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- **Monday, February 4, Black Lives Matter Assembly, 1:30 p.m., Park Avenue School**
- **Monday, February 4, Parent Conference – Pre-K – Grade 7, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, February 5, 12:30 p.m. dismissal for Pre-K – Grade 7 students, Parent Conference 1:15 - 4:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, February 6, 12:30 p.m. dismissal for Grades 8 – 12 students, Parent Conference 1:15 – 4:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, February 6, Superintendent Search - Community Input Sessions, staff only from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., and parents, students and members of the community from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., at Lincoln Avenue School (216 Lincoln Avenue)**
- **Wednesday, February 6, Board Lobby Art Show, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. featuring Orange Preparatory Academy (451 Lincoln Avenue)**
- **Thursday, February 7, Parent Conference - Grades 8 - 12, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

Recycling Assembly at Park Avenue School

Contributed by Dr. Denise Harlem, Park Avenue School Tech Coordinator and Barry Devone, Community Engagement Officer

On January 29, Brian Frohnapel, Sr. education solutions developer, Public Sector Solution for Waste Management, Inc., organized a presentation on recycling for students at Park Avenue School. The theme of the assembly was "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle." Students and staff members viewed a video that detailed the process of how items move from the recycle bin to being transformed into usable products. Students engaged in an exercise where teams were charged with identifying items that should be recycled vs. being placed in the wastebasket.



Pictured: Recycling assembly at Park Avenue School.

Park Avenue School launched a recycling program five years ago. They continue to focus on the importance of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle with bottles, cans, and paper in the school. The Waste Management program updated students on changes made to their recycling collection, while reminding them of the importance of keeping our earth clean.



Pictured: Recycling assembly at Park Avenue School.

Park's Green Team met with Mr. Frohnapel after the assemblies to review the overall progress being made and will “turnkey” the outcome of that meeting with staff. Their goal is to reduce Waste Management's garbage pickup and increase recycling pickups, measuring by the contents in the garbage and recycling containers outside the school

Cleveland Street Art at the Board Office



Pictured: Students with certificates, Ms. DeCarlo, Mr. Lee and Mr. Pettit.

During the Month of January, the students at Cleveland Street School treated visitors at the Board of Education Office to a colorful display of artwork. The art was officially unveiled at the school's exhibit opening on January 11. They held a festive event with refreshments hosted by Principal Robert Pettit, Helen DeCarlo art instructor, with welcome remarks from Visual and Performing Arts Supervisor Donna Sinisgalli and Interim Superintendent of Schools Ronald C. Lee.



Pictured: Cleveland Street art display.

Panama folk art in pastel, collages picturing houses in winter, mittens and hats, winter scenes in watercolor, designer guitars and penguins adorned the walls.

The students contributing to the display received certificates for their efforts at the opening event.



Pictured: Scenes from Cleveland Street School's art show including art teacher Ms. DeCarlo, Interim Superintendent Lee, Principal Pettit and Supervisor Sinisgalli.



Pictured: Scenes from Cleveland Street School's art show.

The January Board of Education Meeting



At the January Board of Education meeting, students Om-Ahisi Jackson and Lenayah Franesie led the flag salute and school motto, respectively. Mr. Robert Pettit, principal of Cleveland Street School (*pictured left*), welcomed Cleveland families, staff

and community members and introduced Mrs. Plaisimond-Cruz, the school's technology coordinator, to present "Our Journey," a video depicting the school's transition to Our Lady of the Valley School, while Cleveland begins its renovation and construction process. The video can be viewed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ljCDZkiCIxk>



Pictured (above): Students open the Board of Education meeting; Mrs. Plaisimond-Cruz

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:

LouriAnn Foster	Orange High School
Shandi Chung	STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges
Tamyra Rumbly	Orange Preparatory Academy
Nazeerah Campbell	Academy for Pupil Excellence (APEX)
Jannah Jones	Cleveland Street School
Thiago Morais	Forest Street Community School (FSCS)
Gabrielle Mincey	Heywood Avenue School
Destiny Ogbeifun	Lincoln Avenue School
Channiel Fernandez	Oakwood Avenue Community School (OACS)
Lindsay Carrion	Park Avenue School
Brigny Morocho	Rosa Parks Community School (RPCS)

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



Pictured (left to right): Principal Belton with OHS student accepting for SOTM; STEM Academy SOTM with parent and Principal Dr. Stewart and Lincoln Avenue School SOTM with Co-Principals Colon and Yearwood; Orange Prep SOTM with parent and Principal Gaines.



Pictured (left to right): APEX SOTM with parent and Principal Malloy; Cleveland SOTM with family and Principal Pettit; Forest Street Community School SOTM with family and Principal Dr. Cooke.



Pictured (left to right): Heywood Avenue School SOTM with family and Principal Alcantara; Lincoln Avenue School SOTM with Interim Principals Colon and Yearwood; Park Avenue School SOTM with family and Principal Dr. Hackett; RPCS SOTM with family and Principal Joseph Charles.

Parent of the Month



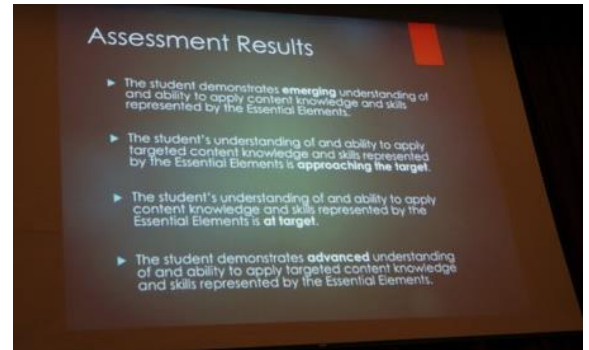
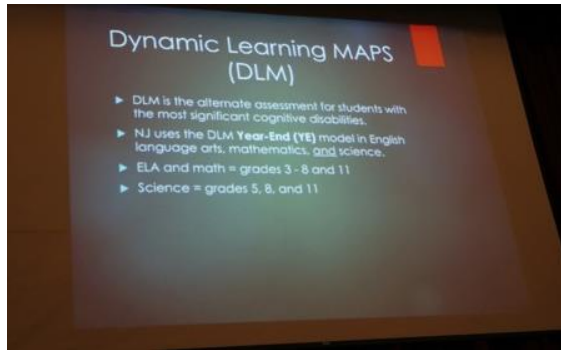
Pictured (left to right): Principal Pettit, Board president Carter, Community School Coordinator Radiala Dixon (accepting for Ms. May who was not present), and Interim Superintendent Lee.

When an improvement to parental involvement challenge was made to Cleveland Street School, Ms. Akieyah May was the first to step up and lend her support. She is an active member of the PTO and remains consistently committed to the students and staff at Cleveland.

Ms. May has emerged as one of the school's strongest parent leaders. She is extremely organized and consistently makes herself available to support school-wide events. Because of her hard work and dedication, Cleveland Street School is honored to have Ms. May, as Cleveland Street School's parent of the month.

2018 Dynamic Learning Maps Assessment Presentation

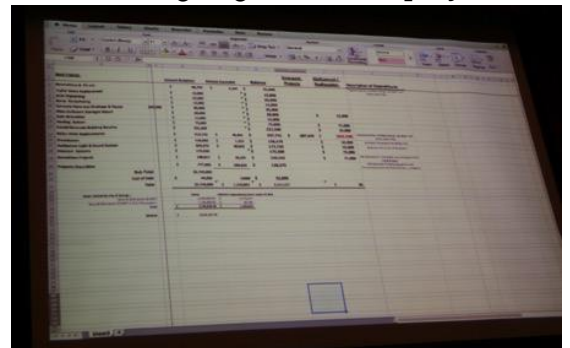
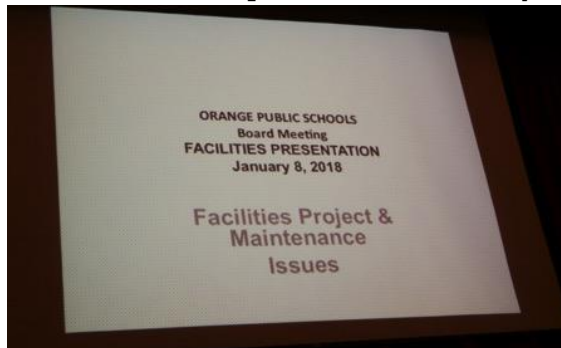
Director of Special Services Shelly Harper presented the district results for Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) administered to special education students:



The DLM is an alternate assessment for students with the most significant intellectual disabilities in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science is called the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM). The state of New Jersey and other states are working with the University of Kansas to implement this assessment system.

District Facilities Presentation

Business Administrator and Board Secretary Adekunle O. James gave an update to facilities activities that took place over the holiday break and status of ongoing bond issue projects:



Lunch and Learn at the STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges

Wayne Abbott, chief technologist and principal architect at Dell Inc., addressed the January 11 Lunch and Learn event at the STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges. The event series exposes the STEM Academy students to executives and entrepreneurs in the STEM field, highlighting options for career paths and networking opportunities for the high school students. Mr. Abbott delved into his educational background, discussing the importance of organizations such as the Rutgers University Chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers, stressing the support such organizations offer students and the leadership skills they build. Mr. Abbott's discussion included emphasizing academic success and today's corporate landscape. He questioned students about their interests, encouraging them to enter fields where they become the producer, not just a consumer.

Also attending the luncheon event was Dennis Creary, president and CEO of Blacks On Wall Street, Inc. Mr. Creary was there to present a \$300 check to the students who won second place in the November 20, 2018, inaugural Blacks on Wall Street Youth STEM Competition that took place at The City University of New York's (CUNY's) Advanced Science Research Center (ASRC) located at The City College of New York (CCNY) in New York City. The 2018 Youth STEM Competition was an opportunity for teams, consisting of up to five students, to present their findings within topics of biology, physics, chemistry, and engineering. The STEM Academy students demonstrated a transfer assembly model by exhibited their apparatus to the audience, explaining how it works, how it is budgeted, and other business considerations.



Pictured: Scenes form Lunch and Learn on January 11, including Mr. Donald Jones, teacher, Mr. Creary STEM students placing 2nd in the Blacks on Wall Street competition, and Principal Dr. Stewart.



Pictured: Scenes form Lunch and Learn on January 11 with Mr. Abbott.



Pictured: Scenes form Lunch and Learn on January 11, including Interim superintendent Lee, Dr. Erica Stewart, principal, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Creary and STEM students.

On January 22, there was a panel discussion at the Lunch and Learn session featuring two pharmaceutical executives, Mr. Scott A. Holmes from Ascendis Pharma, and Ms. Wanda Sharif-Rodriguez from Regeneron. Each discussed a different perspective of the pharmaceutical/biopharmaceutical industry. Mr. Holmes addressed the commercial side of the business and Ms. Sharif-Rodriguez the clinical side of research and development. Mr. Holmes, a product of the Orange Public School system, with a nephew at the STEM Innovation Academy, charted his educational background and the experience he garnered at various pharmaceutical companies. He mentioned his company's new growth hormone treatment and how science and research are blended with helping people. He also touched on some of the careers that support the commercial side of the industry including marketing, sales, analytics and operations.

Ms. Rodriguez, an Orange resident whose children attended the Orange Public Schools, spoke of her company Regeneron, known as a leading science-based biopharmaceutical firm that discovers, invents, develops, manufactures, and commercializes medicines for the treatment of such conditions as macular degeneration. She outlined her education and work in a laboratory environment designing experiments and documenting results and findings. They were both encouraging about the field of STEM and the wide array of opportunities open to students.



Pictured: Lunch and Learn panel discussion on January 22 with guests Mr. Holmes and Ms. Sharif-Rodriguez.



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Pictured: Lunch and Learn panel discussion on January 22 including Assistant Principal Devonii Reid with guests Mr. Holmes, Ms. Sharif-Rodriguez, and student hosts.

FYI

Superintendent Search



The Orange Board of Education invites parents, students, staff and the community to attend a critical issues input session to detail the selection 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. See flyer below.

Also, please participate in a survey to help develop the selection criteria, interview questions, and candidate reviews for the new educational leader of the Orange Public School District. Find the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OrangeSuperintendentSearch>.



Black Lives Matter



Mark your calendar! The Black Lives Matter at School action this school-year will be held from February 4-8th, 2019. Black Lives Matter At School is a national committee of educators organizing for racial justice in education. We encourage all educators, parents, students, unions, and community organizations to join our annual week of action during the first week of February each year.

<https://blacklivesmatteratschool.com/>

February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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3	4 Parent Conference - PreK-7 5:30PM-7:30PM	5 12:30PM Dismissal for PreK-7 Parent Conference - 1:15PM-4:00PM	6 12:30PM Dismissal for Grades 8-12, Parent Conference - 1:15PM-4PM Board Lobby Art Show, 6-7PM, 451 Lincoln Ave. Superintendent Search, 4-6PM (staff) & 7-9PM (community) at LAS	7 Parent Conference - Grades 8-12 5:30PM-7:30PM	8	9	
10	11	12 Monthly Board Meeting, 7:00PM, Orange Prep Academy	13 Sonic Explorations Concert 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM OACS	14 	15	16	
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See *IMPORTANT* Flyers Below
Check the district Website calendar for Concerts and Activities.

Join

**MAYOR DWAYNE D. WARREN, ESQ and REVEREND Dr. E. T. STODDART
for a CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY MEETING
including discussions on Marijuana Legalization and Community Policing
with New Jersey Attorney General: Hon. GUBIR S. GREWAL**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2019

3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Church of The Oranges

A Seventh-day Adventist Congregation

270 Reynolds Terrace, Orange NJ

- Praise and Worship - 3:30 p.m. - 3:38 p.m.
- Opening Prayer - Elder Christopher Williams ESQ - 3:38 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.
- Church Welcome and Introduction of Moderator Derrick Green - Dr. E. T. Stoddart - 3:40 p.m. - 3:44 p.m.
- Remarks by Derrick Green - 3:44 p.m. - 3:49 p.m.
- Introduction of Mayor - Dr. E. T. Stoddart - 3:49 p.m.
- City of Orange Township Welcome and Opening Statement by the Honorable Dwayne D. Warren, Esq., Mayor - 3:50 p.m. - 3:55 p.m.
- Featured Guest, New Jersey State Attorney General, Gubir S. Grewal - 3:55 p.m. - 4:10 p.m.
- U.S. Senate Chaplin Barry Black - 4:10 p.m. - 4:20 p.m.
- Colonel Patrick J. Callahan-New Jersey State Police - 4:20 p.m. - 4:25 p.m.
- Orange Peer Youth and Scholarship Recipients
- Leo Jean Baptiste and Maymunah - 4:25 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Remarks by attending Mayors - 3 minutes each - 4:30 p.m. - 4:40 p.m.
- Remarks by City Council members - 2 minutes each - 4:40 p.m. - 4:50 p.m.
- Remarks by community leaders - 4:50 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Question and Answer Period - 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- Closing Remarks and Benediction - Dr. E. T. Stoddart

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.**

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Discussion for the new superintendent of schools will center on:

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



Survey

Parents, students, staff and 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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The Orange Board of Education, in partnership with the City of Orange Township,
Scholastic Inc. and Reading Plus, presents

The Orange Page Turners

2018-2019 Reading Challenge!



**Join us in our quest to
read 2 million pages
Thanksgiving Day - May Day**

The Orange Board of Education is partnering with the City of Orange Township to promote reading to increase capacity and fluency.

Orange Township residents and business owners are challenged to promote reading by pledging time and resources towards the goal of reading two million pages. Prizes will be awarded.

**For more information, call Ms. Dannette Gomez,
Office of English Language Arts and Testing
at 973-677-4000 (extension #6088)**





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Learn Bridge in a Day[®]



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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