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- Sunday, March 24, Cinema Ed Young Filmmakers Track, Screening and Awards Ceremony, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at The Woodland, 60 Woodland Rd., Maplewood, NJ
- Saturday, March 30, 3rd Annual College and Career Fair, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Orange Preparatory Academy Cafeteria

Orange Public School District Spelling Bee Championship

Contributed by Karen Harris, Director English Language Arts

The Orange Public School District held its annual Spelling Bee on March 16. Students from each of the district's school's, grades 1-7, competed for grade level championship and the district's overall championship. The students competed well, going deep into the Scripps suggested lists, an effort led by the 1st and 2nd graders who went well beyond 20 rounds.

Taking top prize and overall winner of the competition was Jayden Moinvil, 5th grader from Park Avenue School. Second place went to Brinny Morocho, 7th grader from Rosa Parks Community School. Tied for overall 3rd place were Riley Stewart, 3rd grader Forest Street School and Diana Tenezaca, 6th grader from Rosa Parks Community School. Grade level winners:

Grade	Student	School	
1	Donald Salaam III	Rosa Parks Community School	
2	Ymani Matthews	Rosa Parks Community School	
3	Riley Stewart	Forest Street Community School	
4	Melissa Hercules	Oakwood Avenue Community School	
5	Jayden Moinvil	Park Avenue School	
6	Diana Tenezaca	Rosa Parks Community School	
7	Brinny Morocho	Rosa Parks Community School	







Pictured: Scenes from the District Spelling Bee on March 16.

The Orange staff that made the Bee possible is congratulated for their effort. A special thanks to Ms. Rosa Lazzizera (Lead Organizer), Interim Superintendent Mr. Lee (Judge), Deputy Superintendent Dr. Howard (Judge), Dr. Russo (Pronouncer), Mrs. Onyesonwu and Mr. Matthews (Accountability), Mrs. Mateen, Mrs. Tyjer-Mendez, the ELA Department, school level organizers, administrators, and staff.



Pictured: Scenes from the District Spelling Bee on March 16.

Among the many parents and community members that came out to support the students were Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, School Board President Lydell Carter, and former School Board Member Mr. Israel.

Orange Adult School

Submitted by Barry Devone, Community Engagement Officer

The Orange Community School (OCS) Adult School Spring 2019 Semester classes began on March 14. Ms. Tera Phipps, technology coordinator at Orange Preparatory Academy kicked off her "Technology Basics" class, being offered on Thursdays through May 30. Her class, held at Orange Preparatory Academy, was assisted by five students from Orange Prep and Orange High School: Rebecca Thermidor (9th grade), Shedeline Pierre Louis (9th grade), Esmeralda Benoit (9th grade), Abraham Zamora (9th grade), Towon Holmes (10th grade).

The catalog of classes include Adult ESL, Introduction to Technology, Paying for Your Education, Getting the Squeeze on Orange: Civic Engagement, and Financial Literacy, including how to complete a First Time Homebuyer down payment certificate. Additionally, the Orange Adult School is partnering with Montclair State University's Continuing and Professional Education Department to offer a select number of online courses from its catalog. Most classes will be held at Rosa Parks Community School. For more information, and to register, visit the district's website at www.orange.k12.nj.us.





Pictured: Ms. Phipps and student assistants instruct adults in basic use.

Teen Forum – How to Survive High School

The Teen Forum – How to Survive High School was held on March 12 at Orange Preparatory Academy. The evening was eventful with a large participation from Orange Preparatory Academy and Orange High School students. Nurse Laura Sacks, working with Orange High School's "The Zone" and Orange Prep's "The Space" created an evening of thoughtful insights and perspectives for attendees.

The evening began with a panel discussion led by Ms. Jada Gore, school counselor at Orange High School. The panel consisted of graduating seniors, representing student government and athletics:

- Felicia Adams
- Schundnax Emmanuel
- Muhammad Haque
- Akaylia Richards
- Tino Stephens
- Nigil Thomas









Pictured (above): Scenes from the Teen Forum.

They gave their opinions of several topics, intended to address some of the issues facing students today. Two of the questions Ms. Gore asked the students were:

- 1. A typical school year is 180 days. 180 days x 4 "School" Years = 720 days. A lot can happen in 720 days. Finish this sentence: "When I started high school, nobody told me that !"
 - a. Underclassmen: At the end of your 720 days, what do you hope to have accomplished?
 - b. Seniors: As you're getting close to the end of your 720 days, what is the one thing you wish you had spent more time on before you graduate?
- 2. In 2018 Pew Research Center did a survey with teens. They studied teens and their viewpoints on what caused them to feel anxious and depressed.

IN THEIR STUDY: They found that 7 in 10 teens see anxiety and depression as significant issues among their peers and within their communities. Among the pressures teens face:

- 1. Academics 61% Feel Pressure To Get "Good Grades"
- 2. Physical Attributes 29% Feel Pressure To "Look Good"
- 3. Social Status 28% Feel Pressure To "Fit In"
- 4. Well Rounded 21% Feel Pressure To Do "Extracurricular Activities" And Be "Good" At Sports.
 - How relatable are these "Pressures" in Orange?
 - What "Pressures" do you think are present for OHS students?
 - What does being a "perfect student" mean?

The students underscored several key points that there is a stereotype that teachers don't care, when in fact they are caring; procrastination is a detriment to your success; school can be filled with dramas and fights but that doesn't define the overall experience; all realize that GPAs are important to your future success and your friends will come and go.

After the panel discussion, members of The Zone and The Space led groups of students, separated by underclassmen and seniors to complete a time management exercise, where a group outlined tasks/times to achieve a desired outcome (e.g., is there time for social media, if homework must be competed and student must get up earlier than usual?).

Students also experienced "Laughing Yoga" from a certified instructor. They learned how to combine laughter exercises with playful movements to help reduce stress and promote happiness.

The forum was a learning experience for teens in attendance and included raffle prizes and pizza and refreshments. The supporting staff included:

The staff at The Space:

- Joy Simeon (Program Manager)
- David Ortega (Youth Development Specialist)
- Assata Barnes (Youth Employment Specialist)
- Erica L. Woyce (Mental Health Clinician)

The staff at The Space:

- Shalice Foster (Program Coordinator)
- Rishannabel Ubiera (Mental Health Clinician)
- Tracey Whittington (Youth Development Specialist)







Pictured: Scenes from the Teen Forum.

Malika Berry, school social worker and her mentees, Berry's Butterflies, attended and assisted, as did Joel Lemke, advisor to the Rho Kappa honor society and members. Tera Phipps, technology coordinator, also supported the forum, along with student Peer Leaders and Rachel Bland, the Community Organizer, at HANDS, Inc. and the Director of the Healthy Orange Coalition.











OHS Mighty Marching Tornadoes Win Best in Show

Contributed by Donna Sinisgalli, Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts

Newark's 2019 Saint Patrick's Day Parade, featuring the 7th Annual High School Band Competition, with marching bands, drum lines, and color guards from across New Jersey took place on March 15.

The Orange High School Mighty Marching Tornadoes are congratulated for winning Newark Parade-Competition: Best in Show! "John Clerie, Peter Abazia, the advisors, and students have put in long hours of hard work -- this is their reward," said Supervisor of Visual And Performing Arts Donna Sinisgalli, "A job well done to all!"







Pictured: Scenes from the 7th Annual High School Band Competition Newark on March 15.

Orange High Students Attend International Women's Day Celebration

Contributed by Mohammed Abdelaziz, Assistant Principal, Orange High School



Student athletes, Amaya Whitehall and Caroline Prophete were selected to represent Orange High School at the International Women's Day event sponsored by the NJ School Development Authority (SDA) on March 7.

They joined other student honorees from across the state in an inspiring day listening to SDA's CEO Lizette Delgado Polanco and guest speakers. They were excited to hear from the women working on Orange High School's new renovations.









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Girls Night In

Submitted by Malika Berry, School Social Worker and Berry's Butterflies Advisor, Orange Prep Academy

The 3rd Annual Girls Night In, held on March 15, was a huge success. Fifty-six girls attended the event that provided them with Yoga and Meditation with Ms. Montelegre from Orange High school (OHS), a series of workshop rotations that allowed each girl to attend all sessions and a closing journaling gathering. Each student received one of two journal books. One titled 52 Lists of Happiness that was given to seniors and juniors and Start Where You Are for the underclassmen.

The sessions were as follows:

- Healthy Grab And Go Snacks, with Mrs. Romero of Orange Prep Academy (OPA)
- Road Map To Emotional Success, with Ms. Phipps, of OPA
- Affirmation Mirror (Mirror, Mirror), with Mrs. Foster of The Zone, OPA
- Create Your Own Facial Care Products, with Ms. Key of OPA
- Girl Talk A Detailed Discussion On Female Hygiene, with Ms. Desanges of OPA





Pictured: Scenes from the 3rd Annual Girls Night In.

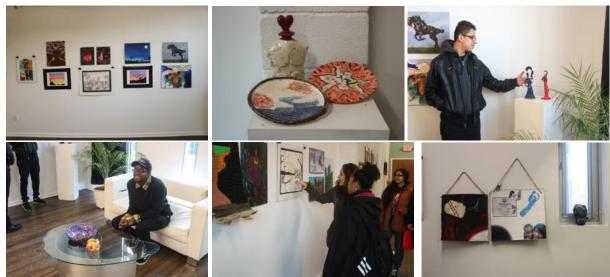
Additional staff volunteer and alumni members supported this event: The staff included: Mrs. Sacks, Ms. Tanner, Ms. Stainfil, Mrs. Curry, Mrs. Whittington and Mrs. Serafino (OHS). Alumni included Princess ('16) and India Lockhart ('17), along with Elif Kucuk, a Seton Hall intern. Mr. Stoessel, of OPA, is also thanked for his donation.



Pictured: Scenes from the 3rd Annual Girls Night In.

New Seen: The Artists of Orange High School

At the New Seen: The Artists of Orange High School gallery exhibit, student work is prominently displayed, with several pieces for sale at the ValleyArts Community Gallery, located at 400 S. Jefferson Street in Orange. The art teachers at Orange High School, Mr. Nate Brown, Mrs. Shana Falda, Mr. Christopher Cosmillo, and Mrs. Meg Guerriero selected the work from among their talented students to be exhibited. On March 7, opening night, many of the artist and supporting family and friends were present to admire the displays.



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The inspiration for some of the pieces was fascinating. The techniques included papier-mâché, ceramics, watercolor, ink and collages.

The ValleyArts Community Gallery is the signature visual gallery space for ValleyArts. It hosts an array of exhibitions, shows, and events throughout the year and is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Orange High School exhibit will be on display through April 5, 2019.



Pictured: Scenes from opening night for the New Seen: The Artists of Orange High School including art teachers and group photo of attendees.

Celebrity Read at Rosa Parks Community School



On March 8, celebrity readers gathered at Rosa Parks Community School, a participating school in the United Way of Essex and West Hudson's annual reading event. It was also a day to celebrate the birthday of treasured children's author Dr. Seuss, as part of the nationwide Read Across America Day.





Some of the celebrity readers were Orange police officers, parents, Interim Superintendent of Schools Ronald C. Lee, Director of English Language Arts Karen Harris, Teacher Coach Delia Abreu, city officials, Mr. Copeland and Mr. Mobley. There were readings for pure entertainment, life lessons, history and lively interaction with students promoting the love of reading. Door decorations and displays supported many of Dr. Seuss's best work.





Pictured (above and top left): The RPCS Celebrity Read event on March 8.













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Celebrity Read is a long-standing literacy initiative created by United Way of Essex and West Hudson in 1990, with a primary goal of recruiting volunteers to model their love for reading from pre-k to 4th grade elementary classrooms in its service area. In recognition of the program's unique service to the community, it has been designated as a "Local Legacy" by the Library of Congress in 2001. https://uwewh.org/celebrityread/





Pictured: The RPCS Celebrity Read event on March 8.

FYI

3rd Annual College and Career Fair at Orange Preparatory Academy



For the past two years, Orange Preparatory Academy has held an annual College Panel/Fair for students and community members. As in previous years, the 3rd Annual College and Career Fair, planned for Saturday, March 30, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., at Orange Prep Academy will feature different colleges and universities, information on financial aid, admissions, SAT, career paths, trade school, and life after college.

The 3rd Annual College and Career Fair will provide students, parents, and various community members with the opportunity to learn more about

their interests, responsibilities, strengths and potential financial factors that are involved in various career paths. See flyer below.

Preschool Registration for 2018-2019



The Orange Public School District Early Childhood Program has scheduled registration for the current 2018-2019 school year for Tuesday, March 26 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.

Learn Bridge in a Day

It's not too late to register for Learn Bridge in a Day at Park Avenue School



The Orange Education Foundation and the Park Avenue School Bridge Club are sponsoring Learn Bridge in a Day (LBIAD), on Saturday, April 13, from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., in the Park Avenue School Library. Tickets are \$30 per person, (now through March 31) and \$50 per person in April. Ticket price includes lesson, bridge manual, breakfast, lunch, snacks, "Tricky Tray," and door prizes.

LBIAD is a nationally acclaimed workshop that is a fast, fun way to learn the basics of bridge. The program, intended to expose a wide audience to this

challenging, stimulating game, will be taught by Ms. Patty Tucker, of Whirlwind Bridge, developer of the program, from Atlanta.

The ACBL District 3 Youth Bridge Coordinator, Unit 140 Education Liaison and Treasurer of the Orange Education Foundation, Ms. Barbara Clark, is organizing this event along with Dr. Denise Harlem, technology coordinator and bridge club advisor at Park Avenue School. Proceeds from the event will help fund the Park Avenue Bridge Club's trip to the Youth North American Bridge Championships in Las Vegas, this July.

"Bridge benefits children mentally, academically and socially," said Ms. Clark. She is hopeful that there will be a big turnout for this program on April 13.

The bridge clubs at Park Avenue School and Oakwood Avenue Community School have previously participated in Sectional, Regional and National Youth Bridge Championships in Atlanta, Las Vegas, Chicago and Toronto.

To register for LBIAD, interested individuals can contact Dr. Denise Harlem, technology coordinator and bridge club advisor, Park Avenue School, at harlemde@orange.kl2.nj.us. Registration information can be found on the district website at www.orange.kl2.nj.us. See flyer below.

Mark Your Calendar and Register for Heywood Avenue School's 3rd Annual My School Color Run – See Updates Below!



Save the Date!

Heywood Avenue School 3rd Annual "My School Color Run"

Saturday, May 4, 2019 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Join us and don't miss out on the fun while helping us to raise money for technology!

**Over 200 participants last year and our goal is to exceed this number for our 2019 event. Can we count you in? Registration begins in February! Heywood Avenue School invites district and community members to the school's 3rd Annual My School Color Run, on Saturday, May 4, at Orange Park.

Heywood student principal Camille Monestime and her team are offering you more information in the video provided for your viewing. Please see her message at https://youtu.be/vbezwTT1CVY, and use the following link to register for our event: https://secure.getactivefundraising.com/event/2019---Heywood-Avenue-School--Orange-NJ.

Do you have a business or product that you would like to promote or sell instead? This link will take you directly to the Vendor Registration Form:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/lpt9JoFFRxxwvvO5v7MRjPDK9iEASb7FlxZaV1Z2 sRNY/edit?usp=sharing.

Check out the new promotional video on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=axu7PwWLCB0

Save the Date - Orange Week



Save the Date! The First Annual Orange Week: June 3 - 8, 2019, will be here soon! There will be events happening all around the City of Orange Township! More events are being added, so stay tuned! For more information and volunteer opportunities contact the Office of Community Engagement at (973) 677-4000 ext. 6064 or email healthyorangenj@gmail.com. See flyer below.

March 2019								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
Sunday					1	2 Hatsoff		
3	4	5	6 Board Lobby Art Show, 6:00-7:00°M	7	8 International Women's Day	9		
Duglight Scoring Jine Begins	11	12 Board of Ed Meeting, 7:00PM Orange Prep Academy	13 OEA Day - 12:30PM Dismissal for Students	14	15	16 District Spelling Bee 8AM-12PM Orange Prep Academy		
17 Happy St. Patricki Dag	18	19 Staff Professional Development - 12:30°M Dismissal for Students	HAPPY TYPE First Day of Spring!	21 Essex County Pride Essay Contest, 6:30- 7:30 ^{PM} Livingston Mall	22	23		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
31								

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!



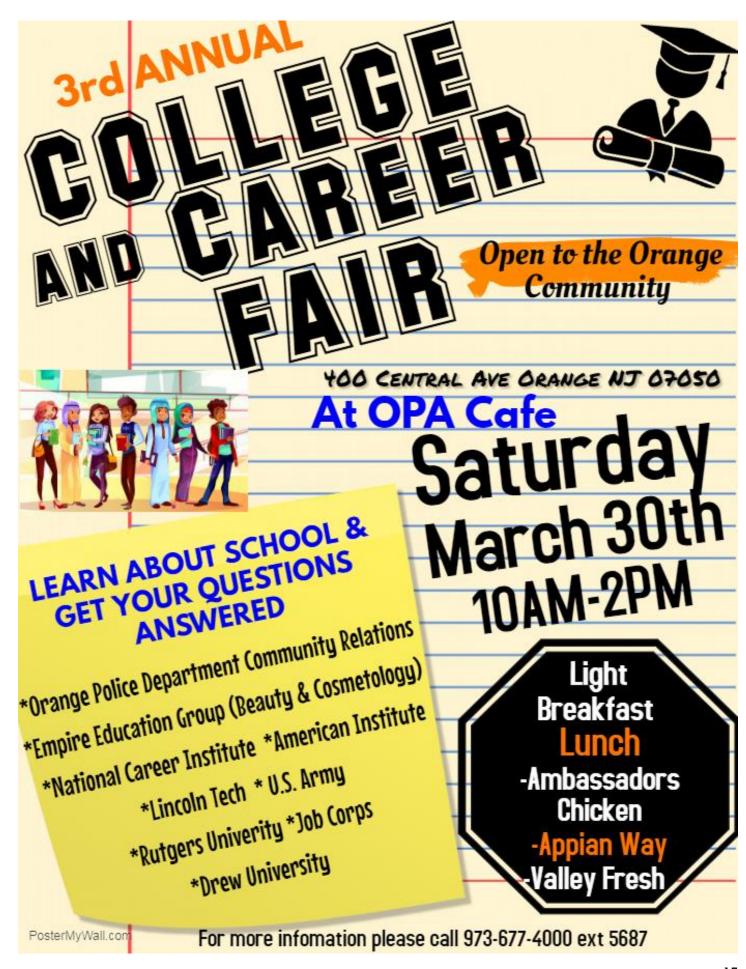
Join us in our quest to read 2 million pages Thanksgiving Day - May Day

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)











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

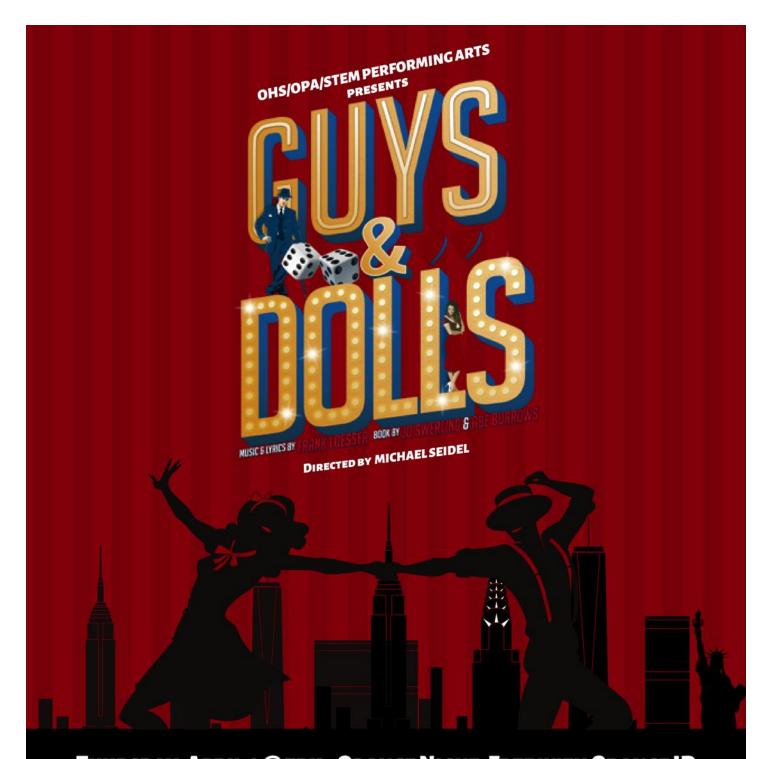
Orange, NJ 07050

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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Orange Education Foundation and Park Avenue School Bridge Club



Thursday, April 4 @ 7pm - Orange Night: Free with Orange ID
Friday, April 5 @ 7pm - Buy One Get One Free Tickets
Saturday, April 6 @ 2pm - 50/50 Raffle
Saturday, April 6 @ 7pm - Final Performance
PRESALE TICKETS \$5, \$8 at OPA Auditorium (400 Central Ave)
Tickets On Sale Now at Orange.Ludus.com or call (908) 477-0777

Performed through special arrrangement with Music Theatre International

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: March 2019

5th, 12th, 26th

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 LEARN-ING 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 INMUNIZACIÓNES 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.

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FECHA: Marzo 2019

5, 12, 26

HORA: 10:00 am-1:00PM

Tiene que firmer 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.

OPTICAL ACADEMY







BOOK YOUR EYE EXAM AND EYE WEAR Forest Street Community School Vision Fair

All Are Welcomed!

Wednesday, May 1st ,2019 – 11AM to 7PM 651 Forest Street, Orange, NJ 07050

Visit the Complete On-Site Optical Shop

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and Clicking on the On-Site Calendar to book your appointment.

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