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- **Sunday, May 12, *HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!***
- **Tuesday, May 14, Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Orange Preparatory Academy**
- **Thursday and Friday, May 16, 17, Forest Street Community School Spring Musical - Disney's Lion King Kids, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., 651 Forest Street. Call 973-677-4120 for ticket information - 100 tickets available per show (See flyer below)**
- **Saturday, May 18, Forest Street Community School Spring Musical - Disney's Lion King Kids, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., 651 Forest Street. Call 973-677-4120 for ticket information - only 100 tickets available per show (See flyers below for other May 18 events: Music City Festival and Male Empowerment Day)**
- **Sunday, May 19, 8th Annual Dance Festival, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at Lincoln Avenue School (See flyer below)**



May 6 - 10



May 6 - 12

A Note from Interim Superintendent Ronald C. Lee

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our teachers for their excellent work and the dedication they have to our students. Words really cannot express how much you are truly appreciated. I would also like to thank our school nurses for their daily effort in caring for our students. On behalf of the Board of Education and the administrative staff, Happy Teacher Appreciation Week and Happy Nurses Week!



Also, see flyer below for a message from the Deputy Superintendent Dr. Paula Howard.

Orange Students are Taking the NJSLA

The statewide assessments for English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics and Science began the week of May 6 in New Jersey schools. The new tests, the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA) - ELA/Math will be given as follows:

- May 6-17 for grades 3-8 and Orange Preparatory Academy (this includes make up days)
- May 20-31 for Orange High School and the STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges (this includes make up days)

The New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA) - Science will be administered on:

- May 30 and 31 for grades 5 and 8 (make up dates June 3 and 4)
- June 4 and 5 for grade 11 (make up dates June 6 and 7).

The New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) is a set of evaluations to measure student achievement and preparedness for college and careers.

Starting with 2018-2019 school year, the State of New Jersey has ended its membership of the interstate consortium that produced the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessments. While the online platform will remain the same, the state's assessments will no longer be called PARCC.

The statewide assessments for ELA, Mathematics and Science will be called:

- New Jersey Student Learning Assessments-ELA (NJSLA-ELA)
- New Jersey Student Learning Assessment-Mathematics (NJSLA-M)
- New Jersey Student Learning Assessment-Science (NJSLA-S)

These new tests moved away from fill-in-the bubble tests and asked questions that require students to explain their answers. The results from NJSLA, along with your child's overall educational learning experience, including performance in the classroom, provide an overall picture of his or her academic success and progress towards graduating high school ready to succeed at college level work. These tests measure more complex, real-world skills such as critical-thinking, writing, and problem solving.

<http://ilearnschools.org/njsla/>

Heywood Avenue School Readied Students for the NJSLA

Contributed by Faith Alcantara, Principal, Heywood Avenue School

On May 6, Heywood hosted a NJSLA Pep Rally with the entire school. The Heywood drum line and Heywood Wildcat Cheerleaders led the student body in encouraging students in grades 3 - 7. Students in grades K - 2 sang a motivational song "Started in PreK and Now You're Here" and sent 'good vibes' to students in grades 3 - 7.

"We know they will SLAY the SLA. To "SLAY" means to strongly impress or overwhelm someone. Our students will "SLAY" themselves and our school with their results," said Principal Faith Alcantara.

See the following YouTube link for a video "Formation - I SLAY, You SLAY, We SLAY" that the Heywood staff and students made to motivate students being tested:

<https://youtu.be/fbUCi7UZ7Oo>



[Heywood Slay the NJSLA](#)

This video was created by Heywood Avenue School to motivate students to excel on the 2019 New Jersey Student Learning Assessment, [youtu.be](#)

April Board of Education Meeting

Rosa Parks Community School (RPCS) hosted the April Board of Education Meeting. Students Elen Antwi and Diana Tenezaca led the audience in the flag salute before RPCS Chorus, led by Ms. Mariel Johnson, vocal music teacher, sang “Bridge Over Troubled Water.” Ms. Johnson introduced the RPCS Woodwind Ensemble, directed by music teacher, Sam Etienne, playing his arrangement of “Superwoman.” The dance ensemble performed to “Rise Up,” by Andra Day, directed by Tiara Knox, instructor, and the 3rd and 4th grade students, directed by teachers Keva Holmes and Sonya Tynes performed a moving rendition of “I Need You to Survive,” by Hezekiah Walker. Principal Debra Joseph Charles thanked her staff and students for the wonderful performance. She also thanked parents for their attendance.



Pictured: RPCS students perform at the board meeting in April.

Acknowledging Student Achievement

Director of English Language Arts Karen Harris acknowledged the winners of the district Spelling Bee. Those in attendance were applauded, as their names were called and several came forward with their trophies:



1st Place - Jayden Moinvil, 5th grader from Park Avenue School
 2nd Place - Brinny Morocho, 7th grader from Rosa Parks Community School
 3rd Place - Riley Stewart, 3rd grader from Forest Street School and Diana Tenezaca, 6th grader from Rosa Parks Community School
 (pictured left)

Grade level Winners!

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

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:

Schundnax Emmanuel	Orange High School
Shervany Philizaire	STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges
Vanesa Xochimitl	Orange Preparatory Academy
Dayanara Obispo	Academy for Pupil Excellence
Jaden Barnieh	Cleveland Street School
India Hubbard	Forest Street Community School
Godson Alphonse Castellano	Heywood Avenue School
Michaela Alexandre	Lincoln Avenue School
Adam Bhagwandin	Oakwood Avenue Community School
Iyanna Hutchins	Park Avenue School
Genesis Milla Ramos	Rosa Parks Community School

Included in the photos below are Interim Superintendent Lee and Board President Carter.



Pictured: Cleveland Street SOTM with parents and Principal Pettit; Heywood Avenue SOTM with parent and Principal Alcantara; Lincoln Avenue SOTM with parent and Co-Principal Yearwood.



Pictured: Oakwood Ave. Community School SOTM with parent and Co-Principal of Lincoln Yearwood; RPCS SOTM with parent and Principal Joseph Charles; Orange Prep SOTM with parent and teacher Joel Lemke.

Parent of the Month



Pictured: Ms. Ricketts with her family, along with Principal Joseph Charles, Assistant Principals Wesley and Carbone, Dean of Students Cruz, Board President Carter and Interim Superintendent Lee.

Rosa Parks Community School proudly selected Ms. Lateefah Williams as its Parent of the Month. Ms. Williams has been a parent at Rosa Parks since 2006 when her son Rohan Ricketts started 1st grade at what was Central Elementary School. Her son Kumar Ricketts attended Rosa Parks until grade 6 and her daughter Zakiyah Ricketts is currently a second grader.

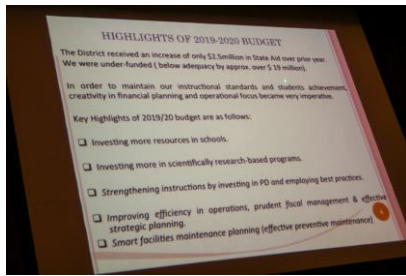
Ms. Williams has always been actively involved in working with her children’s teachers, school support staff and school administrators to ensure that her children have access to a quality education and the resources she deems necessary for their success.

Ms. Williams is a shining example of what parental engagement looks like. She is supportive of all school attempts at equipping our parents to support their children at home. She attends all PTO meetings, takes part in all workshops offered, participates in parenting classes, volunteers on a regular basis and more importantly is one of the school’s most passionate supporters and cheerleaders.

It is for her dedication to Rosa Parks Community School and her commitment to ensuring that the school succeeds and as a partner to parents, that RPCS selected Ms. Lateefah Williams as Parent of the Month.

2019-2020 District Budget Presentation

Mr. Adekunle O. James, district business administrator and board of education secretary presented the 2019-2020 district budget of \$81.122M. He was supported by Deputy Superintendent Dr. Paula Howard who outlined how a budget shortfall of \$2.23M was balanced.



STATE AID SUMMARY		
	2018-19	2019-20
Categorical Special Ed Aid	\$ 4,653,802	\$ 4,653,802
Education Adequacy Aid	7,152,901	7,152,901
Equalization Aid	65,149,084	65,668,309
Categorical Security Aid	2,473,511	2,473,511
Categorical Transportation Aid	1,195,106	1,195,106
Under Adequacy Aid	-	-
Host District Aid	-	-
TOTAL	\$ 78,604,954	\$ 81,192,019

HOW BUDGET SHORTFALL WAS BALANCED - Cont'd		
Initial Budget Shortfall	New Essential - Added Positions (FTEs)	(\$ 174,253)
Total		(\$ 34,880)
		(\$ 209,373)
Cuts to Balance Budget:		
Central Office Cuts:		
o Special Services	Positions	FTEs
o Curriculum & Training	- Non-Salary	\$ 200,000
o STEM Program	- Non-Salary	\$ 75,540
o Math & Science	- Non-Salary	\$ 14,400
o 10% Cuts	- Non-Salary	\$ 180,800
o Support/Business & Cleveland Bus route Cuts	- Non-Salary	\$ 290,000
o Positions		\$ 118,300
o Reduction in Copier/Printer Leases		\$ 400,000
o School Level Cut (10% Non-Salary)		\$ 127,000
o Preschool Budget (Reallocation to Grants)		\$ 279,925
Total		\$ 2,029,173

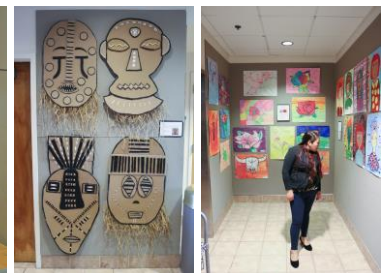
Pictured: Budget presentation charts.

April Art Show at the Board Office



The April Board Lobby Art Show featured artwork from Rosa Parks Community School. Art teachers Aggie Wszolkowski and Michelle Alexander assembled a colorful and varied display of student work spanning grade levels. Families were excited to see the exhibited pieces throughout the lobby and were also treated to a dance performance led by Tiara Knox. Greeting families and presenting certificates to students, along with the art teachers, were Principal Debra Joseph Charles, Assistant Principals Wesley and Carbone, Dean of Students Cruz and Visual and Performing Arts Supervisor Donna Sinisgalli.

Pictured left: Group photos of RPCS students with certificate of achievement presented by art teachers Ms. Wszolkowski and Ms. Alexander.



Pictured: Scenes from RPCS Art Show at the Board of Education.



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Rep. Donald M. Payne Jr. Visits Orange Preparatory Academy, Reinforces Value of Financial Capability & Capital Markets Literacy for Students Participating in SIFMA Foundation’s Capitol Hill Challenge™

Washington, DC, May 6, 2019—Today Rep. Donald M. Payne Jr. visited Orange Preparatory Academy students participating in the SIFMA Foundation’s Capitol Hill Challenge™ program, supported by Charles Schwab. This national 14-week financial education competition pairs individual members of Congress and financial capability programming with public schools in every congressional district nationwide to teach middle and high school students about saving, investing, and government.

Rep. Payne met with the student teams who are investing a hypothetical \$100,000 in listed stocks, bonds, and mutual funds and learning about the capital markets. The national top 10 teams will be recognized at an awards reception in Washington, D.C. on June 11.

“For more than a decade, the SIFMA Foundation’s Capitol Hill Challenge™ and Stock Market Game™ have helped students from around the country become financially capable,” said Kenneth E. Bentsen, Jr., SIFMA President & CEO. “Our industry is committed to helping students learn the importance of saving and investing, while also providing them a solid foundation to achieve their future financial goals. I’d like to give special thanks to lawmakers like Rep. Payne who are making personal visits to engage students on these important issues.”

“Since day one, Schwab has been committed to making investing and financial education accessible to everyone,” said Jeff Brown, Senior Vice President, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs, Charles Schwab. “Our support of the Capitol Hill Challenge™ is an extension of our commitment to advocating for more financial literacy programs and to giving people the education and tools they need to take control of their financial futures. We applaud Congress for its commitment to advancing students’ understanding of personal finance.”

The competition uses the SIFMA Foundation’s curriculum-based Stock Market Game™, a program that helps students develop a better understanding of fiscal policymaking, the role of the capital markets, and global economic trends. The program is proven to raise student scores on tests of mathematics, economics and financial knowledge and improve students’ and teachers’ personal financial behavior.

“We thank Congress for its support of youth financial capability through participation in SIFMA Foundation’s Capitol Hill Challenge™ program,” said Melanie Mortimer, President of the SIFMA Foundation. “And we commend the personal commitment of Rep. Payne for visiting his Capitol Hill Challenge™ students and teachers to bring their learning to life.”

Since the Capitol Hill Challenge™ began in 2004, the program has made more than 4,300 matches of U.S. representatives and senators with schools, reaching more than 116,000 students. Middle and high school students from all 50 states, Guam, Puerto Rico, and Washington, DC are participating in this year’s Challenge.

For more information, visit the Capitol Hill Challenge™ website at www.stockmarketgame.org/capitol-hill-challenge.html.



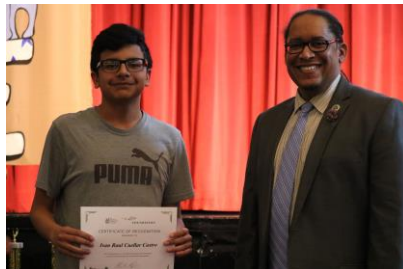
Pictured: Scenes from Capitol Hill Challenge Congressman Donald M. Payne, Jr. visit on May 6 including students, Principal Gaines, Interim Superintendent Lee, Mayor Warren, and SIFMA President Mortimer.

Student Achievement in the Capitol Hill and Stock Market Challenge

The event at Orange Preparatory Academy was hosted by Principal Dana Gaines. It opened with students Nevaeh Hall-Howard and Esmerelda Benoit leading the Pledge of Allegiance and singing the National Anthem and “Lift Every Voice and Sing.” Principal Gaines introduced guest speakers Interim Superintendent Ronald C. Lee and the Honorable Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq. They both celebrated the program and congratulated the students for their work learning about the stock market. They also thanked the SIFMA Foundation and Charles Schwab for the development of the challenge and support of financial education. The president of SIFMA, Melanie Mortimer, also addressed the audience, praising the participation of the students in Orange. She later presented Mr. Glenn Gamble, the teacher responsible for introducing his students to the challenge, with an award for his guidance.



Congressman Payne (*pictured left*) addressed students and guests, discussing how important it is for students to start early, saving for the future. He talked about compound interest and how savings can grow, as he mentioned putting his triplets through college. Congressman Payne was presented with plaque for his support of the Capitol Hill Challenge and for taking the time to visit with the students.



Pictured: Scenes from Capitol Hill Challenge Congressman Donald M. Payne, Jr. visit on May 6 including students who were recognized.

Mr. Gamble gave a presentation giving an overview of the Capitol Hill Challenge and the Stock Market Game, commending students for their achievement, presenting top “earners,” with trophies. Additionally, in the regular Stock Market Game, his 8th graders placed 1st and 2nd in the Northern Regional Middle School Division. An impressive showing, as this was the first time that he had entered his students in the Stock Market Game.

Students were acknowledged, as follows:

Capitol Hill Challenge

9th Grade Scholar
 Ivan Raul Cuellar Castro
 Rank Top Third
 Portfolio Gain - \$5,400 / 6.3%

Capitol Hill Challenge Teams

9 th Grade Jeremy Tamay Ju'dayah Barton Jeanice Baptiste Ashley Pierre Jeison Gualpa	8 th Grade Homaine Blair Ashton Rodriguez Freddy Agüero
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Stock Market Challenge

Invest up to \$100,000 in the following funds:

- Stock
- Mutual Funds
- Bonds

Trading Dates: 02/04/2019 – 04/18/2019

The Stock Market Game

Northern Regional Middle School Division	Northern Regional High School Division
8 th Grade Scholars Tamyra Rumble – 1 st Place - Portfolio Gain - \$17,726 / 11.25% Homaine Blair – 2 nd Place - Portfolio Gain \$10,278 / 9.3% Alexander Yepez – 4 th Place Jairo Morocho – 5 th Place	14 Students in Top 100 Bertha Gonzalez – 5 th Place - Portfolio Gain - \$14,906 / 12% Nayli Pantoja Vanessa Xochimitl Gerald Merisier Tomas Aguilar Jaylen Benjamin Justin Benjamin Tyrese Carter Anderson Thomance Jeremy Tamay Rebecca Thermidor Erlin Rivera Zaire Charles Uriel Mendoza



Pictured: Scenes from Congressman Donald M. Payne, Jr. visit on May 6 including students who were recognized, Mr. Gamble, Assistant Principal Dr. Shadin Belal and guests.

FYI

Coming in a future issue of the Weekly E-Mail Blast:

- Heywood Avenue School's 3rd Annual My School Color Run (Congratulations Heywood on a successful event!)
- Geography Bee
- Forest Street School Board Lobby Art School
- Congressional Art Show
- Lincoln Avenue School – Journey to Oz
- Readorium Gold Medal Winners
- 2018-2019 New Jersey Cybersecurity Poster Contest

Save the Date - Orange Week – Orange Education Foundation People of Excellence Awards Banquet and Fundraiser



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.

Also ending Orange Week is the Orange Education Foundation People of Excellence Awards Banquet and Fundraiser, honoring Dr. Yancisca Loftencooke, Mrs. Nyree Delgado, Mr. Reginald Miller and Mrs. Jennifer Peaks. See flyers below.

May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Forest Street Community School Board Lobby Art Show, 6 ^{PM} , at BOE 	2	3	4
5 	6 	7	8  In Memory of Mr. Arthur J. Griffa	9  Journey to OZ Lincoln Ave. School, 5 ^{PM}	10	11
12 	13	14 Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 ^{PM} Orange Prep Academy	15	16  Disney's Lion King Kids, 6 ^{PM} Forest Street Community School,	17  Disney's Lion King Kids, 6 ^{PM} Forest Street Community School	18 Disney's Lion King Kids, at Forest Street Community School, 12:00 ^{PM} Music City Festival, 2-10 ^{PM} 35 Cleveland Street
19  Orange 8 th Annual Dance Festival, at Lincoln Ave., 8:30 ^{AM} -4:30 ^{PM}	20	21	22 Sonic Explorations Spring Concert, 3:15 ^{PM} at OACS Heywood Ave. School Spring Concert, 6:00 ^{PM}	23 Oakwood Avenue Community School Spring Arts Festival, 5:30 ^{PM}	24	25
26	27  District Closed	28	29 Cleveland Street School Spring Arts Festival, 5:30 ^{PM} at Our Lady of the Valley	30 OHS and Orange Prep Arts Festival, 6:00 ^{PM} at Orange Prep	31	

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



Teachers

Paint their minds
and guide their thoughts
Share their achievements
and advise their faults

Inspire a love
Of knowledge and truth
As you light the path
Which leads our youth

For our future brightens
With each lesson you teach
Each smile you lengthen
Each goal you help reach

For the dawn of each poet
Each philosopher and King
Begins with a teacher
And the wisdom you bring

Kevin William Huff

The students of
Forest Street Community School

in cooperation with NJPAC

proudly present



Showtimes

Thursday, May 16th, 2019 6:00PM

Friday, May 17th, 2019 6:00PM

Saturday, May 18th, 2019 12:00PM

Tickets on Sale Now! • Only 100 Seats Per Show Available

If you have any questions or concerns please contact LorenzEr@orange.k12.nj.us or (973) 677-4120





OPA/OHS

P R E S E N T S



OPD, Resource Officer Adams
Men of Kappa Alpha PSI

Teen Enrichment

MALE EMPOWERMENT

Day

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019 8:30AM-2:00PM

Central Playground
Baseball Field



Royce Russell, Esq
*Attorney and Author

Guest Speakers



Honorable Dwayne Warren
Mayor of Orange
Special Appearance

Join Us for
Music
Team Building
Competitions
Light Breakfast
Lunch



Corey Lowery
*St Peters University
Assisitant Coach Men's Basketball



James S. Dorcely
Entrepreneur
Investor
Banker
Real Estate Developer

PosterMyWall.com



Education
JOB FAIR
Orange Public School District

Saturday, May 18, 2019
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Do you have a passion to teach and believe in keeping children first?
We want to meet you!**

WHERE

**Rosa Parks Community School
369 Main Street
(Cleveland Street entrance
in the gymnasium)
Orange, NJ 07050
(973) 677-4020**



OPENINGS

**MUST
REGISTER
VIA**

- English/Language Arts Teachers
- Mathematics Teachers
- Media Specialists
- School Nurses
- Science Teachers
- Special Education Teachers
- Speech Language Specialist
- Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultants (LDTC)
- School Psychologist

www.applitrack.com/orangenj/OnlineApp/

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MUSIC CITY FESTIVAL

musiccityfestival.splashthat.com

May 18th
from 2PM-10PM
35 Cleveland St,
Orange, NJ

contact us at music.city.orange.nj@gmail.com
follow @uoforange #musiccitynj
universityoforange.org



do you want to be a festival sponsor?
music.city.orange.nj@gmail.com OR 908.644.6675

8th Annual ORANGE DANCE FESTIVAL

May 19, 2019

8:30AM - 4:30PM

Registration opens at 7:45AM

Lincoln Ave School

216 Lincoln Ave, Orange, NJ

AGES 7 TO ADULT

Hosted by Orange Public Schools & Ronald C. Lee, Interim Superintendent
Sponsored in part by the Orange Education Association



PHIL WRIGHT

FEATURED CHOREOGRAPHER

Orange Public Schools Student
Registration Fee (Full-Day Festival): \$25
Phil Wright Parent Jam (Family of 4): \$25

For advance registration:
*Submit your admission fee and permission slip
to your school secretary.*

(No permission slips accepted without fees.)

Refreshments will be sold. Bring your lunch.

MASTER CLASS OFFERINGS:

Ballet, Tap, Modern, Contemporary, Jazz, HipHop, & World Styles

SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS · PANEL DISCUSSIONS · INDUSTRY NETWORKING

ORANGEDANCE CONSERVATORY

For more information: orangedanceconservatory@gmail.com

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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

The Orange Education Foundation, Inc. Presents

People of Excellence Awards Banquet and Fundraiser

Honoring



Dr. Yancisca Loften-Cooke
Mrs. Nyree Delgado
Mr. Reginald Miller
Mrs. Jennifer Peaks

Sunday, June 9
2:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Libretti's Restaurant
554 Nassau Street
Orange, NJ 07050

Tickets - \$50

For additional information call
862-367-1330
orangeeducationfoundation.org

