



# OBOE-Mail Blast

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## July EVENTS

- Saturday, July 13, First Time Home Buyers Prep, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Rosa Parks Community School (See flyer below)
- Monday, June 15 – Wednesday, July 17, Preschool Registration 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., (last sign in at 1:00 p.m.) Orange Early Childhood Center, 397 Park Avenue (See flyer below)

*Note: There will be several summer issues of the OBOE-Mail Blast, to get caught up on year-end activities. Stay tuned for stories from our schools and stories about student achievement. In the meantime, for the latest summer activities, visit us on the web at [www.orange.k12.nj.us](http://www.orange.k12.nj.us) and follow us on the Orange Public School District social media sites:*



**Orange Public School District**



**@ops\_district**



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**Orange Public School District**

**Social Media Hashtags: #wedogreatthings #FROrange**

## Welcome Dr. Gerald Fitzhugh, II



On July 1, 2019, Dr. Gerald Fitzhugh, II joined the Orange Township Public School District as Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Fitzhugh comes to the district from the Newark Public Schools where he served as Deputy Superintendent, as previously announced by the Orange Board of Education. See [www.orange.k12.nj.us](http://www.orange.k12.nj.us) for more information.

Below is a welcome message from Dr. Fitzhugh. The letter can be found on the district's website, under Our District, Office of the Superintendent, and the district's social media sites.

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# Orange Township Public Schools

Dr. Gerald Fitzhugh, II  
Office of the Superintendent



July 7, 2019

Dear Orange Parents, Guardians, Caregivers, Educators, and Community Stakeholders,

I am excited to begin my twentieth year in education as Superintendent of the Orange Township Public Schools. When I interviewed for Superintendent of Schools with the Board of Education and subsequently met staff, students, families, and community stakeholders at the Meet and Greet, I felt the positive spirit of the community. I knew that this would be an ideal place to begin the next phase of my career. The district is enriched with great educators who understand that the education of each child is paramount to the vision and mission of the district. I am convinced that together we will bring this district from “Good to Great.”

As we enter into the 2019-2020 school year, we are charged with the following: continuous growth and achievement for all students. The commitment of our school system is to equip every Orange Township Public School student with the competence and confidence to shape his/her own life, participate productively in our community, and act in an informed manner in a culturally diverse global society. Our District Leadership Team has begun to craft an instructional focus, which is predicated on data from a variety of sources that will serve as a roadmap for making the Orange Township Public School District a benchmark of excellence among school districts in New Jersey. The roadmap is built on four foundations, or Four Pillars, namely:

- Maintaining a culture of high expectations and accountability
- Ensuring that all students master the academic standards
- Working collaboratively and basing decisions on fact, not opinion
- Building strong partnerships with families and community

The Orange community has consistently demonstrated its commitment to our schools and students. That commitment and dedication of our staff fuels our journey toward producing students who experience **continuous academic growth**, embody **academic tenacity**, and model **socio-emotional resiliency**. Our district is a place **where children matter first and foremost**. With an intense, rigorous **Instructional Focus**, the Orange Township Public School District will continue our collective journey to turn our good intentions into strong results for all students and ensuring our district moves from “Good to Great.”

In closing, I will be remiss if I did not implore our parent partners to work alongside the school district to ensure that we provide the best academic and positive situations for our children. We welcome your feedback and look forward to your support throughout the school year.

Educationally yours,

*Gerald Fitzhugh, II, Ed.D.*

Gerald Fitzhugh, II, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

## Orange High School Class of 2019 Commencement



The 2019 Commencement Exercise for Orange High School was a celebration of student achievement for 270 graduates at the Richard J. Codey Arena on June 26. The procession of dignitaries and the class of 2019 were led into the arena by the Orange High School Concert Band and supported in song by Voices in Harmony. The speakers applauded the students for their successes, beginning with the welcome remarks by Orange High School Principal Jason Belton who asked seniors to stand in

recognition of their accomplishments. The students continued a trajectory of excellence established by past graduates and served as a testament to the academic standards of Orange High School.



**Pictured: Orange High School commencement procession of dignitaries and graduates.**

The program opened with greetings from Tino Stephens, student body president, and Principal Jason Belton. Mr. Belton, noted the historic nature of the graduation, citing the 150th year of the school's existence. Interim Superintendent Ronald C. Lee made his final address to, not only the graduating class but to the district and the Orange community.

Mr. Lee acknowledged that many had paved the way for the class of 2019, "And you are making our ancestors proud," he said, but the rest is up to the individual. The message from him was clear that the opportunities are there, recognize and use your natural talents, and not to waste time while pursuing your chosen path. Most importantly, he asked students never to forget where they came from. He said, "Never forget that there is a little town in Essex County, NJ, called Orange, where the mighty Tornadoes reign."

The Valedictorian Leodson Jean Baptiste asked his fellow graduating seniors if they believed that the "struggle is real." With examples, he stated that some struggles are universal and that with perseverance and the right support you can succeed, saying, "I don't need to tell you how much my mother had to sacrifice for me to be at the podium today." He spoke of his sleepless nights to get to this day and ended his address saying, "If there is a message I would like to share you with tonight, it is, dare to dream, dare to tackle your struggles head-on. The goal is to dream so hard that one day, you open your eyes only to realize that your dreams have become a reality.

Similarly, the Salutatorian Joy Best inspired her classmates with words of thanks and encouragement, singing the refrain from "We Are all in This Together" from the High School Musical.

We're all in this together  
Once we know, that we are  
We're all stars  
And we see that  
We're all in this together  
And it shows, when we stand  
Hand in hand  
Make our dreams come true

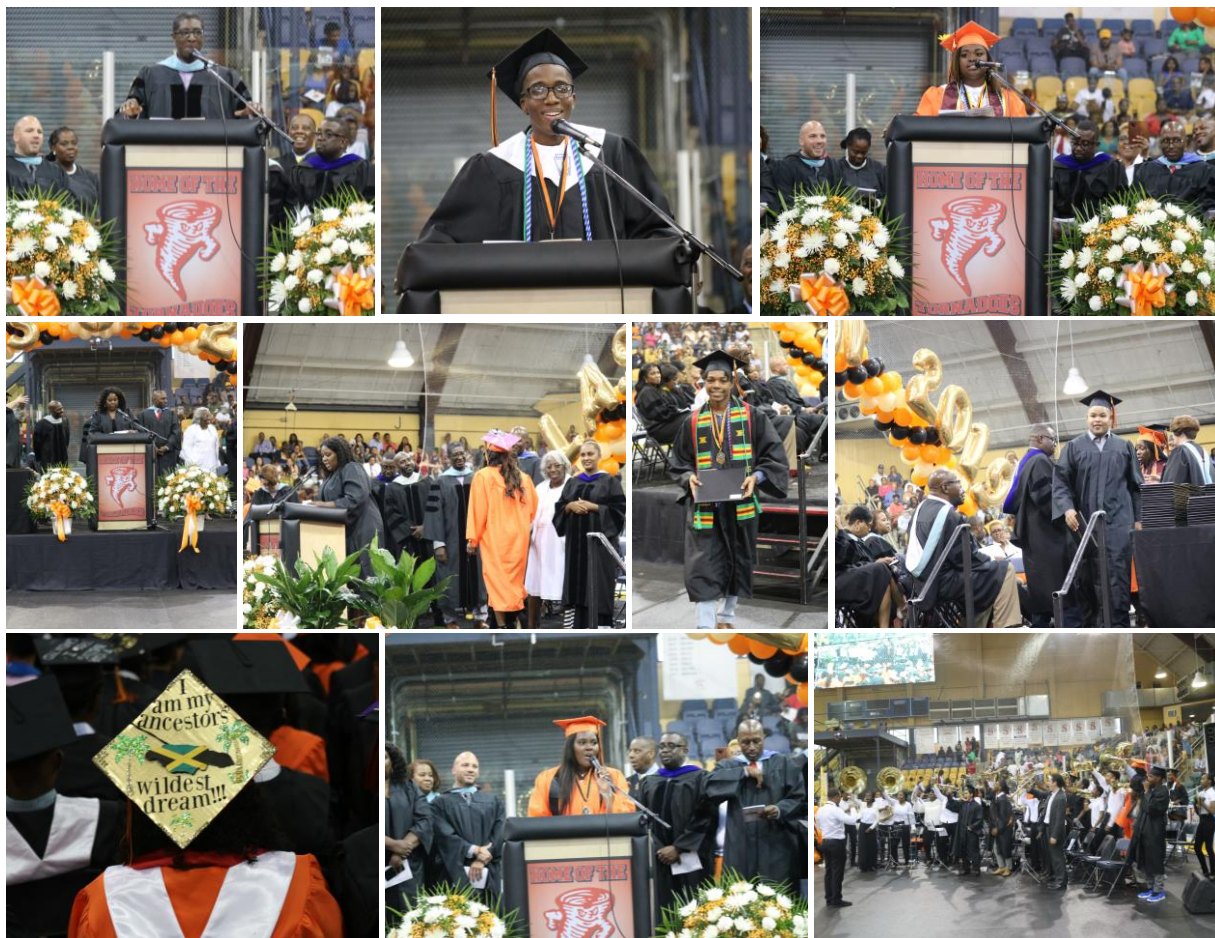
Senior Class President Louri Ann Foster presented the 2019 graduates for their confirmation oath with a story of her acceptance to American University. Principal Jason Belton encouraged additional applause for Louri, underscoring that she made things happen by getting on a bus to visit the school and letting the admissions office know who she was.

Other speakers on the graduation program included the Honorable Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq. He acknowledged councilmembers in attendance and sang the praise of the class of 2019. Board President E. Lydell Carter emphasized that this was the beginning of many milestones.

At the direction of Assistant Principal Carrie Halstead, English Language Arts teacher Ms. Marcey Thomas began the announcement of students to receive their diplomas. The audience applauded the proceedings and widely cheered when Interim Superintendent Lee officially declared them Orange High School alumni. Brianna Perpignan sang the alma mater, followed by a rousing musical selection by the Orange High School band, leading the dignitaries and students from the arena (***pictured right***). Congratulations Class of 2019!



**Pictured: Scenes from The Orange High School Commencement Exercise including the Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem, Lift Every Voice and Sing with Voices in Harmony, Student Body President, Principal's Address, Superintendent's Address, Salutatorian Address, Congratulatory remarks by Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq.**



**Pictured: Scenes from the 2019 Commencement Exercise including Board President E. Lydell Carter, Valedictorian Address, Presentation of Class/Senior Class President, singing of the Alma Mater, Orange High School Band.**

## **Newcomers' Academy End of Year Ceremony**

On June 24, the end of year ceremony for English Language Learners (ELL) participating in the Orange Public School District's Newcomers' Academy, was held at Lincoln Avenue School. Officiating the ceremony was English as a Second Language (ESL)/Bilingual and World Language Supervisor Carolyn Onyesonwu, with remarks from Director of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Terri Russo. The Newcomers' Academy teachers, Ms. Natalie Plaza, Ms. Amy Spina, and Ms. Inyong Park presented all of their students with Certificates of Completion. Family members were in attendance to share the moment with awarded students and enjoyed refreshments donated by Ms. Plaza and her family and cake provided by Dr. Russo. Assisting with the program were ESL teachers Ms. Jennifer Bahomda and Dr. Nelson Thermitus. Dr. Thermitus presented one of the students with a special award for his academic achievement.



**Pictured (left to right): Ms. Spina's class, Ms. Plaza's class, and Ms. Park's class.**

Ms. Park's Class	Ms. Plaza's Class	Ms. Spina's Class
Eduard Villanueva Anthony Rivas Pavon Gnamiensa Dekaho Frankeynes Alincy Kendrick Auguste Julia Simon Cristhel Madrid Coto William Tinar Axel Vasquez Thonyson Vitalien Cleber Cordova Lopez Jojana Pineda Martinez Cristian Cordova Marroquin Cielo Valenzuela Calderon Hendrick Rafael Colon Nedgy Narcisse Juleysi Mayen Larios Amanda Gualpa Edgar Caballero Alex David Orellana Pineda Gerson David Teruel Perez Justo Ignacio Chonay Estrella Ulloa Flores Anthony Soto Mayen Noe Espino Urizar Erick Lliguicata Tenecela Justin Perez Cojon Carlos Ortiz Cisneros Jimy Bajan Garcia Angel Saravia sutuj	Franco Chumil Tucubal Karol Fajardo Galdamez Berlendez Ulysse Leana Mondesir Jaslene Tacuri Brithany Olivares Perez Yoselyn Espino Urizar Marian Meyer Mejia Leyla Alincy Dani Cordova Lopez Jose Saravia Ixcoy Cladia Mondesir Selena Asijtuj Gabriel Gerson Rivera Gutierrez Steven Marquez Tenecela Fatima Canas Marin Alan Ordonez Mendez Angel Mendez Roque Wilmer Morales Choc	Aunner Machorro Lilian Asijtuj Asijtuj Erick Capir Ignacio German Villela Ramirez Rosa Pichiya Guerra Edgar Villela Mejia Edreen Thelemaque Kelly Caceros Cobox Oswaldo Suy Tucubal Kelvin Japon Macas Sheryl Rivas Tabora Osman Garcia Diaz Elvis Lalvay Paucar Edgar Pineda Hernandez Joffre Guaman Tene Jennifer Acosta Alvarado Maria Lopez Brenda Ferrilus Lydie Alincy Eder Galeano Zuleta Franklin Asijtuj Asijtuj Franklin Luis Molina Choglia Jose Guazhco Chabla Elvin Maldonado Mejia Raul Perez Castro Ana Cruz Ordonez Christian Reynozo Tiu Jorge Diaz Onofre

### Congratulations Interim Superintendent Ronald C. Lee



Interim Superintendent Ronald C. Lee was celebrated on the last official day of school for teachers at the board office with a lunch reception held in his honor. In attendance were district cabinet members, administrators and staff, Board President Lydell Carter, current and former board members, city officials including Mayor Warren, Police Director Warren, and Councilmembers Eason and Wooten, along with district business associates. Interim Superintendent Lee expressed his gratitude, working for students in Orange to provide the same opportunities afforded to those in neighboring districts. Congratulations on your retirement, Mr. Ronald C. Lee!



**Pictured: Interim Superintendent Lee's farewell celebration.**

## FYI

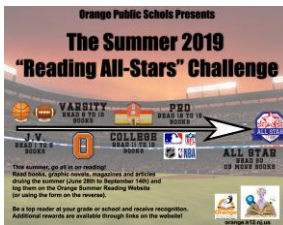
### First Time Home Buyers Prep



Sponsored by the Orange Community School Adult School, Orange Public School District is pleased to partner with HomeCorps to present *First Time Home Buyers Prep* on Saturday, July 13, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Rosa Parks Community School, 369 Main Street. Registration is at <http://www.homecorp.org/events>.

The one-day program will provide a certificate of completion to all participants, to aid in their pursuit of homeownership. Please contact Masanna Johnson at 973-860-7106 or via email at [mjohnson@homecorp.org](mailto:mjohnson@homecorp.org), with questions. (See flyer below)

### "Reading All-Stars" Challenge



The English Language Arts Department is challenging all district students to become "Reading All-Stars" by logging books read from June 28 - September 14, 2019. Students can begin at Junior Varsity and go to Varsity, College, Pro, become an All-Star and vie to be a top reader at their grade level or school. Visit the [ESL webpage – Summer Reading](#) for details. (See flyer below)

### K-12 Summer Registration Schedule



K-12 Summer Registration hours are from July 8 - August 30, Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. by appointment only at the Central Registration Office, located at 451 Lincoln Avenue.

Please see flyer below for details.

## Preschool Registration for 2019-2020



The Orange Public School District Early Childhood Program has scheduled registration for the 2019-2020 school year for the following dates in July: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 15, 16, 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Orange Early Childhood Center (OECC), located at **397 Park Avenue** in Orange. The last sign-in is 1:00 p.m.

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 program (8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.).

The registration requirements are:



- 3 or 4 years old by 10/01/19
- 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. (See flyers below)



# July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>  <i>SUMMER CAMPS AND PROGRAMS</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  District Closed	<b>5</b>  District Closed	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  <i>SUMMER CAMPS AND PROGRAMS</i>	<b>9</b> Monthly Board of Ed Meeting, 7:00PM at BOE Office, 451 Lincoln Avenue	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> First Time Home Buyers Prep, 10AM-5PM RPCS 
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Preschool Registration 10:00AM-2:00PM 397 Park Avenue <i>SUMMER CAMPS AND PROGRAMS</i>	<b>16</b> Preschool Registration 10:00AM-2:00PM 397 Park Avenue	<b>17</b> Preschool Registration 10:00AM-2:00PM 397 Park Avenue	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  <i>SUMMER CAMPS AND PROGRAMS</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  <i>SUMMER CAMPS AND PROGRAMS</i>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

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

# First Time Home Buyer Prep Free for Orange Residents!



Sponsored by OCS Adult School  
Certificate of Completion awarded to participants

Saturday, July 13, 2019

10am - 5pm

Location: Rosa Parks Community School

369 Main Street, Orange, NJ 07050

(Cafeteria)

Register by: July 10, 2019

Info/Register at: [www.homecorp.org/events](http://www.homecorp.org/events)

Questions:

Masanna Johnson: (973) 860-7106 or

[mjohnson@homecorp.org](mailto:mjohnson@homecorp.org)



## **PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2019-2020**

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- 3 years old by 10/01/19                      4 years old by 10/01/19
  - Must be resident of Orange Township
    - Original Birth Certificate
    - Child's Immunization record
    - Current lease or Mortgage Statement
  - 2 Proofs of Residency (PSE&G bill, telephone or cable bill,
    - No cellphone bills, please)
    - Picture ID

**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.**

*DATES: July 2019*

15th, 16th, 17th

**TIME- 10:00 a.m. to 2:00pm**

**Last sign in: 1**

**:00 pm.**

*PLACE:*

**ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

**397 PARK AVE, ORANGE, NJ 07050**

**973-677-4000 ext. 1922**

**Orange Early Childhood Program Includes all children regardless of abilities**

**IF YOU ARE CONCERNED YOUR PRESCHOOL CHILD IS DEVELOPING OR LEARNING DIFFERENTLY, YOU CAN CALL THE DISTRICT TO REQUEST AN EVALUATION FOR PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES.**

## **REGISTRACIÓN PREESCOLAR 2019-2020**

### REQUISITOS:

**3 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/18**

**4 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/18**

**DEBE SER RESIDENTE DEL MUNICIPIO DE ORANGE**

**PARTIDA DE NACIMIENTO ORIGINAL**

**EXPEDIENTE DE INMUNIZACIONES DEL NIÑO/NIÑA**

**DECLARACIÓN ACTUAL DEL ARRIENDO O DE LA HIPOTECA**

**Identificación de fotos**

**2 Pruebas de Residencia (recibo de PSE&G, teléfono o recibo del cable, NO CELLPHONE!) deben ser actual.**

**SI USTED ESTA VIVIENDO CON UN FAMILIAR O AMIGO TIENE QUE ESTAR INSCRITO EN EL CONTRATO DE ARRENDAMIENTO. NO SE ACEPTARA CARTAS NOTARIZADA.**

***FECHA: Julio 2019***

***15, 16, 17***

**HORA: 10:00 am-2:00PM**

**Tiene que firmar antes de las 1:00PM**

**LUGAR: ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

**397 PARK AVE, ORANGE, NJ 07050**

**(973) 677-4000 ext 1922**

***El programa preescolar de Orange incluye a todos niños independientemente de sus habilidades***

**SI USTED ESTA PREOCUPADO POR QUE SU HIJO/HIJA ESTA DESAROLLANDO ALGUN PROBLEMA DE APRENDISAJE O APRENDIENDO DIFERENTE FAVOR DE CONTACTAR AL DEPARTAMENTO DE SERVICIOS ESPECIALES EN EL DISRITO.**



## **K-12 Student Registration 2019-2020**

**WHEN:** July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 - August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**WHERE:** Orange Board of Education  
Central Registration Office  
451 Lincoln Avenue Orange, NJ 07050

**HOURS:** 8:30am –1:30pm (appointments)  
**Appointments are every 30 minutes. The last appointment is 12:30pm**

**DAYS:** Monday – Thursday

**TRANSFERS: Monday – Thursday 8:30am – 1:30pm**  
**Parent/Guardian(s) Must Have Photo identification**

**REGISTRATION PACKETS: Registration Packets must be completed prior to your scheduled appointment time.** Packets are available at the Orange Board of Education District Office or your neighborhood school. Registration Packets may also be downloaded from the district website: <https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/>.

Follow the link under site shortcuts to:

**Orange Public School Registration Information**

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:  
**CENTRAL REGISTRATION OFFICE at (973) 677-4000 EXT. 6044**

Orange Public Schools Presents

# The Summer 2019 "Reading All-Stars" Challenge



**VARSITY**  
READ 6 TO 10  
BOOKS



**PRO**  
READ 16 TO 19  
BOOKS



**J.V.**  
READ 1 TO 5  
BOOKS



**COLLEGE**  
READ 11 TO 15  
BOOKS



**ALL STAR**  
READ 20  
OR MORE BOOKS

This summer, go all in on reading!  
Read books, graphic novels, magazines and articles  
during the summer (June 28th to September 14th) and  
log them on the Orange Summer Reading Website  
(or using the form on the reverse).

Be a top reader at your grade or school and receive recognition.  
Additional rewards are available through links on the website!



[orange.k12.nj.us](http://orange.k12.nj.us)