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- Saturday, May 18 Forest Street Community School Spring Musical - Disney's Lion King Kids, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Sold-Out.
- Saturday, May 18 Orange Public School District Education Job Fair, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Rosa Parks Community School, 369 Main Street, Orange. Registration required at applitrack.com/orangenj/OnlineApp/. For more information visit www.orange.kl2.nj.us
- Saturday, May 18 Orange Preparatory Academy and Orange High School presents Male Empowerment Day, 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Central Playground, Baseball Field
- Sunday, May 19 8th Annual Orange Dance Festival, 8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. (registration opens at 7:45 a.m.) Lincoln Avenue School
- Monday, May 20 Special Board of Education meeting, 7:30 p.m., at the Administrative Building, 451 Lincoln Avenue
- Wednesday, May 22 Sonic Explorations Spring Concert, 3:15-4:15, Oakwood Avenue Community School
- Wednesday, May 22 Heywood Avenue School Spring Concert, 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, May 23 Jeans for Troops Day (\$5 staff participation, \$1 student participation)
- Thursday, May 23 Oakwood Avenue Community School Spring Arts Festival, art exhibit at 5:30 p.m., concert at 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, May 24 District closed, as approved by the Orange Board of Education (for unused snow day)
- Monday, May 27 Memorial Day, district closed

STEM Innovation UnConference 2019: Engage, Explore, Expand



The Orange Public Schools will host the STEM Innovation UnConference 2019: Engage, Explore, Expand at Kearny Point (78 John Miller Way) in Kearny, New Jersey on Thursday, May 23, 2019, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

As an un·con·fer·ence is a participant-driven meeting emphasizing the informal exchange of ideas, this

unconference aims to build a community of leaders and educators (local and regional) to engage in, explore, and expand ideas related to STEM. It is part of a series of regional dialogues sponsored by the Orange Public Schools in partnership with Discovery Education and Pico Turbine International. The focus will be on possible solutions for building a STEM culture within urban school settings. Conference attendees will primarily be local and regional educators, along with school and district administrators who are looking to develop STEM models in the districts they serve.

The keynote speaker is Mr. Rashid Davis, who founded the P-TECH model. In November 2018, NJ Governor Phil Murphy introduced the P-TECH Education Model Grant, a way to promote education models that pair schools with the private sector and post-secondary education. As a school district that is contending with advancing a viable STEM model, the Orange district has designed this conference to discuss the challenges and possible solutions of building a STEM culture within urban school settings. Highlighting the indispensable influence models such as P-TECH, in shaping the philosophy of the STEM movement, will be an anchor of the gathering. To register, click here: bit.ly/2UAGgDg. See flyer below.

Heywood Avenue School 3rd Annual Color Run



Heywood Avenue School hosted its third Color Run Fundraiser on May 4 at Orange Park. The event had a record registration of over 260 participants and raised over \$6,000 to support school programming and field trips. The day was wet with light rain but that didn't dampen spirits, as participants were fueled with music, by Mr. St. Jean and warm-up exercises, by Mr. Cherry, and guided on the run by NJROTC cadets armed with spray canisters to douse runners with watercolor as they circled the park and crossed the finish line.

Mrs. Mary Beth Barrios, 1st-grade teacher, and "My School Color Run" coordinator, organized the event, with may Heywood Avenue staff volunteers. This year's event again enjoyed full support of the Orange Police Department, had face painting, a food stand and vendors showcasing their goods, including district staff members Charisse Torres, with her invention, Memory Ties™ and Michelle Alexander, exhibiting her artwork.

Most participants enjoyed the Color Run by walking or jogging, but the more competitive participants competed for gift certificates in the 1.5 miles of the event. The first to complete the run was a student who beat out the adult runners.

In attendance were Mayor Dwayne D. Warren and Councilmember Jamie Summers-Johnson, also a participant, other city officials and district staff.







Pictured (left to right): NJROTC; vendors/check-in; face painting.



Pictured: Scenes from Heywood's Color Fun Run.

Journey to Oz



On May 6, Lincoln Avenue School presented "Journey to Oz," adapted, written and directed by Miss Jessica Laureano, first grade teacher. The delightful story is about a 5th grade student named Dorothy Gale who loves to learn and read, especially about the brain, and who wans to be a neurosurgeon. The tale has Dorothy embarking on her journey to find the Wizard of Oz, along with her new friends, Scarecrow, Tinman and Lion, (pictured left) with their own

dreams and aspirations. When they reach the Emerald City the Wizard, Professor Marvel, presents them with the guidance they need. The tale has meaningful messages for students about the quest for knowledge, perseverance and courage.

The Cast:

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Dorothy	Ariel Arrington
Ms. Gale	Nafisa Sherif
Munchkin Mayor	Sasha Bonsu
Munchkin	Saniya Brown
	Singleton
Munchkin	Ryan Budhram
Scarecrow	Serwah Boampong
Tinman	Barack Green
Lion	Falala Chism
Professor Marvel	Ramatulai Sherif
Narrator	Amaya Hamlett



The Production Team and Crew:

Casting	Miss Laureano and Miss Roberts		
Set Design	Ms. Jenkins		
Makeup	Ms. Selene Brown		
Curtains	Nicodeme St. Jean		
Sound Effects	Miss Laureano		
Scenery	Ms. Coward, Mr. Mullen and Mr.		
_	Mullins		
Wing	Mr. Otchere, Nikalaine St. Jean,		
Assistance	Arieal Celisca, Delilah Repollet		



From opening introduction by Ms. Laureano, to the narration presenting relatable examples, and the song "Don't Give Up," the performance was entertaining. The young actors were well rehearsed and talented and supported by a fine stage crew and great scenery.



Pictured: Scenes from a "Journey to Oz."









Pictured: Scenes from a "Journey to Oz."

Fiddle and Fa-La-La-Fest 2019

On Sunday, April 28, Oakwood Avenue Community School's Sonic Explorations participated in the annual Fiddle-and-Fa-La-La Fest 2019. Below, as shared by Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts Donna Sinisgalli, is an overview of the event:

Fiddle-and-Fa-La-La-Fest 2019

A Special Fest!

This past Sunday, the students at Oakwood's Sonic Explorations, performed at Richardson Auditorium, Princeton, NJ.





Above are the Sonic Exploration students with Director, Doug Farrand. The students performed with six other El Sistema ensembles.



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especially exciting because Gustavo Dudamel, a star conductor for LA Philharmonic who also trained in El Sistema Venezuela, spoke to the students before the concert!

Jeans for Troops Memorial Day Fundraiser - Thursday, May 23



On Thursday, May 23, the Orange Public Schools District will again join organizations nationwide in Jeans for Troops Day in honor of Memorial Day. The Jeans for Troops program is a dress down day that employers hold to benefit the GI Go Fund. Staff members who choose to participate will donate \$5, and students who want to join will give \$1 to wear jeans to support veterans.

The GI Go Fund is an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit charity that has promoted Jeans for Troops drives honoring military men and women all across America. Since the program began, over 5,000 schools, companies, and government agencies have raised money for this invaluable program. All funds collected go to support the GI Go Fund's mission of helping veterans find employment, attend college, understand their benefits, and link to housing assistance. Click here to donate online. See flyer below.

2018-2019 NJ Cybersecurity Poster Contest Winners

Earlier this school year, Ms. Naheelah Irving, technology coordinator at Forest Street Community School, worked with teachers and students to create posters for cyber security awareness. They selected a number of posters from students in Grades 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 to enter the contest. Ms. Irving is proud to announce that two students were NJ state winners.

Grade	School	NJ Winning Student	
1	Forest Street Elementary School	Mikel	(NICCIC
2	Forest Street Elementary School	Emily	

All NJ winning posters were submitted to the Multi-State Information Sharing & Analysis Center for entry into the National Cybersecurity Poster Contest. All winning posters will be placed on the NJ Cybersecurity & Communications Integration Cell website, www.cyber.nj.gov, within the coming weeks.

Ms. Irving thanks Forest Street's teachers for their assistance and flexibility, "I truly appreciate you and all that you do to keep students engaged in learning!"

Healthy Orange Coalition

New Jersey Health Initiatives: Communities Moving to Action Celebration Event May 9, 2019

Submitted by Laura Sacks, School Nurse, Orange Preparatory Academy

In 2015, Healthy Orange was selected as one of ten pilot coalitions in New Jersey as a Community Moving to Action towards a Culture of Health by New Jersey Health Initiatives (NJHI), a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF). NJHI held a culminating event, recognizing the hard work and accomplishments of NJHI's 2015 Communities Moving to Action grantees on Wednesday, May 9, 2019 at the Princeton Marriott.



Pictured: Rachael Bland, director of Healthy Orange, Elliot Lee and Laura Sacks, coalition members, NJHI Director Bob Atkins and meeting scenes.

Healthy Orange is a coalition of groups concerned about the health of the people in the City of Orange, NJ. Our group is focused on the role that education plays in making a healthy city. When we started, we knew that learning is fundamental to health. In the last four years, the Healthy Orange Coalition has worked to transform Orange into a healthier city focused on lifelong learning. Its work has involved removing obstacles to learning and increasing access to opportunities for learning. We live by the motto, "Learn more, live longer and better." In a healthy city, everybody will be learning all the time.

The theme of the May 9 event was "Brag, Beg, What If?" and celebrated the accomplishments of the first cohort of grantees. Participants created deeper connections and were inspired to think about the possibilities for the future. The day focused on participants sharing Brags, Begs, and What If's in order to focus on the victories, needs, and opportunities to collaborate in order to build a Culture of Health.

We each shared our teams' accomplishments during the grant period. The eight teams shared a *Pecha Kucha* style presentation to communicate their story, a style in which 20 slides are shown for 20 seconds each (6 minutes and 40 seconds in total). This format keeps presentations concise, fast-paced, and powers multiple-speaker events. Rachel Bland performed it impressively for our group.

Later in the day, we discussed the issues facing our community, and we sought partners to assist us. Finally, in the last activity of the day, we challenged ourselves to accomplish goals collectively across the state that one community could not do on its own. We discussed the systems could we change or what impact we could make if we worked together.

The Healthy Orange Coalition has collaborated with many organizations, including the Orange Public Schools and the Office of Community Engagement and Orange Community Schools with support from the Superintendent of Schools, the Mayor's Office, HANDS, Inc., the HUUB, the University of Orange, and RWJF Saint Barnabas Medical Center. The faith-based organizations we have worked with include the First Unitarian Universality Church of Essex County, the Interfaith Food Pantry of the Oranges, Ebenezer Baptist Church and St. Matthew AME Church.

We have also worked closely with Montclair State and Drew Universities. Programs we have supported include Remembering Rosa: A Concert for Peace, Music City, the annual Teen Summits and Teen Forums, Safe Routes to Schools, a Collaborative Learning Exchange with the Healthier Niagara Falls Coalition, and the Neighborhood Project Grants as well as many more.

This year, we will conclude with a number of activities and events in June, including Orange Week (Monday, June 3 to Sunday, June 9). Activities include a Culinary Challenge, Gateway Mural Launch & Gallery Tour in the Valley neighborhood, the Unity in the Community Block Party, and much more (see below). Although the funding for the grant from NJHI and the RWJF has concluded, the coalition plans to continue working together. Our next coalition meeting is June 13 at 4:00 p.m., at the Orange Board of Education; all are welcome!

FYI

The Orange Dance Conservatory 8th Annual Dance Festival



On Sunday, May 19, the Orange Public School District will host the Orange Dance Conservatory's 8th Annual Orange Dance Festival. Sponsored, in part, by the Orange Education Association. The festival will offer master classes in Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Hip-hop, Modern, Contemporary and World Styles. The featured choreographer again this year is Los Angeles based dancer Phil Wright. Phil is renowned in the hip-hop arena, as artistic director for many top hip-hop performers. Additionally, there will be a cadre of dance and performing arts professionals participating in the festival, making the Dance Festival the place to be for dance enthusiasts, students, and adults.

The 8th Annual Dance Festival will be held at Lincoln Avenue School, located at 216 Lincoln Avenue in Orange, on Sunday, May 19, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Registration opens at 7:45 a.m., The cost is \$25 for Orange Public School District students. The festival is open to dancers, ages 7 to adult, from dance studios, dance schools, youth programs, public and private school dance programs and members of the community. Refreshments will be available for purchase and dancers should bring a bag lunch. For more information and for admission fee information for non-Orange Public School students, email orangedanceconservatory@gmail.com. See flyer below.

Orange Week 2019



Orange Public Schools is pleased to announce the launch of **Orange Week 2019**, Monday, June 3 – Sunday, June 9. There will be a weeklong festivity that celebrates community pride and highlights students, neighborhood activities, businesses and nonprofits that operate in Orange, NJ. The celebration will:

- Provide career networking opportunities for students
- Create collaboration opportunities for community partners
- Enhance community engagement

Below are Orange Week activities:

Unity in Community



Presented by Orange Community Schools, Healthy Orange, HANDS, Inc., and the Municipality of Orange, the "Unity in the Community" Main Street Block Party is an event that brings together community partners, sponsors, and community resources for the citizens of Orange. The block party is gearing up to be bigger and better than ever before!

The block party will span an entire block on Orange's Main Street (South Essex to Cleveland St.) and will provide an opportunity for a day of fun for the whole community. This event will take place on Saturday, June 8, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and has a planned rain date for Saturday, June 16.

If you would like to participate in this event, contribute your services or have any questions, please contact Barry Devone by email at devoneba@orange.k12.nj.us or by phone at (973)-677-4000 ext. 6064.

The Orange Education Foundation, Inc. Presents the People of Excellence Awards Banquet and Fundraiser



On Sunday, June 9, from 2:30 – 6:30 p.m., the Orange Education Foundation (OEF) presents the *People of Excellence Awards Banquet and Fundraiser* at Libretti's Restaurant, 554 Nassau Street, Orange. Ticket prices are \$50. The event celebrates Orange staff and community members making a difference in the lives of Orange students. Funds raised will be used for scholarships for Orange High School seniors.

The OEF is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization committed to providing support of the Orange Public School District. The awards banquet will honor Forest Street Community School's Principal Dr. Yancisca Loften-Cooke and Assistant Principal Nyree Delgado for

educational leadership. Forest Street Community School was named a National ESEA Distinguished School for 2018, one of two schools selected from New Jersey. (ESEA is the National Association of Elementary and Secondary Education Act).

Also being recognized are Mr. Reginald Miller, and Mrs. Jennifer Peaks for leadership and activism in the community. Mr. Miller has long worked with the young men in the community through the Male Student Support Program and Mrs. Peaks mentors Oakwood Avenue Community School students through her work with St. Matthew AME Church. Tickets are available by calling 862-367-1330.

Orange Wellness Walk & Run Event



The Orange Wellness Walk & Run takes place on Saturday, June 22 at Orange Reservoir, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 9 Cherry Lane, West Orange. There will be activities and screenings by St. Barnabas Medical Center. Organizers encourage schools to register as staff teams. The first 100 registrants will receive a swag bag! Register at Eventbrite. See flyer below.





May 2019							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
			Street Community Day School Board Lobby Art Show, 6**, at BOE	2	3	4	
5	A Teacher Week National Week Week	7	In Memory of Mr. Arthur J. Griffa	Journey to OZ Lincoln Ave. School, Sym	10	11	
12 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY	13	14 Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 ^{PM} Orange Prep Academy	15	Torest Street	17 Disney's Lion King Kids, 6°M Forest Street Community School	18 Disney's Lion King Kids, at Forest Street Community School, 12:00 ^{rm} Music City Festival, 2-10 ^{rm} 35 Cleveland Street	
19 Orange 8th Annual Dance Festival, at Lincoln Ave., 8:30***-4:30***	20	21	22 Sonic Explorations Spring Concert, 3:15 ^{rw} at OACS Heywood Ave, School Spring Concert, 6:00 ^{rw}	23 Oakwood Avenue Community School Spring Arts Festival, 5:30 ^{PM}	24	25	
26	27 memorial DAY	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.





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

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



Heywood Avenue School presents their annual spring concert:

"Let Us Entertain You"



Date: May 22, 2019

Time: 6:00pm

Place: Heywood Avenue School



FREE ADMISSION!! ALL ARE WELCOME

Oakwood Avenue Community School

presents

Spring Arts Festival

Thursday, May 23, 2019 5:00 pm Art Show 5:30 pm Performance

Oakwood Avenue Community School Multipurpose Room



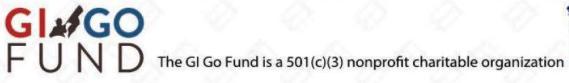
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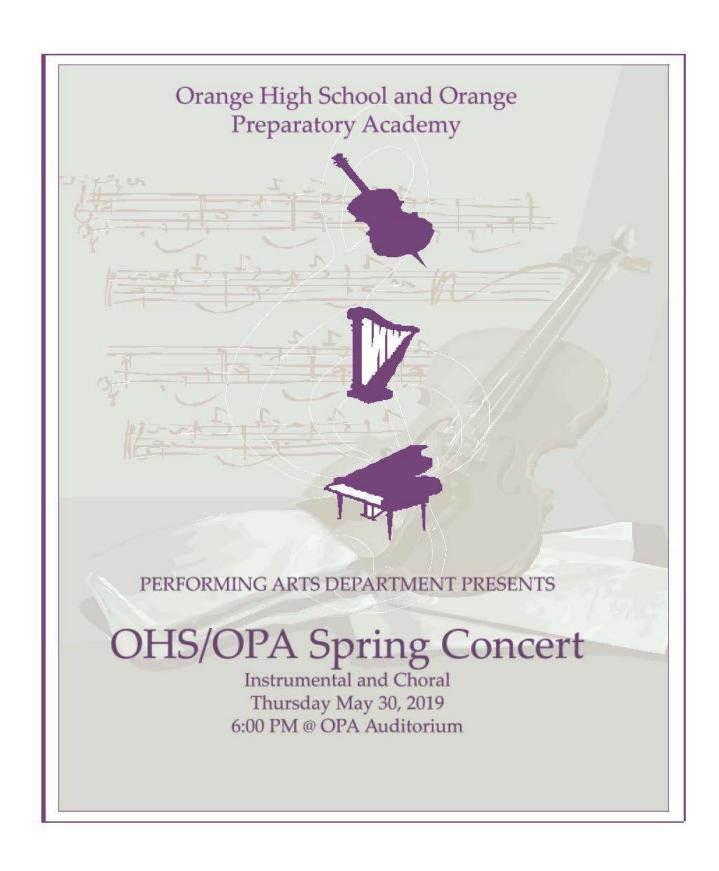


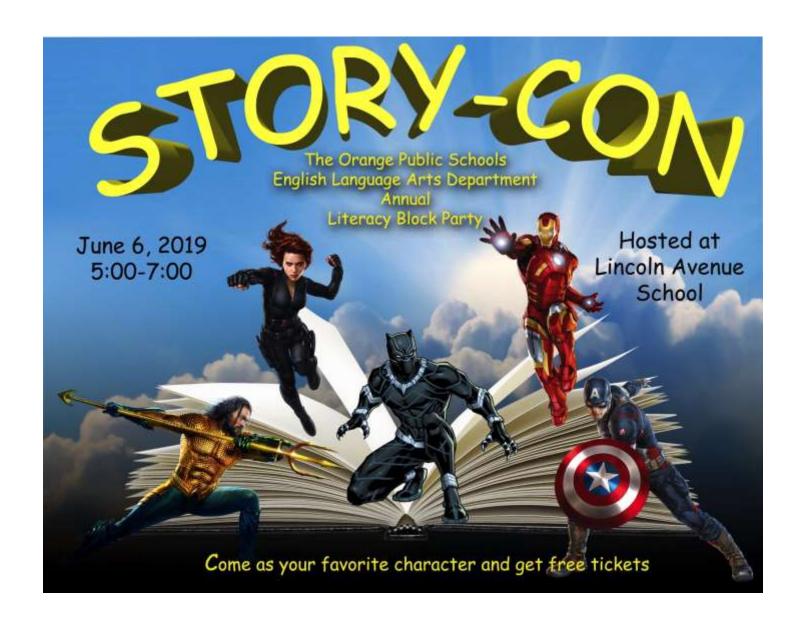














Saturday June 8 DATE: Sábado 8 de jen FECHA:

Saturday June 15th, 2019 RAIN DATE:

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Sábado 15 de Jen LA LLUVIA:

Cleveland Street in front of Rosa Parks Community School

DIRECCIÓN: Main Street delante de la Biblioteca Publica de Orange y Cleveland street delante de Rosa Parks

Community School











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





Tickets - \$50
For additional information call
862-367-1330
orangeeducationfoundation.org



Supporting Community Initiatives in the Heart of Orange and the Valley neighborhoods.







Do you have a

GREAT IDEA

for your neighborhood?

Does your idea do ANY of the following:

- Support resident groups?
- ★ Boost neighborhood pride?
- * Address pressing neighborhood issues?
- ★ Provide leadership development for youth and/or adults?
- Build relationships between residents & community leaders?

Apply for a \$500 grant for your project!*

Projects can focus on ANY of the following areas:

- Youth Activities and Leadership Mentoring, tutoring, arts, sports, etc.
- Community Beautification Murals, gardens, clean-ups, etc.
- Cultural Events
 Street fairs, festivals, celebrations, etc.
- Health & Safety
 Block associations, exercise groups, walking school bus, etc.
- Economic Development
 Skills workshops, food or tool co-op, etc.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

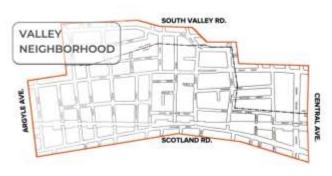
FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2019

Application at handsinc.org/micro-grants/

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- Project teams must include at least 2 residents.
- Projects must impact the Heart of Orange or Valley neighborhoods and their residents.





FOR MORE INFORMATION: https://handsinc.org/micro-grants/

*Grants range in amount from \$250-\$1000 based on project and NPG criteria.





ORANGE WELLNESS WALK & RUN

Screenings Provided by Saint Barnabas Medical Center!

DATE: Saturday, June 22nd from 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

LOCATION: Orange Reservoir: 9 Cherry Lane,

West Orange, NJ 07052

SCREENINGS & ACTIVITIES

- BP Screening
- FIT Test
- Diabetes Screening
- Lung Function Screening
- Physical Therapy
- ZUMBA provided by the West Essex YMCA
- Kids Activity with Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills

Register on Eventbrite. First 100 who register will receive a swag bag!

The Orange Wellness Run is part of ORANGE WEEK: June 3rd to June 8th. For more information contact (973) 266-4045.







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