



OBOE-Mail Blast

March 29, 2019

Volume 8, Number 26



- **Saturday, March 30, 3rd Annual College and Career Fair, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Orange Preparatory Academy Cafeteria**
- **Wednesday, April 3, Board Lobby Art Show, featuring Rosa Parks Community School, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., 451 Lincoln Avenue**
- **Guys and Dolls at Orange Preparatory Academy**

In This Issue:

5th Annual New Jersey Makers Day at Park Avenue School
Safety Patrol
Lunch and Learn at STEM Academy

Meditation at Heywood Avenue School

Lincoln Avenue Dr. Seuss Visit

PRIDE Expo and Essay Winners at Livingston Mall

Berry's Butterflies College Visit

Pi Day at OACS

FYI

- 3rd Annual College and Career Fair
- Preschool Registration
- My School Color Run
- LBIAD
- Orange Week



Contact Information:
 Orange Board of Education
 451 Lincoln Avenue
 Orange, NJ 07050
[Send Us An Email](#)



Thursday, Friday, Saturday, April 4, 5, and 6, Guys and Dolls, 7:00 p.m. and a 2:00 p.m. matinee on Saturday, April 6, at Orange Preparatory Academy
 Admission \$5 in advance at orange.ludus.com, \$8 at the door
 Thursday, April 4, Free admission with Orange ID
 Friday, April 5, Buy-One-Get-One free
 Saturday, April 6, 2:00 p.m., 50/50 Raffle
 For more information email: opstheater@gmail.com or call 908-477-0777

5th Annual New Jersey Makers Day at Park Avenue School

The 5th Annual New Jersey Makers Day was held at participating locations throughout New Jersey on March 22-23, 2019. New Jersey Makers Day is a statewide event hosted at over 300 sites and attracts more than 100,000 residents statewide. Park Avenue school was selected as one of the Makers Day sites and held its event in the school's library, under the direction of the Media Specialist Linda Martelli, the Makers Day committee members and student helpers. Students visited the library during their class schedule and had the opportunity to code, do 3-D design and printing, learn bridge, learn basic sewing, do arts and crafts all while enjoying fun and games. Interim Superintendent of Schools Ronald Lee visited the school and learned the fundamentals of bridge from skilled club students. He also received a tutorial from a student making a component on a 3-D printer. The school administrators, Principal Dr. Myron Hackett and Assistant Principal April Stokes participated, in full support of the initiative.

New Jersey Makers Day is a statewide celebration of making and maker culture that takes place every March in the Garden State. Our primary goal is to enhance community engagement and facilitate connections among New Jersey residents by exploring new and interesting opportunities for community-wide education, entrepreneurship and hands-on learning experiences.



Pictured: Scenes from Park Avenue School's Makers Day.

Media Specialist Martelli was pleased that Park Avenue School was selected as one of the sites to offer students and families the opportunity to “make” items using equipment and technology available at the school. Ms. Martelli pointed out the Creation Station, a mobile cart that was developed as a result of Makers Day, which can be transported to classrooms, to facilitate hands-on learning activities.

Safety Patrol

Rosa Parks Community School (RPCS) Safety Patrol celebrated the 3rd Annual Safety Patrol Day on March 22, with an assembly that honored its members with a merit award from AAA and badges. The assembly was held to commemorate the official Safety Patrol Day in Orange, which is March 24, as designed by the Honorable Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq.

Safety Patrol advisors Ms. Denise Parrish opened the assembly followed by welcome remarks by Safety Patrol member Laila Pierre. Member Elen Antwi led the Safety Patrol Pledge and Safety Patrol Advisor Lorna Alexander-Taylor led the audience in the pledge of allegiance. Safety Patrol member Kelsen Afuilar delivered a “Safety Patrol Moment.” The audience was treated to a video reflecting the activities and outings made by the patrol over the past year including visits to Trenton, the Orange Police and Fire Departments and the Board of Education.



Pictured: Safety Patrol Day at Rosa Parks Community School.

The event featured remarks by Interim Superintendent of Schools Ronald C. Lee, Principal Debra Joseph-Charles, Director of Curriculum and Testing Dr. Terri Russo and a representative from American Automobile Association (AAA) School Safety Patrol, Ms. Shawnee Jarvis. She mentioned that next year will be 100 years of service for safety patrols and recognized the students for becoming members of a group of dedicated pupils across the nation, citing many politicians, entrepreneurs and celebrities who were once safety patrol members. Safety Patrol advisors Ms. Denise Parrish, Ms. Lorna Alexander-Taylor, and Mr. Michael Rose officiated the event.



Pictured: Safety Patrol Day at Rosa Parks Community School.

Orange Police Department was represented by Director Cherry and officers including, Special Officer Franklyn and School Resource Officer Adams who made remarks to the students about the importance of their service to the school and the community..



Pictured: Safety Patrol Day at Rosa Parks Community School.

A special presentation of flowers was made to Mrs. Joseph Charles for her support of the school’s Safety Patrol

Lunch and Learn at STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges

At the March 8 Lunch and Learn session, Sutapa Bandyopadhyay, Ph.D., principal planner of the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), gave an enlightening discussion to the STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges, about her work in the transportation sector. As a principal planner, she briefly highlighted the scope of her work, citing several studies including the Morris Canal bike and pedestrian route, the opportunities for public participation during the planning process when working with local municipalities and government agencies responsible for public transportation.

She mentioned several STEM students who are part of *Transportation You*, a mentoring program that offers young girls ages 13-18 an introduction to an array of careers in the transportation field.

Students asked questions about bike routes, road access and preparing for careers in the field.



Pictured: Lunch and Learn with Sutapa Bandyopadhyay, Ph.D. and STEM Academy students.

The NJTPA is the federally authorized Metropolitan Planning Organization for 6.7 million people in the 13-county northern New Jersey region. Each year, the NJTPA oversees more than \$2 billion in transportation improvement projects and provides a forum for interagency cooperation and public input. It also sponsors and conducts studies, assists county planning agencies and monitors compliance with national air quality goals. <https://www.njtpa.org/home>



Pictured: Lunch and Learn with Sutapa Bandyopadhyay, Ph.D.

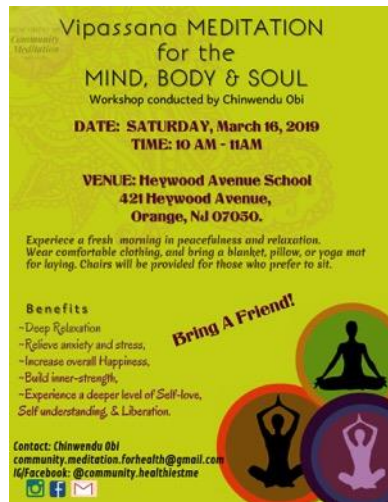


Also present at the Lunch and Learn session was Mr. Derrick Henry (*pictured left and right with students and Dr. Bandyopadhyay*), board of education member. He discussed his profession in the design field. An Orange High School graduate, he was elected to the board in November 2018.



Meditation at Heywood Avenue School

Submitted by Faith Alcantara, Principal, Heywood Avenue School



Heywood Avenue School had a great first session of meditation on March 16. Ms. Chinwendu Obi, a 2014 Orange High School graduate, NJSEEDS scholar, 2018 Colgate University graduate and current MSW grad student at Rutgers-Newark, led the session. She presided over a workshop for Vipassana Meditation for the mind, body and soul, intended to relieve stress and promote deep relaxation, among other reflection results (*flyer and activities pictured left and below*).

After meditating, participants engaged in fellowship over a light and healthy lunch prepared by Mrs. Kusum Jethwa, Heywood Avenue Pre-K teacher, who practices mindfulness with her students daily.

Mr. Cherry, Heywood's PE teacher, and participating 5th grade students were asked for feedback regarding the session. They suggested that Heywood consider how to employ this practice with students. Additionally, the students and Principal Faith Alcantara followed up by reading and discussing a NewsELA article titled, "Schools Begin Georgia Breathes Initiative to Exhale Stress" and viewing an Edutopia video titled, "Meditation Helps Lower Truancy and Suspensions."



Ms. Alcantara stated, "We hope to work with Ms. Obi to offer at least one session at Heywood each month. Staff members have also received professional development on 'mindfulness' in the classroom to further explore how we can incorporate practices in our school day."

Parents, staff and students (*pictured left*) are thanked for their participation.

Cleveland Street School Gets a Visit from the Cat in the Hat

Photographs contributed by Neuronas Plaisimond-Cruz, Technology Coordinator and Darryl Smith, School Counselor, Cleveland Street School

The Cat in the Hat visited Cleveland Street School on March 6, to celebrate Dr. Seuss and various Read Across America programs. The New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) made the visit possible for the enjoyment of Cleveland's Kindergarten to third grade students.



Pictured (above and right): The Cat in the Hat visits Cleveland Street School.

PRIDE Expo at Livingston Mall

Lincoln Avenue School Performs at the PRIDE Expo

Submitted by Wendy Mir, Vocal Music Teacher, Lincoln Avenue School

On March 20, both the Dance and Vocal Ensembles of Lincoln Avenue School sang at the Livingston Mall, celebrating Essex Pride week. The Dance Ensemble directed by Michelle Kane, made up of 5-7th graders, performed "24k Magic" and "Oye". The Vocal Ensemble, directed by Wendy Mir, made up of 4-6th graders, performed "Bonse Aba", "Song of Peace", and "It's a Swing Thing". Many parents were there to enjoy the performances and the art display in the mall mezzanine.



Pictured: Lincoln Avenue students perform at Pride in Public Education in the Livingston Mall

Pride in Public Education Essay Contest

The ceremony for the Pride in Public Education Essay Contest was held on March 21 at the Livingston Mall. Contest winners from Essex County were present to read their 1st, 2nd and 3rd place essays. The essays read were impactful. Orange students were well supported by family members, teachers, administrators including Interim Superintendent Ronald Lee and Director of English Language Arts Karen Harris. At the high school level, it was heartwarming to see peers cheer on their winning classmates. The students received a certificate and a check card: \$100 for 1st place, \$75 for 2nd place and \$50 for 3rd place.

Grade	Place	Name	School	Teacher
K	3 rd	Zachary Bonneau	Rosa Parks	Mrs. D. Maggio
2	3 rd	William Arnold	Heywood	Mrs. J. Mooney
6	3 rd	Adriel Martinez	Lincoln Avenue	Ms. M. Jones
9	3 rd	Keshima Smith	STEM Innovation Academy	Ms. A. Buske
10	2 rd	Ritchy St. Jean	Orange High	Ms. T. Davis
11	1 st	Angelica Deoleo	Orange High	Ms. B. Jules
12	1 st	Maymuanh Ahmed	Orange High	Ms. M. Thomas



Pictured: Scenes from the Pride EXPO Essay Contest.

Pride in Public Education Display

Art from district schools were displayed on the upper level of the mall, from March 15-22, joining presentations from other Essex County schools.



Pictured: Art display at the Pride EXPO at Livingston Mall including work by Orange High School, Orange Preparatory Academy, Rosa Parks and Oakwood Avenue Community Schools, and Park, Lincoln, Cleveland and Heywood Avenue Schools.



Pictured: Art display at the Pride EXPO at Livingston Mall including work by Orange High School, Orange Preparatory Academy, Rosa Parks and Oakwood Avenue Community Schools, and Park, Lincoln, Cleveland and Heywood Avenue Schools.

Berry's Butterflies College Visit

Submitted by Malika Berry, School Social Worker, Orange Preparatory Academy



For the past four years Berry's Butterflies have been on a college tour. This year they were welcomed by New Jersey City University (NJCU) with an amazing tour of the campus and a catered buffet style lunch with the admission director and her staff. The girls were eager to learn more about the college experience at NJCU since two alumni of the program attend college.

Fifty-four students (*pictured above with chaperones*) attended the trip, which included 3 reading reward winners, as part of an award presented by Mr. Wang, the librarian.



Pictured: Berry's Butterflies at NJCU.

Pi Day Celebration and Fundraiser at Oakwood Avenue Community School

Submitted by Ericka Stevenson, Community School Coordinator, Oakwood Avenue Community School

On March 14, “the little school doing **BIG** things” celebrated “Pi-Day” in a way that only Oakwood Avenue Community School could! In an effort to raise funds for a dunk tank at the annual field day, for \$1 a “pi”, students were given the opportunity to “pi” their teachers and even the Principal!

While this was a fun day for both the students and teachers, Principal Denise White made sure to remind the students of how “Pi-Day” came about, and asked the students to tell her what the number Pi is. Our middle schoolers were then challenged to a “Pi Competition” and the students who could remember the most numbers correctly after the decimal would win a special prize! It was a tough competition; however, 7th grader Marquis Douglas was able to recite 11 numbers correctly after the decimal!



Pictured: Pi Day at Oakwood Avenue Community School.

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 exams, career paths, trade schools, 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 Tuesdays, April 2, 9 and 16, 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.

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



Heywood Avenue School invites district and community members to the school's 3rd Annual My School Color Run, on Saturday, May 4, 2019 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/1pt9JoFFRxxwvvO5v7MRjPDK9iEASb7F1xZaV1Z2sRNY/edit?usp=sharing>. Check out the new promotional video on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=axu7PwWLCB0>

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.k12.nj.us. Registration information can be found on the district website at www.orange.k12.nj.us. See flyer below.

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
					1	2 
3	4	5	6 Board Lobby Art Show, 6:00-7:00 ^{PM}	7	8 	9
10 	11	12 Board of Ed Meeting, 7:00 ^{PM} Orange Prep Academy	13 OEA Day - 12:30 ^{PM} Dismissal for Students	14	15	16 District Spelling Bee 8 ^{AM} -12 ^{PM} Orange Prep Academy 
17 Happy St. Patrick's Day 	18	19 Staff Professional Development - 12:30 ^{PM} Dismissal for Students	20 	21 Essex County Pride Essay Contest, 6:30- 7:30 ^{PM} Livingston Mall	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH	1 	2	3 Board Lobby Art Show, 6:00-7:00PM, Board of Ed	4  Guys & Dolls, 7PM Orange Prep Academy	5  Guys & Dolls, 7PM Orange Prep Academy	6  Guys & Dolls, 2PM and 7PM Orange Prep Academy
7	8	9 Board Meeting, 7PM, Orange Prep Academy	10 Marking Period 3 Ends	11 Marking Period 4 Begins	12	13 Debate Championship 9AM-12PM Orange Prep Academy
14 	15	16	17	18	19  District Closed	20 
21 	22 	23 24 25 26 27 Spring Recess - District Closed				27
28	29	30				

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

3rd ANNUAL COLLEGE AND CAREER FAIR



Open to the Orange
Community

400 CENTRAL AVE ORANGE NJ 07050

At OPA Cafe

Saturday
March 30th
10AM-2PM

LEARN ABOUT SCHOOL &
GET YOUR QUESTIONS
ANSWERED

- *Orange Police Department Community Relations
- *Empire Education Group (Beauty & Cosmetology)
- *National Career Institute *American Institute
- *Lincoln Tech *U.S. Army
- *Rutgers University *Job Corps
- *Drew University

Light
Breakfast
Lunch
-Ambassadors
Chicken
-Appian Way
-Valley Fresh

OHS/OPA/STEM PERFORMING ARTS
PRESENTS

GUYS & DOLLS

MUSIC & LYRICS BY FRANK LOESSER BOOK BY JOISWERLING & RAE BURROWS
DIRECTED BY MICHAEL SEIDEL



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 arrangement with Music Theatre International

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)**



**ORANGE PAGE TURNERS'
READING CHALLENGE**



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: _____

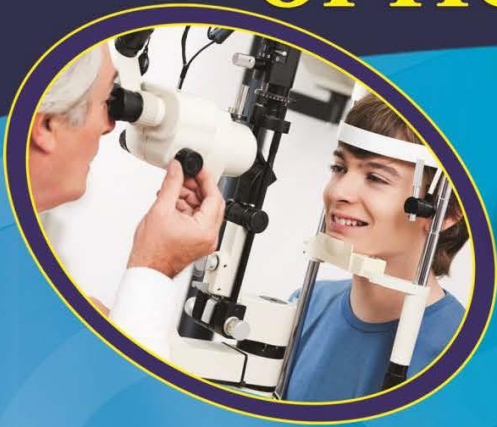
Address: _____ City _____ State _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____

Sponsored by
Orange Education Foundation and Park Avenue School Bridge Club

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

Eye Exams – Glasses – Sunglasses – Contacts - Accessories

To Register: Call 1-800-530-2730 Or Register Online By Visiting

<https://optical-academy.com/events/forest-street-school/>

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

WE ACCEPT ALL FORMS OF PAYMENTS (CASH, CHECK, & CREDIT)

EYE EXAMS \$30
CONTACT LENS EXAMS ADD \$30

**FRAME & LENS
STARTING AT \$29**

WE ACCEPT ALL INSURANCE

1-800-530-2730



www.Optical-Academy.com

SAVE THE DATE

HEALTHYORANGENJ@GMAIL.COM

973-677-4000 EXT 6064



ORANGE WEEK

June 3 - June 8

A WEEK OF EVENTS

FEATURING:

A TASTE OF ORANGE

THE CULINARY CHALLENGE

UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY

Are You In?

#ORANGEWEEK2019

#ORANGENJ