue to enhance their coding/maker space skills. I would like to thank ALA for choosing Park Avenue School," said Dr. Myron Hackett, Park Avenue School principal.

Park Avenue Elementary School participated in the Hour of Code during Computer Science week, December 3-9. Approximately 400 students spent an hour participating in coding. Students and teachers alike were highly engaged and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Careers in the Judiciary Program

The Superior Court of New Jersey Essex Vicinage Careers in the Judiciary Program series visited Orange Preparatory Academy on December 14 with five experienced staff members. The employees were from the Criminal and Family divisions. They addressed a select group of Orange Prep students and reviewed their educational backgrounds, career paths in the vicinage, length of service and the benefits/fulfillment in their careers. The students asked engaging questions of the representatives, who were skilled in garnering their attention and participation.



Pictured: Staff members of the criminal and family division of the Essex courts system address students at Orange Prep Academy.

Orange Preparatory Academy Scholar's Honor Roll Awards Assembly

On December 12, Principal Dana Gaines hosted the presentation of awards for Orange Preparatory Academy students and staff who had perfect attendance, students achieving honor roll, high honor roll and the Principal's Academic Honor Roll. The guest speaker, who congratulated and celebrated the "scholars," was Interim Superintendent Ronald C. Lee. Each honor roll student received a trophy, and was presented with a gift card courtesy of Mr. James Pickard and his non-profit organization House 581. Board member Mr. Tyrone Tarver was also present to celebrate the occasion and to congratulate his daughter Autumn for being one of three recipients of the Principal's Academic Honor Roll that included Yasheka Smith and Cheyenne Williams.



Pictured: Orange Prep's Scholar's Honor Roll Awards Assembly.



Pictured: Scenes from Orange Prep’s Scholar’s Honor Roll Awards Assembly.

Also at the event, student Ca’moore Jones was highlighted for his participation in EverFi’s Character Playbook, with the NY Jets, and winning an all-expense paid trip to the Super Bowl. The honor roll students were awarded with a trip to Dave and Busters on December 19.

Reorganization Meeting for the Orange Board of Education

On January 7, three elected members were sworn in at the annual board re-organization meeting. The meeting was held during the first week in January, as is required for Type II elected boards with a November election. The election took place on November 6, as part of the General Election. The official results of the election were presented, as follows:

Candidate	Total Votes
Siaka Sherif	3008
Brenda Daughtry	2668
Derrick Henry	2622
Rhoda Irodia	834
Hanza S. Aqwedicham	461
Jartesu Israel	362
Write-in	32

The three top vote-getters, Mr. Siaka Sherif, previously elected for a 7 month term, Ms. Brenda Daughtry, a former Forest Street parent, and Mr. Derrick Henry who won a board member position during the original, then overturned election, were duly sworn in by Board of Education Secretary Adekunle O. James. Each was administered the oath of office, accompanied by family members. Once sworn in, the board members convened to a closed session before voting for board president and vice president.

The current board president, Mr. E. Lydell Carter, was unanimously re-elected to that position. The position of vice president was contested between nominee Dr. Courtne Thomas and Mr. Tyrone Tarver. Dr. Thomas was elected with a vote of five and Mr. Tarver received a vote of 3, with two separate counts.

Board members then voted on committee assignments including Policy, Human Resources, District Evaluation Advisory Committee (DEAC), Finance and Budget and Middle States Committee. Also assigned were positions for board liaisons to designated schools and disciplinary hearing committee. The full list of committees and assignments will soon be updated on the district's website.

Before the gavel was raised to close the reorganization meeting, Mr. James read a framed certificate from the Honorable Christopher Durkin, Essex County Clerk, confirming their positions, as elected officials to the Orange Board of Education.



Pictured (left to right): Dr. Thomas, Ms. Mateo, Mr. Lee, Mr. Carter, Mr. Sharif, Ms. Daughtry, Mr. Tarver, Mr. Henry, Mr. Wingfield, Ms. Hill, Mr. Hunt, Mr. James.



Pictured: Mr. Siaka Sherif, accompanied by his daughters, being sworn in by Mr. James.



Pictured: Ms. Brenda Daughtry, accompanied by family members, being sworn in by Mr. James.



Pictured: Mr. Derrick Henry, accompanied by his children, being sworn in by Mr. James.



Pictured: Board members.



Pictured: Mr. James reads certificate from Essex County Clerk.

Other articles, covering the January 7 meeting can be found in the Record Transcript, online at: <https://essexnewsdaily.com/headline-news/74008> and Local Talk, online at <http://www.localtalknewark.com/ltpage3.html>.

Also approved at the reorganization meeting was the monthly meeting schedule for the year. All Public Board Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month, except for the re-organization meeting. They are as follows:

Monthly Board Meeting Dates
January 8, 2019
February 12, 2019
March 12, 2019
April 9, 2019
May 14, 2019
June 11, 2019
July 9, 2019
August 13, 2019
September 10, 2019
October 8, 2019
November 12, 2019
December 10, 2019
*January 6, 2020 (Re-organization Meeting)

Orange Prep Students Join Forces with Students in India to Tackle Global Warming

Submitted by Tera Phipps, Technology Coordinator, Orange Preparatory Academy



**Know
My World™**

After six weeks of collaboration with students from Bangalore, India, 40 eighth graders from Orange Prep in Mr. Peterson and Mrs. Thompson's classes are ready to take action on climate change. Students used collaboration tools like FlipGrid and Padlet while

researching the impact of global warming on their communities, the United States and India. Students recorded introductions about their favorite season, classes, hobbies and school life, and then shared it with their India partners from Delhi Public School.

Students then engaged in online research while they explored the question, "What does climate change look like in your community?" Students posted recent climate change events such as flooding, unexpected snowstorms, unexpected warm weather, and recent catastrophic events like Hurricane Sandy. Students made connections with their learning from class about carbon dioxide and photosynthesis as they refined their understanding about global warming and greenhouse gases. A collaborative photo journal was created, as well as postings containing possible solutions to climate change using Padlet.

Did you know that the number of people exposed to flooding each year is at risk of tripling from 21 million to 54 million by 2030, according to a study from the World Resources Institute? Did you know that Earth could warm six degrees this century because of global warming? The average global temperature has increased about 1 degree Fahrenheit since 1880. Did you know that climate change could result in a refugee crisis in some countries? This is the case of our partners in Bangalore, India.



Pictured: Orange Prep 8th graders with their India partners from Delhi Public School, Bangalore, India, using FlipGrid.

After learning some of these startling facts, some students pondered on the questions: What can we do? Why don't we recycle at school? How do we lower carbon emissions? Is it too late? After discussing some of the worldwide solutions, students have begun creating an action plan to educate their peers and community, as well as drafting a campaign to ask others to pledge to take action against climate change. While this project was intended to last 6 weeks, the teachers and students are committed to continue working on this project for the duration of the school year, as they continue to learn about India and their proposed solutions.

This project was part of the Know My World Campaign and the Sustainable Development Goal 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impact.



Pictured (left to right): Ms. Thompson's class; Mr. Peterson's class.

Know My World is a global education resource organization founded and operated by teachers for teachers. Our mission is to offer coached virtual exchange experiences and curriculum resources to support relationship building, intercultural competence, and social and emotional learning between various countries and cultures. <https://knowmyworld.org/>

FYI

Preschool Registration for 2018-2019 School Year



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
		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	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	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.

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

REQUIREMENTS:

- **3 years old by 10/01/18** **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**
 - **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 DESAROLLANDO ALGUN PROBLEMA DE APRENDISAJE O APRENDIENDO DIFERENTE FAVOR DE CONTACTAR AL DEPARTAMENTO DE SERVICIOS ESPECIALES EN EL DISRITO.