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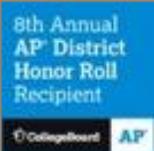
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- **Tuesday, February 12, Monthly Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Orange Preparatory Academy**
- **Wednesday, February 13, Sonic Explorations Concert, 3:15 – 4:15 p.m., Oakwood Avenue Community School**
- **Monday, February 18 to Friday, February 22, Winter Recess – District Closed**
- **Wednesday, February 27, Orange Page Turners Reading Challenge, Celebrating Our People, Walter G. Alexander Community Center, 97 Wilson Place, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

Orange High School Scholarship Recipients

Submitted by Dwight Holmes, Community School Coordinator, Orange High School

Dr. E. T. Stoddart, Pastor of the Church of the Oranges, hosted a Criminal Justice Community meeting at the Seventh Day Adventist Church on February 2. The forum was a panel discussion covering Marijuana Legalization and Community Policing led by the Mayor of the City of Orange Township Dwayne D. Warren, Esq., NJ Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal and Col. Patrick J. Callahan of the New Jersey State Police.



Pictured: OHS Scholarship recipients at the Criminal Justice Community Meeting at the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Prior to the panel discussion, two Orange High School (OHS) students Leo Jean-Baptist and Maymunah Ahmed were recognized before the church congregation as scholarship recipients. Dr. Stoddart and the Seventh Day Adventist congregation awarded the two students each with a \$1,500.00 scholarship towards their education at a school of their choosing. Both students have been accepted by prestigious institutions, Harvard and MIT. Maymunah and Leo are examples of the caliber of students graduating from OHS.

Congratulations Mr. Jean Baptiste and Miss Ahmed and thank you Dr. Stoddart and the Seventh Day Adventist Church!

Black Lives Matter Assembly at Park Avenue School



Pictured: Dr. Hackett and PRIDE Chair Hall.



Pictured NJEA Vice President Spiller.



Pictured: Emcee Robert Coles.



Pictured: Mayor Dwayne D. Warren.



Pictured: Interim Superintendent Lee.

Park Avenue School, in association with the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) and the Orange Education Association (OEA) Pride Committee, hosted a “Black Lives Matter” assembly on February 4. The event was emceed eloquently by teacher Mr. Robert Coles, with welcome remarks by Principal Dr. Myron Hackett.

The program, acknowledging the “Black Lives Matter at School” initiative, featured Dr. Jah Jah Shakur, Essex County College professor who gave an impassioned talk to the students. He stressed the importance of a sound education and of living your life with respect and dignity. He reached students with examples from his upbringing and making his points, at times, with a hip-hop rhyme scheme.

Interim Superintendent Ronald C. Lee addressed students with a declaration that they should live the statement emboldened on the T-shirts they received highlighting the event, “Black Lives Matter.” He wants students to always show respect for each other.

Mr. Sean M. Spiller, NJEA vice president, gave a PowerPoint presentation to the students titled “Why Should I Go To School.” He mentioned several reasons including the importance of building work ethics and the experience of learning how to deal with people. Most importantly, Mr. Spiller stated that an individual’s employment prospects and earning potential are much greater for the college educated, citing information he learned from attending Governor Murphy’s signing of the new minimum wage bill. The students were engaged in the discussion, wanting to be higher income earners.



Pictured: Dr. Jah Jah Shakur.

The Honorable Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq., also spoke to the audience, celebrating and uplifting all students, as did Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten. Board member Mr. Derrick Henry asked students if they were going to be a “story” or a “statistic,” when he gave remarks.



Pictured: Board Member Henry

During the program, the Park Avenue Dance Ensemble performed to “Powerful” by the Empire cast, directed by Christina Barro. The Park Avenue Choir, led by Chioma Ossai, sang a traditional African folk song, “So Ya Ma/Afa Wo” and “Lift Every Voice and Sing,”

The program ended with students reading the names of those who gave rise to the Black Lives Matter movement, followed by several students leading the audience in the Park Avenue creed.



Pictured: Park Avenue Dance Ensemble with Mayor Warren, Councilmember Wooten and Ms. Barro.



Pictured: Park Avenue students with Mayor Warren, Councilmember Wooten, Mr. Lee, Mr. Henry, Mr. Shakur, Mr. Spiller and Ms. Hall.



Pictured: Park Avenue Dance Ensemble.



Pictured: Park Avenue Choir.



Pictured: Scenes from Park Avenue School's "Black Lives Matter" Assembly.

PRIDE in Public Education is a campaign that shares the successes of New Jersey's public schools while building community support and involvement. Ms. Antoinette Hall is the district's PRIDE Chairperson and received a grant to fund the event. She was supported by the school's administration, staff, students and parents.

The Black Lives Matter at School National Week of Action was held February 4-8. Black Lives Matter at School is a national committee of educators organizing for racial justice in education.

Superintendent Search



The Orange Board of Education held three Superintendent Search Input Sessions on February 6. One session solicited input from the district's administrative staff, the second from staff members and the third from parents and community members. All were invited 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, led the sessions, detailing the search procedure, the roles played by the Board, the staff and the public in the process, and the calendar for the actual search.

A survey, to help develop the selection criteria, interview questions, and candidate reviews for the new educational leader of the Orange Public School District, is still available online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OrangeSuperintendentSearch>. The survey will soon be translated into Spanish and Creole.



Pictured: Scenes from Superintendent Search Sessions.

FYI

Orange School District Preschool Registration Fair



The Orange Public School District will host a Registration Fair on Saturday, March 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Orange Early Childhood Center (OECC), located at 397 Park Avenue in Orange. The last sign-in is 1:00 p.m. 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 requirements are:

- 3 or 4 years old by 10/01/19
- Must be resident of Orange Township
- Original Birth Certificate
- Child's Immunization Record
- Current Lease or Mortgage Statement
- 2 Additional Proofs of Residency (i.e. PSE&G bill, telephone or cable bill)
- Picture ID of the Parent

Before and after school care is available. The fee for this additional program is based upon income eligibility.

At the Registration Fair, staff will be on hand to give an overview of the Early Childhood Program, and on-site registration will be completed for parents who bring the required documentation. See flyer below.

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		15	16
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See *IMPORTANT* Flyers Below
Check the district Website calendar for Concerts and Activities.

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)**





American Contract
Bridge League

Whirlwind Bridge

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 #: _____

Sponsored by
Orange Education Foundation and Park Avenue School Bridge Club

ORANGE SCHOOL DISTRICT



PRESCHOOL

REGISTRATION FAIR

CHILD MUST BE 3 OR 4 YEARS OLD BY 10/1/2019

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019

ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

397 PARK AVE

ORANGE, NJ 07050

10AM-2PM

LAST SIGN IN AT 1PM

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
EDUCATED SERVICES.
973-677-4000

FREE

PRESCHOOL FOR RESIDENTS OF ORANGE

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING:

- *BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- *LEASE/MORTGAGE
- *IMMUNIZATIONS
- *PHOTO ID
- *2 CURRENT PROOF OF RESIDENCE (PSE&G,
TELEPHONE, CABLE, ETC)



DISTRITO ESCOLAR DE ORANGE



F E R I A D E I N S C R I P C I O N

PREESCOLAR

3 o 4 ANOS CUMPLIDOS PARA 10/1/2019

SABADO, MARZO 16, 2019

CENTRO PRE ESCOLAR DE ORANGE

397 PARK AVE

ORANGE, NJ 07050

10AM-2PM

ULTIMO INICIO DE SESION A LAS 1PM

EL PROGRAMA PREESCOLAR DE ORANGE INCLUYE A TODOS NINOS 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. 973-677-4000

PRE ESCOLAR GRATIS

DEBE SER UN RESIDENTE DEL MUNICIPIO DE ORANGE

REQUISITOS:

- *CERTIFICADO DE NACIMIENTO ORIGINAL
- *REGISTRO DE VACUNAS DEL NINO
- *CONTRATO DE ARRENDAMIENTO O HIPOTECA
- *2 COMPROBANTES DE DOMICILIO (PSE&G, TELEFONO O CABLE)

