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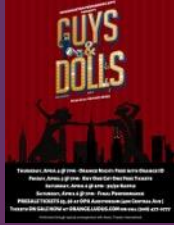
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Orange, NJ 07050

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Guys and Dolls - Final Performances
 Saturday, April 6, 2:00 p.m. matinee, 50/50 Raffle and 7:00 p.m.
 Admission \$5 in advance at orange.ludus.com, \$8 at the door
 For more information email: opstheater@gmail.com, or call 908-477-0777

April EVENTS

- **Tuesday, April 9, Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Orange Preparatory Academy**
- **Saturday, April 13, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Orange Public School District Debate Championship, Orange Preparatory Academy**
- **Saturday, April 13, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., 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 \$50 per person and include lesson, bridge manual, breakfast, lunch, snacks, "Tricky Tray," and door prizes. Visit www.orange.k12.nj.us**

March Board of Education Meeting

Hosting the monthly board meeting on March 12 was Park Avenue School. The students took control of the evening with introductions, the flag salute and a rousing tribute to Aretha Franklin. Their presentation included a video of her life, a young student performing as Aretha Franklin, moving across the stage and backed up by Park Avenue dancers. The audience responded with loud applause and appreciation. Dr. Hackett, principal, thanked the Park Avenue parents and staff for their support.



Pictured: Park Avenue School's Board meeting performance.



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Pride Essay Contest Winners

The county level Pride Essay Contest Winners were introduced, in advance of the finalist presentation event at Livingston Mall (see March 29 OBOE- Mail Blast). English Language Arts Director Karen Harris announced the winners (***pictured right***) to the board meeting audience.



Mature Teens Movement

The Mature Teens Movement, Inc., founded by Ms. Linne Mondestin, Orange Preparatory Academy math teacher (***pictured right***) presented to the board.



The organization is a nonprofit that “helps youth with their social emotional well-being as well as empowering and motivating them to be leaders in their schools and communities.” The group was there to thank the Orange Board of Education for its support and to give an overview of the organization; it’s mission and activities. In February, during winter break, 34 students (26 from the Orange School District) attended a three and a half day retreat at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark. They participated in workshops from self-care, youth activism to self-transformation and wardrobe. The audience heard testimonials from the group, as to the value of the organization in their lives. Interim Superintendent Lee expressed gratitude to Ms. Mondestin for her dedication to the students.



Click on the above image for a video from the group’s presentation at the March 12 Board of Education Meeting.

Also, visit the social media sites below for more information.

<https://www.instagram.com/matureteensmovement/>

<https://www.facebook.com/MatureTeensMovementIncorporated/>

<https://twitter.com/MatureTeensMove>”



Pictured: The Mature Teens Movement at the Board of Education meeting.

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:

Caroline Prophet	Orange High School
Jaroc Godoy Nunez	CIAO Alternative School
Emmanuelna Surpris	STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges
Mason Guaman	Orange Preparatory Academy
Tristan Metellus	Academy for Pupil Excellence (APEX)
Zariah Butcher	Cleveland Street School
Rod Dacy	Forest Street Community School (FSCS)
Kamani Waller	Heywood Avenue School
Toni Cranshaw	Lincoln Avenue School
Juan Blanco	Oakwood Avenue Community School (OACS)
Estelle Benoit	Park Avenue School
Diego Ramos	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 SOTM; CIAO SOTM with family and Principal Belton; STEM SOTM with parent and Principal Dr. Stewart.



Pictured (left to right): Principal Belton with Orange Prep SOTM and parent; APEX SOTM with parent and Principal Malloy; Cleveland SOTM with parent and Principal Alcantara.



Pictured (left to right): Principal Alcantara with Heywood SOTM and parent; Lincoln SOTM with family and Principal Belton; Park SOTM with parent and Principal Dr. Hackett; Rosa Parks SOTM's parent and Principal Joseph Charles.

Parent of the Month



Pictured (left to right): Mrs. Morton, Dr. Hackett, Mr. Morton, Board President Carter and Interim Superintendent Lee.

Park Avenue School's Parent of the Month was Mr. James A. Morton Jr. and his wife Sakinah Y. Morton. Mr. James Morton and Mrs. Sakinah Morton are active Park Avenue School parents. They have two children attending the school, Aniyah in the 1st grade and Luvenia in the 6th grade.

Both parents are participating members of St. Paul Baptist Church in Montclair, New Jersey. Mr. James Morton has done volunteer work with the church media and AV Ministries for over 25 years. A Montclair High School senior honored him for encouraging him to join the media AV ministries.

Mrs. Sakinah Morton volunteers with the Interface Hospitality Network Ministries at the church. The Interface Ministry provides shelter for displaced families. Mrs. Morton also volunteered with United Way for five years, and both Mr. and Mrs. Morton served as a coach for their daughter's basketball team from 2015-2018.

Fiscal Audit Presentation



Additionally, there was a 2017-2018 Fiscal Audit Presentation Report Presentation by Mr. Walter Ryglicki, CPA. He addressed his presentation briefly, giving a positive report to the board for its fiscal acumen.

March Art Show at the Board Office



The March Board Lobby Art Show featured artwork from Park Avenue School. Art teacher Luke Thomas displayed a variety of pieces including inspirations from candy hearts and cave paintings. There to congratulate students were Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts Donna Sinisgalli and Director of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Terri Russo, along with Principal Dr. Myron Hackett. Mr. Thomas presented certificates of artistic achievement to

students, in front of families and staff, there to support the students.



Pictured: Scenes from the March Board Lobby Art Show.

Third Annual College and Career Fair

Submitted by Stephanie Desanges, Community School Coordinator, Orange Preparatory Academy

On March 30, Orange Preparatory Academy (OPA) held its 3rd Annual College and Career Fair for Orange Preparatory and Orange High School students and families. Similar to previous years, there was representation from different colleges and universities, and this year even had trade schools present.



Pictured: Scenes from the 3rd Annual College and Career Fair.



The event had several different agency representations, which consisted of Essex County College (Admissions), Drew University (EOF Department), Kean University (Admissions), Rutgers University (Admissions), Montclair State University (EOF and Admissions Department), The College of New Jersey (EOF Department), and Empire Beauty School.

The representatives provided information on financial aid support, admissions, Education Opportunity Fund (EOF) and scholarships for first time college attendees. In addition, participants learned about the different opportunities and qualifications that they might be eligible for in attending various institutions.



Pictured: Scenes from the 3rd Annual College and Career Fair.



The highlight of the event was the panel discussion (**pictured left**) from current college students, college alum and current seniors at OHS. They gave words of encouragement, advice and even helpful scholarship websites and qualifications for prospective college students. The program ended with a special keynote address from Mr. Lyle Wallace, Orange High School assistant principal. Mr. Wallace encouraged students to study, and maintain their focus in high school. Each speaker provided positive remarks, personal testimonies and words of advice and inspiration.

College events and programs have been extremely helpful in the planning and decision-making process for the students and their families. The annual College Fair provided students, parents, and various community members the opportunity to learn more about their interests, responsibilities, strengths and potential financial factors that are involved.

The information was well received and most importantly a huge success for all parties involved.

Thank you to all who participated, contributed and most importantly attended the event.

Please look out for additional college events and resources from the OPA Community Room.

Berry's Butterflies Read Across America at Forest Street Community School

Submitted by Malika Berry, School Social Worker/Berry's Butterflies Advisor, Orange Preparatory Academy



On March 22, four members of Berry's Butterflies Jasmine Ramirez, Taiysha Faucher, Daina Glaude, and Ernesly Jean Paul, participated in a Read Across America event at Forest Street Community School. The young ladies read two books and completed an activity.

For Kindergarten, they read *Rainbow Fish*, by Marcus Pfister, and created an activity to make a fish with scales to share.

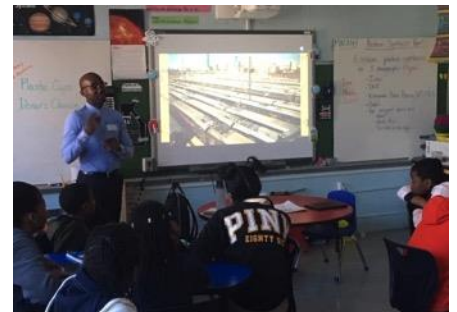
For 1st grade, they read *The Things Lou Couldn't Do*, by Ashley Spires, and created an activity where they climbed a tree and in the tree was a career goal that they would have to achieve.



Heywood Avenue Scholars Prepare to be the Engineers of Tomorrow

Submitted by Gerald Murphy, Assistant Principal, Heywood Avenue School

It is expected by many industry experts that artificial intelligence (AI) and robotics are poised to create new and exciting job roles that will significantly improve the employment prospects of people in information technology, and in almost every industry. It was with this information that Heywood Avenue School planned its Engineering Week celebration for the 2018-2019 school year. The Engineering Week Team recruited a group of professionals, graduate students, and professors to educate the grades five through seven students about the exciting opportunities available to them should they choose to pursue a career in AI and Robotics. Scholars had an opportunity to engage with professionals from a variety of engineering concentrations including green architecture, mechanical engineering, biomedical engineering, electrical engineering, software engineering, and systems engineering. The presenters helped the scholars make connections to the Green Architecture, Mathematics, Art, and Science Classes they are taking place at Heywood Avenue School. The staff and scholars at Heywood Avenue School are looking forward to planning another exciting Engineering Week celebration for the 2019-2020 school year.



Pictured right: Engineering Week at Heywood Avenue School.

Heywood Avenue School would like to extend a special thanks to the presenters that volunteered their time to enlighten Heywood's scholars including:

- Dr. Rafe Steinhauer and the engineering students of Princeton University
- Dr. Maxine Fontaine and Dr. Mishah Salman from the Mechanical Engineering Department of Stevens Institute of Technology
- Louis Steinberg of Rutgers University
- Samantha Garabrandt, Loretta Amaral, and Ankasha Pathak from the New Jersey Chapter of the Society of Women Engineers
- Kyle Hart from the Naval Air Warfare Center, US Navy, Lakehurst, NJ
- Green Architect and Engineer John Nunoo
- Emily Buckberg of the Alpha Rho Chi Architecture Student Organization
- Joel Weinberger of Instagram (California)

Girl's Empowerment Iced Tea Social

Submitted by Carline Petiote, Child Study Team Social Worker

On March 27, 3rd-6th grade female students at Lincoln Ave. School participated in a Girl's Empowerment Iced Tea Social with Mrs. Shelly Harper, director of special services, Ms. Petiote, CST social worker, Ms. Roulande Begy, paraprofessional and Miss Isha Naik, student intern-Seton Hall University. The purpose of this event was to empower the girls to recognize and affirm their potential greatness, especially during this Women's History Month. The students socialized over lunch, sipped iced tea, listened to girl power music and participated in a craft activity relevant to the theme of the event. The girls recited positive thoughts and affirmations, such as *"I AM ENOUGH, I MATTER, I BELIEVE IN MYSELF, I AM PERFECT THE WAY I AM, TODAY I AM A LEADER, TODAY I CHOOSE TO BE CONFIDENT."* Each young lady received a gift bag with prizes to remember this exciting day. They are all looking forward to the next empowering event!



Pictured (above and right): Scenes from Girl's Empowerment Iced Tea Social.

Award Presentation to Regina Nadbielny

Submitted by Karen Machuca, Principal, Scholars Academy

Congratulations to Regina McKenna Nadbielny as she was awarded New Jersey Association Gifted Children's (NJAGC) Teacher of the Year Award on March 21 at the Annual Awards Dinner in Princeton NJ.

During the ceremony, Principal Karen Machuca made the introduction and shared some of the highlights that Mrs. Nadbielny incorporates into the Gifted and Talented program at Scholars Academy.

Pictured Right: (Left to Right) Principal Karen Machuca, Jeff Danielian (National Association Gifted Children Specialist and Editor), and Award Winner Regina McKenna Nadbielny



FYI

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.

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 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 New Promotional Video with Interim Superintendent Lee!



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 videos on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-gomsHvJC0g&feature=youtu.be> and <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.

<h1>April 2019</h1>						
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 Palm Sunday 	15	16	17	18	19  District Closed	20 
21 	22 	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	<i>Spring Recess - District Closed</i>			

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

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Park Avenue School

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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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National Library Week

APRIL 7-13

Come join the celebration...

**Mon- Sat, April 8-13
Fines Free Week**

**Wed, April 10-12
Enter to win a prize basket**

**Fri, April 12
Prize giveaway drawing**

**Sat, April 13
International Food Festival!**

All activities are FREE and OPEN to the public!
For more information, call 973-673-0153

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**

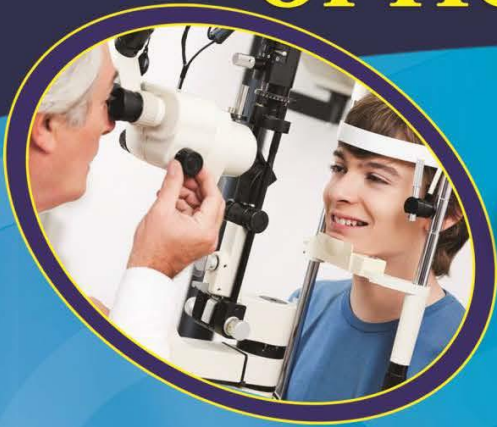
The Orange Board of Education is partnering with the City of Orange Township to promote reading to increase capacity and fluency.

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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