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Contact Information: Orange Board of Education 451 Lincoln Avenue Orange, NJ 07050 Send Us An Email

- Friday, May 24 District closed (unused snow day).
- Monday, May 27 Memorial Day, district closed
- Wednesday, May 29 Cleveland Spring Arts Festival, 5:30 p.m., art display in lobby, 6:00 p.m. concert, Central Auditorium, 369 Main Street (Cleveland and Main St.)
- Thursday, May 30, OHS and Orange Prep Academy Spring Arts Festival, 6:00 p.m., Orange Prep Auditorium, art display in lobby, vocal and instrumental concert in auditorium
- Saturday, June 1, NJROTC hosts Little Heroes Day, 10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m., Central Playground
- Tuesday, June 4, Lincoln Avenue School Spring Arts Festival, 5:30 p.m., art display in hallway, 6:00 p.m. concert
- Wednesday, June 5, Board Lobby Art Show featuring Heywood Avenue School, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Board of Education, 451 Lincoln Avenue

Disney's Lion King Kids at Forest Street Community School

Forest Street School presented Disney's *Lion King Kids* on May 16 -18. The story is an abbreviated version of the Disney movie and long-running Broadway musical, presented in cooperation with Disney Musicals in Schools and the New Jersey Center for Performing Arts. *It is the coming of age tale of the young lion cub Simba who is destined to rule Pridelands, as his father Mufasa explains the "Circle of Life," and he happily rejoices "I Just Can't Wait to be King." His destiny is foiled when his uncle Scar kills his father, and he flees the Pridelands, leaving his friend Nala and finding new companions in the jungle with Timon and Pumbaa, who embrace "Hakuna Matata," a worry-free attitude. When Nala goes in search of help because of the disaster created by Scar's leadership and his alliance with hyenas, she discovers her old friend Simba. Nala convinces Simba to return to be the rightful ruler of Pridelands.*



Pictured: Scenes from Disney's Lion King Kids.

The young actors, dancers and crew members put on an entertaining production for the audience. Credit is also given to the production staff. Principal Dr. Yancisca Loften-Cooke stated, "Special thanks to our creative team, Director and Choreographer Theresa Jones and Assistant Directors Monique Walker and Torenzo Blair, and all the staff of *Lion King Kids*, who have spent many long hours rehearsing to prepare our young cast members."

Upcoming Events:

The other staff members who were applauded for their efforts included Assistant Producer Bill Donnelly, who organized a superb "Playbill," Production Manager Avril Bogle, Production Assistant Alejandrina Mueses, Stage Manager Jacob Warta and Music Director Daniela Antunes. Dr. Cooke, also a producer for the production, thanked Ernesto Lorenzo, Forest Street Community School's site coordinator, who was photographer and videographer for the musical.

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Pictured: Scenes from Disney's Lion King Kids.

A Celebration of Haitian Heritage Month

The Haitian Heritage team at Lincoln Avenue School organized a Haitian heritage month celebration on May 17 that included an audience of the student body, staff, family and friends. The group included Mrs. Philemon, Mrs. Dover, Mrs. Hefter, Mrs. Betancourt, Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Vignola, Ms. Begy, Ms. Caprice, Ms. Davis, Ms. Goyes, Ms. Alvarado and Ms. Zambrano. Students, who asked for the celebration, presented an informative review of Haitian history and culture. They read compositions about the history of Haiti, the Haitian flag, the people and culture, language, religion, sports, and Haitian cuisine.

The celebration included recognition of Haitian Flag Day held on May 18, a major patriotic day celebrated in Haiti and by the Haitian diaspora. Students recited the Haitian flag Salute and sang the national anthem of Haiti. The program comprised several energetic dance performances and songs including the patriotic Haitian song "Ayiti Cherie."



Pictured: Scenes from Lincoln Avenue School's Haitian heritage celebration.

Famous Haitians were highlighted, notable Wyclef Jean. Two special guests also addressed the gathering, Mr. Ernst Lozin, a Montclair State University student, and Ms. Sabrina Georges, both entreprenuers, with ties to the Orange Public School district (former students and residents). They were an inspiration to the students.

Girls Night-In at Heywood Avenue School

Submitted by Malika Berry, School Social Worker



Last month the senior and junior members of Berry's Butterflies had the opportunity to facilitate a Girls Night In for Heywood Avenue School's Sister 2 Sister program. The students went through three group rotations and an African dance finale. Mrs. Charmaine Walker, Sister 2 Sister advisor and Mrs. Malika Berry, Berry's Butterflies advisor,

worked for over a year to bring the two groups together. The event was a

huge success for the participants and the organizers.

The workshop, were as follows:

- Magazine Poetry on Confidence
- Self Reflection Flower
- Canvas Shirt Tribute to the Value of Self





Pictured: Girls Night-In at Heywood Avenue School with Berry's Butterflies and Sister 2 Sister mentees.

10th Congressional District Art Competition

The annual 10th Congressional District Art Competition was held at the Newark Museum on May 6. U.S. Rep. Donald Payne Jr. was on hand to congratulate the artists and speak in support of the arts in New Jersey. Orange High School had the work of four students entered in the competition, submitted by Mr. Nathanial Brown, Orange High School art teacher. The students with work on display were Erica Francois, Karen Chiriboga, Brianna Adams and Marbely Roca-Estrada. Students and family members were present at the opening.



Pictured: Students with Mr. Nate Brown, family members and art work at the Newark Museum



Pictured: Students with Mr. Nate Brown, family members and art work at the Newark Museum. Also pictured is Congressman Donald M. Payne, Jr.



Pictured (left to right): Artwork - Enchanted Study, Crime of Passion, Into My Mind, and A Magic View.

Forest Street Parents as Literacy Supporters (PALS)

Submitted by Jacquelyn Blanton, Principal Orange Early Childhood Center

Forest Street Community School's preschool classes hosted Parents as Literacy Supporters (PALS) on March 22. PALS was born out of an initiative to celebrate parents as their child's first teacher, to provide families with a format to experience the joy of literature and to help parents reinforce important early literacy skills at home. The program establishes and sustains a home school connection and supports preschool student's literacy achievement.

Ms. Larue/Ms. Gelin and Ms. Jordan/Ms. Humphrey's students, and their parents and siblings had a fun filled and educational afternoon. Attendance was outstanding, with 79% of all preschool families participating. The excitement began with Ms. Larue (with the help of Ms. Gelin, Ms. Strelec and Ms. McCann) sharing the story "The Little Red Hen" with the group. Everyone enjoyed the puppets and the effort to create a story map.

Next, we all joined Ms. McCann, of Global FoodCorps, in the greenhouse. All of the children had the opportunity to plant Mung beans. This helped them connect their own life experience to the text that was just read. Finally, every participating student was able to take home a snack and a free book in English or Spanish for his or her home library!



Pictured (left to right): Ms. Larue, preschool teacher, sharing the story "The Little Red Hen;" Families planting together; Ms. Mary Grace McCann teaching class about planting.

NJDOT and NJTPA Announce Nearly \$20 Million in Federal Grants to Improve Local Transportation

Safe Routes to School grants funding will help municipalities make pedestrian safety improvements (*NJDOT press release – see note below*)

(Trenton) - New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) in partnership with the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) today announced the awarding of nearly \$20 million in 27 federal grants under the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) and Transportation Alternatives Set-Asides (TA Set-Asides) programs.

"As part of NJDOT's commitment to communities, we work with the three regional planning authorities to provide federal funding to counties and municipalities for local transportation projects that improve safety and strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of our transportation system," NJDOT Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti said. "The Safe Routes to School grants will provide resources to local communities throughout New Jersey to enhance our sidewalks and crosswalks to allow our children to safely walk or bike to school."

The SRTS and TA Set-Asides are both federally-funded programs. SRTS was established in 2005 to increase pedestrian safety awareness among motorists and schoolchildren. The TA Set-Asides program was established by Congress in 2012 and is funded through a set aside of the Federal Aid Highway Program to provide funds for community based "non-traditional" projects that strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of the nation's intermodal system.

The programs are administered by the NJDOT in partnership with the NJTPA, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) and the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (SJTPO). The grants announced today are for projects within the NJTPA region. The DVRPC and SJTPO will announce their grants later this month.

Safe Routes to School

The Safe Routes to School program was created to encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bike to school. These 11 grants announced today totaling \$5.8 million will provide local governments within the NJTPA region the ability to make pedestrian safety improvements near K-8 schools.

The goal is to make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age; and to implement projects that will improve safety, and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in the vicinity of schools.

Infrastructure improvement projects to be funded through the program include the construction of sidewalks, bikeway lanes, and multi-use paths; and the installation of new crosswalks, school-zone markings, and speed-limit signs.

Note: The City of Orange has been awarded a \$1 Million New Jersey Transportation Alternatives and Safe Routes to School Grant that will provide the city with the ability to make pedestrian safety improvements near and around Park Avenue School, a 2018 GOLD LEVEL Safe Routes to School awardee! During 2017, Orange Public Schools collaborated with the city to conduct a walk audit around the school, which provided the necessary documentation for the grant application.

Orange Week 2019



The Healthy Orange Coalition and the Orange Public Schools announce Orange Week 2019, June 3 - June 9, with added activities through June 29. 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, Saturday, June 8



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, Sunday, June 9



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.

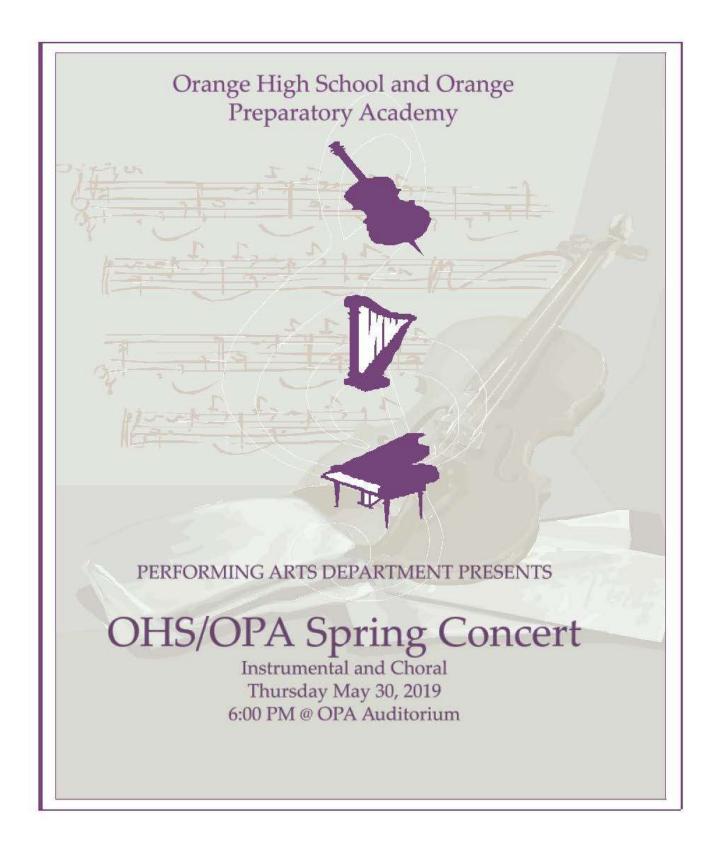
List of Orange Week Events:

- Monday, June 3, 1 PM 2:45 PM, Read and Feed Program, Oakwood Avenue Community School
- Tuesday, June 4, 4:30 PM 7 PM, Orange Week Culinary Challenge, Orange High School
- Thursday, June 6 5:30 PM 8 PM, Gateway Mural Celebration and Neighborhood Tour, Highland Train Station
- Thursday, June 6, 5 PM–7 PM, "Story-Con" Literacy Block Party, Lincoln Avenue School
- Friday, June 7, 9 AM 11 AM, Celebrate Grandparents at Orange Preparatory Academy
- Friday, June 7, 3 PM 4 PM, Anti-Gun Violence Silent Protest, Orange Preparatory Academy
- Saturday, June 8, 11 AM 3 PM, Unity in the Community, Main Street Block Party
- Saturday, June 8, 6 PM 11 PM, OHS ALL Class Reunion Party, Orange High School
- Sunday, June 9, 2:30 PM 6:30 PM, Orange Education Foundation Presents People of Excellence Awards Banquet and Fundraiser at Libretti's Restaurant
- Thursday, June 13, 6 PM 8 PM, Rosa Parks Community School (RPCS) STEM Night, RPCS
- Thursday, June 13, 5:30 PM 6:30 PM, Orange Public Library & World Wide Orphans Reading Corner Grand Opening, Orange Public Library
- Saturday, June 22, 9 AM 12 PM, Orange Wellness Walk Run, 1 Cherry Lane, West Orange
- Saturday, June 29, 3 PM 4:30 PM (onsite registration) "5th Annual Bridging the Gap 3 on 3 Street Ball Tourney" at Central Playground

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19 Orange 8* Annual Dance Festival, at Lincoln Ave., 8:30**-4:30**	20	21	22 Sonic Explorations Spring Concert, 3:15 ^{re} at OACS Heywood Ave. School Spring Concert, 6:00 ^{res}	23 Oakwood Avenue Community School Spring Arts Festival, 5:30 ^{rm}	24	25
26	27 memorial District Closed	28	29 Cleveland Street School Spring Arts Festival, 5:30 ^{rM} at Our Lady of the Valley	30 OHS and Orange Prep Arts Festival, 6:00 ^{rm} at Orange Prep	31	

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





EVENT FOR CHILDREN K-5TH GRADE IN ORANGE!

ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC CADETS PRESENT



Saturday June, 01, 2019 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Central Playground

LITTLE HEROES DAY



The Orange High School NJROTC CADETS with support from HANDS, inc. and The HUUB Community Project Grant, invite you to the 2nd Annual "LITTLE HEROES DAY."

WHAT: A community service event where children in grades K-5 become heroes for the day. There will be: activities, an inflatable bouncy house, obstacle course and each child will receive a Little Hero Award.



WHEN: Saturday, June 01, 2019 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: CENTRAL PLAYGROUND 371 Central Ave, Orange, NJ 0705 directly across from the Orange Preparatory Academy (OPA)

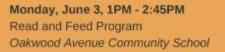
COST: FREE!

For More Information Contact: Chief Tom Sperduto, NJROTC Instructor Orange High School sperduth@orange.k12.nj.us 973-677-4050 ext 5691









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JOIN US FOR A WEEK OF FUN EVENTS THAT HIGHLIGHT OUR COMMUNITY!

For more information: (973) 677 - 4000 (ext. 6064) healthyorangenj@gmail.com

HEALTHY ORANGE

JUNE 3 - JUNE 9*

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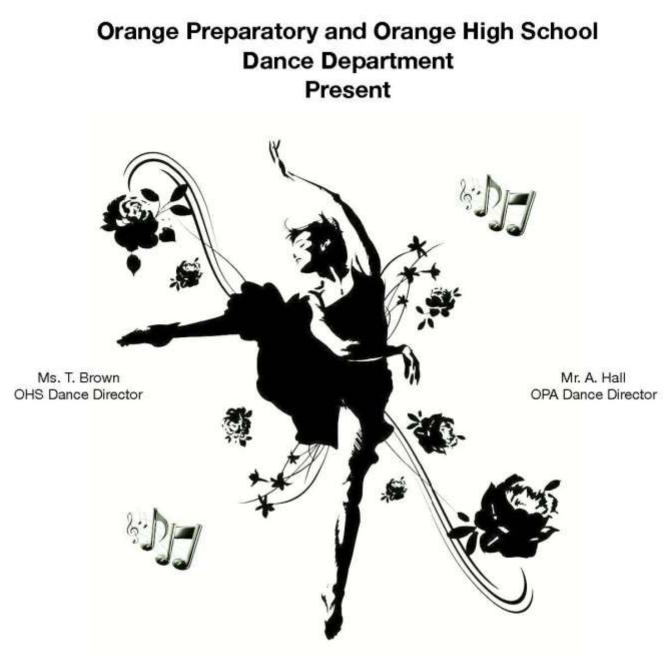
REALTHY ORANGE COALITION PRESENTS GATEWAY MURAL CELEBRATION & NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR

Join us for a neighborhood tour, sample food from local restaurants, & experience the vibrancy of Orange!

JUNE 6, 2019 / 5:30 PM - 8 PM KICKS OFF AT HIGHLAND AVE TRAIN STATION

	Stops inc	lude:	
Forest Street Community	Arts	Valley	Garden State
School Greenhouse	Unbound	Arts	Kitchen
	Call 973-677-4000 (ext.	6064) or email	

healthyorangenj@gmail.com for more information!



MUSIC MAKES YOU LOSE CONTROL!

2019 Spring Dance Concert

400 Central Avenue Orange, NJ 07050

JUNE 6TH, 2019 @6:00 P.M. TICKETS: \$5 Kids 7yrs or under FREE Ms. T. BROWN OHS DANCE DIRECTOR

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MR. A. HALL OPA DANCE DIRECTOR

SCHOOL & ORANGE

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TICKETS:\$3 STUDENTS, ADULTS \$5, KIDS 7yrs & under FREE TIME: 6:00 p.m. JUNE 06, 2019

PRESENTS

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400 Central Avenue ORANGE, NJ 07050

CLASSICAL BALLET- CONTEMPORARY HORTON TECHNIQUE- JAZZ-LIMON- TAP- AFRICAN- HIP HOP 2019 SPRING DANCE CONCERT PRESENTED BY ORANGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, HEALTHY ORANGE, HANDS, INC., MUNICIPALITY OF ORANGE

UNIDOS EN LA COMUNIDAD UNIDOS EN LA COMUNIDAD SÁBADO EL 8 DE JEN 11AM - 3PM

AND A UN DÍA DE DIVERSIÓN FAMILIAR CON ENTRETENIMIENTO:

Come for a day of family fun with entertainment, bouncy house, music, children's crafts and activities for all.

LOCATION: Main Street in front of Orange Public Library and Cleveland Street in front of Rosa Parks Community School

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Saturday June 8 Sábado 8 de jen Saturday June 15th, 2019

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Rosa Parks Community School DIRECCIÓN: Main Street delante de la Biblioteca

Publica de Orange y Cleveland street delante de Rosa Parks Community School





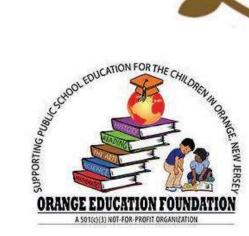
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Dr. Yancisca Loften-Cooke Mrs. Nyree Delgado Mr. Reginald Miller Mrs. Jennifer Peaks



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



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







Do you have a GREATIDEA 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 ar tool co-op, etc.

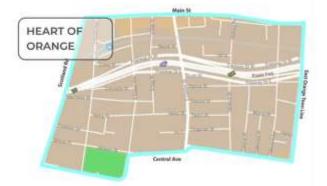
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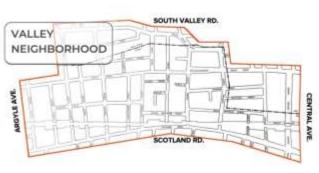
FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2019

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.





OHS/OPA DRAMA DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

DRAMA 2019 SHOWCASE

Tuesday, June 18th 6:00-8:00PM

LUNA STAGE

555 VALLEY ROAD WEST ORANGE, NJ 07052

FEATURING PERFORMANCES BY YOUNG ARTISTS IN GRADES 8-12 FROM OHS/OPA IN: MONOLOGUE - SCENE WORK - IMPROVISATION - SONG



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.







Saint Barnabas RWJBarnabas Medical Center

