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January EVENTS

- **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)**
- **Wednesday, January 30 and Thursday, January 31 Professional Development Day, 12:30 p.m. dismissal for students**

Boys To Men Father Son Breakfast

Submitted by Damian Otchere, Family Liaison. Lincoln Avenue School

On January 15, Damian Otchere, Family Liaison at Lincoln Avenue Elementary School and school administrator Isabel Colon, hosted the First Annual Boys To Men, Father Son Breakfast. Over 100 young men, fathers, and various community leaders were invited to spend the morning with our students to discuss various topics such as: school matters, peer to peer relationships, and most importantly, what challenges they face in becoming a man.

At the start of the program, Louis Copepland, from the City of Orange, spoke with the young men about how they can leverage their interests in things such as video games and social media, into business opportunities. He also spoke with the young men about finances and how even though they are young, it's never too early to learn how to become fiscally responsible.

The men and young men then broke for breakfast, where they were delighted with a wonderful, and surprising musical selection from Mr. Otchere himself! "Mr. O," as the students refers to him, sang "A Change is Gonna Come" by Sam Cooke, which really drove home the point that there will be times were they may face hardship and challenges, but to always keep pressing forward.



Pictured: Scenes from the Boys to Men event, including Ms. Colon and Mr. Copeland (above).

Following the breakfast, the boys then heard from fellow Orange alum and motivational speaker Michael Spence. He played an interactive game of Simon Says with the boys and volunteers. Afterwards, he reminded the young men about the importance of leadership and encouraged them to stand above and not to be afraid to do something different than their peers.

The event concluded with the tie-tying ceremony where all of the volunteers and members of the L.E.A.D Male Leadership Program served as ambassadors in assisting with teaching every young man in the room how to properly tie a tie, and the importance of making a good first impression. School Administrator Isabel Colon finished the program with her closing remarks.

Special thanks to all the volunteers, staff members, and city officials for making this event possible! We look forward to making the Boys to Men, Father Son Breakfast a Lincoln Avenue School staple!



Pictured: Scenes from the Boys to Men event, including Mr. "O" and Mr. Spence (above).



Pictured: Scenes from the Boys to Men event, including board member, Mr. Derrick Henry (center) and Mr. "O" (right).



Pictured: The Boys to Men participants.

Park Avenue School Seeking Community's Votes as Part of \$200,000 National Education Contest

Schools Receiving Most People's Choice Votes Will Win \$8,000 Each

Park Avenue School has entered a \$200,000 national education contest hoping for a chance at one of the 13 prizes that will be awarded to recognize the most unique and inventive K-12 program. In addition to completing an online application for the annual [Follett Challenge](#), Park Avenue also submitted a short video to promote its program that teaches students the 21st century skills they need to be prepared for life.



Ten of the prizes, valued at \$8,000 each, to be given away are from the People's Choice category and will solely be based on how many votes applicants have received for their videos from the public. **Video voting begins January 21, 2019.** Park Avenue School's video is now posted on the Follett Challenge website (www.follettchallenge.com) at the following link: <https://follettchallenge.com/videopreviews/1178>.

After registering, users can cast one vote per day through January 25, 2019, when voting ends. Not only are the public's votes significant in the video-voting portion of the contest, but they also will play a role in the overall rubric, as twenty-percent of each school's final score is based on the number of votes generated for their video.

"We hope our community will support us by viewing our video and voting for our submission," said Dr. Myron Hackett, Park Avenue's principal "Participating in the Follett Challenge recognizes our educators for the great job they are doing with the limited resources they have and, should we win, reward them with resources to do more. It also will give our educators here a platform to share their innovation with other schools across the country and throughout the world."

With a total prize value of \$200,000 in products and services from Follett – a global education solutions leader – the overall winner will earn a \$60,000 prize, plus a celebration at the school featuring *New York Times* Bestselling author and NEWBERY medal-winner, Kwame Alexander. Each of the other two Semi-Finalists will earn \$30,000 prizes. The 10 People's Choice awards are worth \$8,000 each in products and services and will be announced February 27, 2019, along with the Semi-Finalists. This year's Follett Challenge will honor Semi-Finalist winners in three categories: elementary, middle and high school.

The judges will be seeking applications that illustrate critical thinking, communication, creativity and collaboration between students and among teachers and other members of the school staff. The 2019 Grand-Prize winner will be announced April 24, 2019.

For more on the Follett Challenge, visit www.follettchallenge.com.

District Poetry Night

Contributed by Karen Harris, Director of English Language Arts and Testing

On January 16, the English Language Arts (ELA) Department presented Poetry Night, hosted by English Language Arts & Media Specialist Supervisor Kurt Mathews, and Director of English Language Arts and Testing Karen Harris. The event was conducted in three parts, first introducing nine Poetry Out Loud competitors who performed their first poems, second the Guiding Light finalists' poems were read by teachers and administrators, and the third part was the second selection of poems by the Poetry Out Loud competitors.

In announcing the winners to the district staff, Director Karen Harris stated, "Fact, Orange students are gifted! On January 16 the community was given yet another chance to experience the wealth of talent that lies within the student body."

The Guiding Light Poetry Contest Winners were chosen. The young poets heard teachers and administrators read their poems to the audience. The audience then voted for their favorite poem in each group via text messaging to swiftpolling.com. Let's Congratulate these young poets whose work will be memorialized in the Guiding Light Poetry book to be released in February!

The Guiding Light Winners are:

Grades K-2

- 1st Place - **Emily Osei** "I Have a Grandma Named Sherry" - Grade 2, Forest Street, Ms. Brennan
- 2nd Place - **Amaya Grant** "My Brother Chris" - Kindergarten, Rosa Parks, Ms. O'Hara
- 3rd Place - **Kris Stevens** "Mom" - Grade 2, Rosa Parks, Ms. Whalen

Grades 3-5

- 1st Place - **Latif Terry** "My Grandma is my Guiding Light" - Grade 3, Heywood Avenue, Ms. Browne
- 2nd Place - **Ashley Torres** "For My Dear Father" - Grade 4, Rosa Parks, Ms. Dupree
- 3rd Place - **Atyana Thomas** "Queen" - Grade 4, Park Avenue, Mrs. Layton

Grades 6-8

- 1st Place - **Roland Octavius** "My Guiding Light" - Grade 7, Rosa Parks, Ms. Brown
- 2nd Place - **Brayden Williams** "The Spirit Inside of Me" - Grade 7, Heywood Avenue, Ms. Radomski
- 3rd Place - **Nathaniel Smith** "Planting the Seed" - Grade 7, Rosa Parks, Ms. Catanzarite

Grades 9-12

- 1st Place - **Adonte Thomas-Wise** "It's Scary Isn't It" - Grade 12, Ms. Johns
- 2nd Place - **Kashan Plummer** "The Veiled Light" - Grade 12, Ms. Johns
- 3rd Place - **Terrell Tannis** "2019" - Grade 12, Ms. Johns



Pictured: Guiding Light Poetry winners.



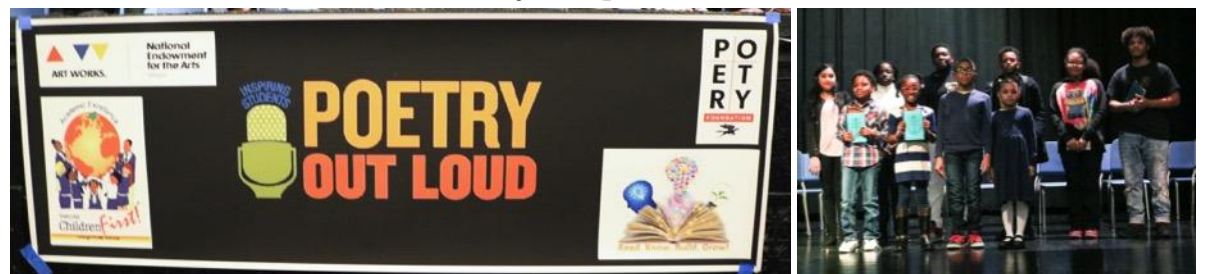
Pictured: Mr. Mathews (top left) and the Poetry Out Loud competitors.

Poetry Out Loud Winners:

Notable performances like the ones delivered by **Brianna Thomas (2nd place)** and **Shatrice Hertilien (3rd place)** were among the highlights of the evening. **Onyinye Okafor (1st place)** shined bright to emerge from a group of mesmerizing poetry performances from Orange High School students competing in the **District Poetry Out Loud** competition. Let's send our collective support her way as she moves on to represent Orange and compete at the regional competition in February.



The ELA department would like to thank all of the teachers and administrators who came out to support the event. With a special thanks to those who took the stage to read: Christine Bohacz, Nyree Delgado, Faith Alacantara, Delia Abreu, Jennifer Bahomda, Lisa Catanzarite, Shereene Brown, Tia Burnett, and Laura Johns (*pictured above with Ms. Harris*).



Pictured: Poetry Out Loud signage and Guiding Light winners.

Scholars Academy Students Participate in CoderZ Finals

Submitted by Mrs. Regina Nadbielny STEM/STEAM Teacher Scholars Academy

In October 2018, Mrs. Nadbielny's 4th and 5th grade Scholars Academy students began participating in the multi-state middle school Cyber Robotics Coding Competition. "CRCC is an innovative robotics tournament that excites and engages students in coding," explained Mrs. Nadbielny. Students competed with other NJ middle schools for this 5th through 8th grade competition. Students coded virtual 3D robots to perform complex tasks and missions. The first three weeks included 80 "boot camp" assignments. Scholars Academy finished in 2nd place among 80 schools in NJ! The qualifying round began November 5 and ended November 15. It had even more challenging missions to complete. Scholars Academy was invited to attend the finals, which were hosted by New Jersey Institute of Technology on December 14. Although it was a team effort to make it to the finals only two teams of two students each were allowed to compete.

Congratulations to our top performing students who were able to compete at NJIT on December 14. Representing Scholars Academy were J-Rondee Elane, Jayden Moinvil, Aaron Davila and Michele Tong Navarro. Students were accompanied by their proud parents, as well as Scholars Academy principal Mrs. Machuca and STEM teacher Mrs. Nadbielny. It was a great experience for our students as they learned to code, which develops skills in collaboration, communication, problem solving and other skills that are needed in the future. "I am proud of all of our students who competed, especially those who made it to the finals," said Mrs. Nadbielny. They competed against 5th through 8th grade students from 22 schools in New Jersey at the finals. "Our students had fun coding with CoderZ and it was a great experience to compete at NJIT."



Pictured: Scholars Academy team members with Mr. Machuca and Mrs. Nadbielny.

Orange Preparatory Academy and Orange High Students Visit the United Nations

Submitted by Clive Binns, Social Studies teacher, Orange Preparatory Academy



Coordinated by 9th Grade Social Studies teachers, Mr. Binns and Mr. Lemke, students from Orange Preparatory Academy and Orange High School were selected to go to New York City and visit the United Nations headquarters building, located in midtown Manhattan. Students were lead on a guided tour regarding the creation of the United Nations and what it stands for as a global governing institution. Students were engaged in Q&A discussions and learned about the importance of social and

humanitarian work. Some students took the initiative and signed up to become future interns who would work at the United Nations.



Pictured: Orange Prep and Orange High student at the United Nations.

NJ HOSA-Future Health Professionals Regional Competition

Submitted by Denise DePalma, HOSA Advisor, Orange High School

On January 12, nine Orange High School (OHS) students competed at the New Jersey Northern Regional Health Occupation Students of America, Future Health Professionals. The event took place at Passaic County Technical Institute in Wayne, N.J. Over 600 students competed from high schools located in northern N.J.

The nine Orange High School students who prepared for this event included: Mullen Quaye, Melissa Compere, Kevin Batzibal, Christie Etienne, Joudenie Germain, Slomit Ortega and Caroline Prophete. Competitions entered included medical terminology, spelling, and math, extemporaneous health poster and writing, medical and nurse assistance. To prepare, the students attended study and practice sessions before and after school and also studied at home.

Awards received by Orange High School students included:

Extemporaneous Health Poster Competition – 6th place – Maymunah Ahmed

The purpose of this event is to encourage HOSA members to improve their ability to analyze and interpret current health and HOSA-related issues and express and communicate this interpretation. The contestants were allotted three hours to perfect their artistic expression, in the form of a poster, before the judging began.

Extemporaneous Writing Competition – 7th place – Stephanie Marie Bernard, OHS

The purpose of this event is to encourage HOSA members to improve their ability to express themselves in writing. Competitors are presented with a secret topic at the start of their competition. They are then given one hour to create an essay on the secret topic before the judging begins.

Ten other OHS HOSA students are in the process of preparing for their competition, which will be judged at the state level in March.



Pictured: OHS students at the HOSA North Jersey Regional Competition.

Holiday Break Mathematics Contest Winners!

Contributed by Dr. Tina Powell, Director of Mathematics and Science

Dr. Tina Powell, director of mathematics and science stated, “On behalf of the Office of Mathematics and Science, I'd like to extend congratulations to the winning teachers/classrooms having (1) the highest average usage of our digital technologies (*iReady, Khan Academy, ALEKS*) during the Holiday Break and (2) the highest % of students successfully completing lessons:

Grades K - 8

- Cleveland: Mr. Deloatch (Grade 6, Block 1)
- Forest: Ms. Miguel (Grade 4, Block 1)
- Heywood: Ms. Daniels (Grade 3, Block 1)
- Lincoln: Ms. Cruz (Grade 5, Block 1)
- Oakwood: Ms. Griffith-Francis (Grade 1)
- Park: Ms. Mazzaro (Grade 1)
- Rosa Parks: Ms. Moe (Grade 2, Block 4)
- OPA: Ms. Bandeira (Grade 8, Section 1081-10)

Grades 9 - 12

Khan Academy Winners (Greatest % of successfully completed lessons)

- OPA: Ms. Mondestin (Algebra I, Block 2)
- OHS: Ms. Nikolaidis (Geometry, Block 2B)

ALEKS Winners (Greatest % of successfully completed lessons)

- OHS: Ms. Hong (Algebra II, Block 3)
- STEM: Ms. Truncale (Math II, Block 6)

Posters were awarded to all winning classrooms (K-8) and PIZZA PARTIES will be scheduled for the upcoming weeks! Congratulations to all!

Alumni Day at Heywood Avenue School

Submitted by Elizabeth Tague, 6th/7th Grade Mathematics Teacher, Heywood Avenue School



Heywood Avenue School alumni (**pictured left**) came back “home,” on January 4, to share their experiences, insight and wisdom with students in grades K - 7. The school’s alumni are attending community college, in state and out of state schools that include Spelman College, Morehouse College, Howard University, Montclair State, Georgian Court University, Seton Hall University, Pace University, Rutgers University, Bloomfield College, Amherst

College, Morgan State University, New Jersey City University, Boston College, University of Bridgeport and William Paterson University. There was also a visiting entrepreneur who owns his own business and is making strides in the recording music industry. Also attending the school’s Alumni Day for the first time was a member of the military who is currently serving in the United States Air Force in Wrightstown, NJ. Another military volunteer participated via FaceTime from the United States Navy in Pensacola, FL.

All of the alumni visited classes and gave Heywood’s scholars “real talk” about their experiences and encouraged them to focus on their studies, choose their friends wisely, be themselves and not what others may try to convince them to be, get involved in their school and community and reach for their dreams.

We wish them continued success in their pursuits and we are so proud of them and the models of excellence they present for themselves and for our community.



Pictured: Alumni Day at Heywood Avenue School.

FYI

Superintendent Search Community Input Session



On February 6, staff and community input sessions will be held at Lincoln Avenue School, from 4-6 PM (staff only) and 7-9 PM (parents, students and community members) to develop criteria for selecting the new Superintendent of Schools for the Orange Public School District. See the flyer below for complete details and visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OrangeSuperintendentSearch>, to complete a survey soliciting input.

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 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.

Superintendent Search Staff and Community Input Sessions



Wednesday, February 6, 2019

**Lincoln Avenue School
216 Lincoln Avenue
(Jackson Street Entrance)**

**Staff Only
Session
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Parents, Students and
Community Session
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

The Orange Board of Education invites parents, students, staff and the community to attend a critical issues input session to detail the criteria for the district's new superintendent of schools including background, training and experience. Search consultant Charlene Peterson, from the New Jersey School Boards Association, will explain the search procedure, the roles played by the Board, the staff and the public in the process, and the calendar for the actual search. Information gathered, together with input from other focus groups, will be used to shape a variety of candidate review documents and the interview questions.

Discussion for the new superintendent of schools will center on:

- **Strengths**
- **Concerns**
- **On-going issues**
- **Future initiatives**



Survey

**Parents, students, staff and the members of the community are asked to participate in a survey to help us develop selection criteria, interview questions, and candidate reviews for the new superintendent of schools. The survey can be found at:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OrangeSuperintendentSearch>**

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PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2018-2019

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 - **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 DESARROLLANDO ALGUN PROBLEMA DE APRENDISAJE O APRENDIENDO DIFERENTE FAVOR DE CONTACTAR AL DEPARTAMENTO DE SERVICIOS ESPECIALES EN EL DISRITO.



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Saturday, April 13, from 9:30-3:30

Park Avenue School

LBIAD is a fast, fun way to learn the basics of bridge in a day!

National renowned instructor, Patty Tucker, from Atlanta, Georgia, will be personally teaching the class.

Proceeds will be used to help fund Park Avenue's Bridge Club trip to the National Bridge Tournament in Las Vegas, Nevada, in July 2019.

\$20 through March 15

\$30 March 16-31

\$50 in April

Registration includes lesson, bridge manual, breakfast, lunch, snacks, Tricky Tray, and door prizes.

Dr. Denise Harlem
Park Avenue School
973-677-4000, ext. 4052
harlemde@orange.k12.nj.us

Make check or money order payable to Park Avenue School and mail to:

Park Avenue School
Attn: Dr. Denise Harlem, Bridge Instructor
231 Park Avenue
Orange, NJ 07050

Ms. Barbara Clark
Unit 140
ACBL Education Liaison
Orange Education Foundation

\$20 Super Early Bird (by March 15)

\$30 March 16-31

\$50 All April registrations

Registration Form:

Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____

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