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Welcome Back – Schools Open Monday, September 10, 2018

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year. New and existing staff members began the school year on September 4, with the annual Superintendent's Forum. At the forum, Interim Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, welcomed staff to an exciting school year, with the message - Orange Public Schools, "Where We Do Great Things." Interim Superintendent Lee gave a broad overview of the district and introduced new administrators and district changes, in preparation for the arrival of students on Monday, September 10.

The district administrative cabinet members are:

- Dr. Paula Howard, Deputy Superintendent
- Mrs. Shebra Jones-Dismuke, Chief Talent Officer
- Mr. Adekunle O. James, Business Administrator and Board Secretary
- Dr. Terri Russo, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
- Ms. Karen Harris, Director of English Language Arts and Testing
- Dr. Tina Powell, Director of Mathematics and Science
- Ms. Shelly Harper, Director of Special Services

The district supervisors are:

- Ms. Tia Burnett, Supervisor of Testing
- Ms. Olga Castellanos, Supervisor of Mathematics: Grades K-4
- Mrs. Meng Li Chi Liu, Supervisor of Mathematics: Grades 9-12
- Ms. Linda Epps, Supervisor of Social Studies and Technology Coordinators
- Mr. Jahmel Drakeford, Supervisor of Career and Technical Education and Health/Physical Education: K-7
- Mr. Benjamin Suro, Supervisor of Science: Grades K-12
- Mrs. Adriana Hernandez, Supervisor of English Language Arts: Grades K-2
- Ms. Rosa Lazzizzera, Supervisor of English Language Arts: Grades 3-7
- Mr. Kurt Mathews, Supervisor of English Language Arts: Grades 8-12
- Mr. Shafeek Mohammed, Supervisor of STEM
- Ms. Caroline Onyesonwu, Supervisor of ESL/Bilingual and World Languages
- Mr. Daniel Ramirez, Supervisor of Mathematics: Grades 5-8
- Ms. Donna Sinisgalli, Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts

District Schools and Administrative Changes:

This school year sees the opening of a new alternative program for students in Grades 6-8, which will be led by principal Dr. Cayce Cummins, at the former Career and Innovation Academy of the Oranges (CIAO).

The alternative program for students in Grades 9 – 12, formerly at CIAO, will return to Orange High School and be directed by newly appointed Assistant Principal Lyle Wallace, during the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., weekdays.

Dr. Erica Stewart is the new principal of the STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges, which now serves over 90 students in grades 9 and 10. With the expansion of the school and plans to increase opportunities for students, Ms. Devonii Reid will join the administrative team as assistant principal.

Mr. Robert Pettit is the new principal of Cleveland Street School, which will relocate to Our Lady of the Valley School (OLV) during the addition, and renovation of the school, for approximately two and a half years. Mr. Pettit is well familiar with the facility, as he oversaw the housing of Lincoln Avenue School at OLV, while Lincoln was under construction.

Forest Street School is now Forest Street Community School, joining Rosa Parks, Oakwood Avenue and Orange Preparatory Academy in the districts push to make all its schools a community school,

Ms. April Stokes is the newly appointed Assistant Principal, supporting Park Avenue School. Rosa Parks Community School welcomes new administrator, Assistant Principal Suzanne Carbone.

Elementary Schools (Pre-K- 7th grade)

School	Address	Phone	Principal	Assistant Principals
Rosa Parks Community School	369 Main Street & 33 Cleveland Street	973- 677- 4515 & 973- 677- 4110	Ms. Debra Joseph-Charles	Mr. Terence Wesley Ms. Suzanne Carbone Mr. Noel Cruz, Dean of Students
Oakwood Avenue Community School	135 Oakwood Avenue	973- 677- 4095	Ms. Denise White	
Cleveland Street School at Our Lady of the Valley	510 Valley Street	973- 677- 4100	Mr. Robert Pettit	
Forest Street Community School	651 Forest Street	973- 677- 4120	Dr. Yancisca Cooke	Mrs. Nyree Delgado
Heywood Avenue School	421 Heywood Avenue	973- 677- 4105	Ms. Faith Alcantara	Mr. Gerald Murphy
Lincoln Avenue School	216 Lincoln Avenue	973- 677 - 4130	Mrs. Aretha D. Malloy	Ms. Isabel Colon Mr. Patrick Yearwood
Park Avenue School	231 Park Avenue	973- 677- 4124	Dr. Myron Hackett	Ms. April Stokes

Special Programs/Schools

School	Address	Phone	Principal
Orange Early Childhood	397 Park Avenue	973- 677-4000 ext. 1920/1903	Ms. Jacqueline Blanton
Scholars Academy	268 Capuchin Way (Freeway Drive East)	973-677- 4000 ext.1801	Mrs. Karen Machuca

APEX	123 Cleveland Street	973- 677- 4000 ext.1701	Dr. Cayce Cummins
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Middle School and High Schools

School	Address	Phone	Principal	Assistant Principal
Orange Preparatory Academy	400 Central Avenue	973- 677-4135	Mr. Dana Gaines	Mr. Oliverto Agosto Dr. Shadin Belal Mrs. Samantha Fossella
Orange High School	400 Lincoln Avenue	973- 677- 4050	Mr. Jason Belton	Mr. Mohammed Abdelaziz Ms. Carrie Halstead Ms. Anne Richardson
Orange Alternative High School Program	400 Lincoln Avenue	973- 677- 4050		Mr. Lyle Wallace
STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges	445 Scotland Road, South Orange, NJ	973- 677-4000 ext. 1502, 1503	Dr. Erica Stewart	Ms. Devonii Reid

During August, school administrators reached out to their student population with a back to school message and information package. School families are asked to return all required documents to school by the requested dates. Additionally, school supply lists are posted on the individual school websites and for STEM Academy on the district website.

Additionally, each school has scheduled a Back-to-School-Night (BTSN). Parents and guardians will have the opportunity to meet their children’s teachers, the school principal and administrative team, and receive valuable information about available programs and services offered at the school and in the district. This is also a chance for parents to get a preview of their child’s daily life at school. They will learn about student expectations, the curriculum and how they can get involved in their school’s parent organizations. See below for the BTSN schedule.

2018-2019 Superintendent’s Forum

On September 4, the Orange Public School District opened the 2018-2019 school year with the annual Superintendent’s Forum, presented by Interim Superintendent of Schools Ronald C. Lee. The program opened with the playing of “Stand for Something,” by Andra Day, followed by a moving and inspiring recitation of “Let America Be America Again,” by Langston Hughes, by second grader Ikenna Obikulu, from Rosa Parks Community School (*pictured right*). He eagerly delved into his school’s pledge, after thunderous applause, before the audience joined him in the flag salute.



Deputy Superintendent Dr. Paula Howard gave warm opening remarks before introducing Interim Superintendent Lee. Mr. Lee welcomed over 890 new and returning staff members to their first day of school for staff. He informed staff of school and administrative team changes before his presentation.



Pictured (top to bottom/left to right): Dr. Paula Howard; Mr. Lee; Mayor Warren; Mr. Carter, Ms. Catanzarite; Ms. Alcantara.

Guest speakers included the Orange Board of Education President E. Lydell Carter, the Honorable Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq., the Orange Administrators and Supervisors Association President Faith Alcantara, and Vice President of the Orange Education Association Lisa Catanzarite. All touted the accomplishments and support for the district's efforts and the collaboration that exists between the township, students and staff to create an environment for learning and student success.



Interim Superintendent Lee's presentation crystalized his brand message this year - *Orange Public Schools, Where We Do Great Things*. The tag-line, emblemized on the shirts distributed to staff and featured on the billboards highlight some of the accomplishments for the past school year and shown in a video which played as the audience gathered and was seated.

Mr. Lee reviewed enrollment, financials, facilities plans, including the construction and renovation plans for Cleveland Street School and Orange High School and the PARCC attainment, as compared to the following 2017-2018 Goal:

By June 2019, the Orange Board of Education will enhance and improve student achievement for all students, as measured by a minimum 20 percentage point increase on the PARCC assessments in Mathematics and English Language Arts per grade over the 2017 baseline. (10 percentage points in 2018 and 10 percentage points in 2019)

Mr. Lee presented checks to Forest Street School for exceeding PARCC state average for Grade 5&6 ELA, Orange Preparatory Academy for exceeding state average for Algebra II, and the STEM Academy for exceeding state average for geometry. Checks are to be used for school related activities. Principals were called to the stage for schools meeting various other aspects of the goal and presented with certificates.

This year Mr. Lee devised overall school growth points for PARCC attainment and first place went to Rosa Parks Community School and second place went to Forest Street Community School.



Pictured (top to bottom/left to right): Principals receiving certificates for PARCC attainment, Forest Street and Rosa Parks Community Schools with checks for having the highest overall PARCC growth; For exceeding state average, checks to Forest Street Community School, STEM Academy and Orange Preparatory Academy.

Teachers that achieved the Highest Student Growth Percentile (SGP) for the 2016-2017 school year, as determined by data received from the New Jersey Department of Education's NJSMART system, were acknowledged for their achievement. They received checks to be used for their classrooms. A \$1,500 check was also presented to the top school with the highest SGP for 2016-2017, Forest Street Community School.

Maisha Jones	Lincoln Avenue School	ELA
Monique Walker	Forest Street Community School	ELA
William Donnelly	Forest Street Community School	ESL/ELA
Jenelle Stokes	Forest Street Community School	ELA
Jennifer Spatz Grant	Lincoln Avenue School	Math
Maria Beaghen	Park Avenue School	Math



Pictured (left to right): Teachers acknowledged for highest SGP; Principal Dr. Cooke accepts check for Forest Street Community School's highest SGP; Mr. Hooman Behzadpour is awarded a check for achieving a 95% AP pass rate.

Mr. Lee presented Orange High School AP Results, which has steadily improved over the past four years, and highlighted the attainment, sharing a picture of the billboard indicating that the AP calculus exam had a 95% pass rate. He called to the stage, teacher Mr. Hooman Behzadpour to accept a \$1,000 classroom check for his noted accomplishment.

The Employee of the year recognition was presented with a tribute sung by STEM Academy student Cassandra Dawson, accompanied by Voices in Harmony singers and music teacher Mr. Charles Postas. She sang “Teacher on Fire” rewritten by Heywood Avenue music teacher, Mrs. Erin-Leigh VanOrden. The performance was also supported with a slide presentation of district teachers and staff.



Pictured: Student sings “Teacher on Fire” with ViH and Mr. Postas; student with Mrs. VanOrden.

The Employee of the Year is given to staff members who went above and beyond their regular responsibilities or who made a significant impact on the lives of students or school community.

Employee of the Year Awardees (pictured below)

Gloria Guzzo	Orange Early Childhood Center
Sarah Hanson	Forest Street Community School
Ernesto Lorenzo	Forest Street Community School
Rose Morrisroe	Oakwood Avenue Community School
Larry Willis	Oakwood Avenue Community School
Laura Politi	Orange Preparatory Academy
Brenda Cooper Aldowabe	Scholars Academy
Regina Mckenna Nadblieny	Scholars Academy
Mariel Johnson	Rosa Parks Community School
Kirby Smith	Heywood Avenue
Evelyn Fernandez	Heywood Avenue
Jahmel Drakeford	Curriculum and Instruction
Linda Epps	Curriculum and Instruction
Vivian Paiz	Bilingual/ESL
Barry Devone	Community Engagement
Hooman Behzadpour	Orange High School
Kashan Green	Office of the Deputy Superintendent
Marion Atkins	Business Office
Adekunle James	Business Office



The finale was a harmonious performance by the districts new ensemble of student chorus members from across the district. Clad in bright Orange T-shirts, the Orange Pop Singers made their debut with three selections: "Imagine," "We are the World," and "Joyful, Joyful." The students were lead by choral directors Mrs. Mariel Johnson, Mrs. Wendy Mir, Ms. Joanne Fletcher, Mrs. Annmarie Guenther and Mr. Charles Postas.



Pictured: The Orange Pop Singers' grand finale at the Superintendent's Forum.

They are all thanked for pulling together the team of talented singers to perform for the staff on this meaningful occasion. The audience was led from the auditorium to "As" by Stevie Wonder, especially selected by Interim Superintendent Lee, as homage to the district staff.

Also thanked for their support were Ms. Tammy Baldwin, Mr. Joel Lemke and the stage crew team, the forum planning team, including Ms. Donna Sinisgalli, Mr. Ernesto Lorenzo, and Ms. Deidre Dobbs.

FYI

Summer 2018 "Road to Reading Royalty" Challenge Ends September 14

It's Not Too Late - Log in Now



The English Language Arts Department is challenging all district students to become a "Reading Royal" by logging books read from June 25 - September 14, 2018. Students are challenged to become Kings and Queens and to vie to be a top reader at their grade level or scho to receive a prize.

See flyer below and visit the district website at www.orange.k12.nj.us for details.

Orange Adult School Opens the School Year with Free ESL Classes



The Orange Adult School in conjunction with the Jewish Vocational Services is offering a English as a Second Language (ESL) classes to Orange residents, free of charge. The classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning October 9, 2018 at the Orange Public Library and Rosa Parks Community School. To enroll in class, participants must take a literacy test. Literacy tests will be given, as follows:

Date/Time	Location	Address
September 18 – 9:30 a.m. September 20 – 9:30 a.m.	Orange Public Library	384 Main Street
September 20 – 6:15 p.m. September 27 – 6:15 p.m.	Rosa Parks Community School	369 Main Street

Testing will take approximately 2 hours and no children will be allowed.

For more information contact Lynn Sternstein at 862-704-229. See flyers below for details.

Preschool Registration for 2018-2019



The Orange Public School District Early Childhood Program has scheduled registration for the 2018-2019 school year for the following dates: Tuesdays, September 11, 18, and 25, 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. See flyers below for details.

September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Labor Day  District Closed	4  Superintendent's Forum, 8:15AM Orange Prep	5 	6 	7 	8
9 JEWISH NEW YEAR Rosh HaShanah	10 	11 Monthly Board of Education Meeting, 7PM, Orange Prep Academy	12	13	14	15  Sept. 15 – Oct. 15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23  First Day of Autumn	24	25	26	27	28	29
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SEE IMPORTANT FLYERS BELOW

CHECK THE DISTRICT WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR CONCERTS AND ACTIVITIES.



Date	School and Times
September 13	Orange Prep Academy 5:30 - 7:30 pm
September 17	Forest Street Community School 6:00-8:00
September 18	Lincoln K Tea 3:15- 4:15 pm Gr. 1-4 - 4:30-6:00 pm Gr. 5-7 6:30-8:00 pm
September 19	Park Avenue School @ 6:00pm Heywood Grds 5-7, 6-8 pm
September 20	Oakwood @ 5pm Heywood PreK - Grd 4, 6-8 pm
September 24	Scholars @6:15 p.m. OHS @5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
September 25	OECC @ 6:00 pm STEM Academy @ TBD
September 26	OECC @ 6:00 pm RPCS 4:30-6:00 (Pre-K- 3) 6:30-8:00 (4-7)
September 27	CSS @ OLV @ 6pm

Orange Public Schools

Presents



THE SUMMER 2018 "ROAD TO READING ROYALTY" CHALLENGE!!!



Hear ye, students of Orange! Ascend through the ranks to become Kings and Queens!

Read books, graphic novels, magazines and articles this summer (June 25th 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 a prize! Additional rewards are available through links on the website!

Realistic Fiction

Science Fiction

FANTASY

NON-FICTION

Poetry

Biography

Graphic Novels

Current Events



KINGS & QUEENS

Read 20+ Books (PreK-5) / 12+ Books (6-12)



PRINCES & PRINCESSES

Read 16-19 Books (PreK-5) / 9-11 Books (6-12)



LORDS & LADIES

Read 11-15 Books (PreK-5) /
6-8 Books (6-12)



KNIGHTS

Read 6-10 Books (PreK-5) /
3-5 Books (6-12)



SQUIRES

Read 1-5 Books (PreK-5) /
1-2 Books (6-12)

For more information, reading suggestions, and to log your progress, visit our website!

orange.k12.nj.us

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2018-2019

REQUIREMENTS:

- 3 years old by 10/01/18 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
 - 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: September 2018

4th & 5th 3pm-700pm (last sign in 6pm)

11th, 18th, 25th

TIME- 10:00 a.m. to 1:00pm

Last sign in: 12:00 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 2018-2019

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: Septiembre 2018

El 4 y 5 de 3pm-7pm (ultima firma a las 6pm)

11, 18, y 25

HORA: 10:00 am-1:00PM

Tiene que firmar antes de las 12:00PM

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 DESARROLLANDO ALGUN PROBLEMA DE APRENDISAJE O APRENDIENDO DIFERENTE FAVOR DE CONTACTAR AL DEPARTAMENTO DE SERVICIOS ESPECIALES EN EL DISRITO.



Learn English!
FREE ESL CLASSES
For Adults

You MUST take a literacy test to enroll in class

Literacy tests will be given on the following days and locations:

Date/Time	Location	Address
September 18 – 9:30am	Orange Public Library	384 Main Street
OR September 20 – 9:30am	Orange Public Library	384 Main Street
OR September 20 – 6:15pm	Rosa Parks Community School	369 Main Street
OR September 27 – 6:15pm	Rosa Parks Community School	369 Main Street

Testing will take approximately 2 hours – No children allowed

****You must be a resident of the City of Orange****

SPACE IS LIMITED
 FIRST COME – FIRST SERVED

For additional information, please call Lynn Sternstein at 862-704-2291

Classes will be held on:

Tuesday and Thursday

**9:00 am – 12:00 pm at Orange Public Library
 AND**

6:15 pm – 9:00 pm at Rosa Parks Community School

Classes will start October 9, 2018



Aprann Angle!
GRATIS KLAS ESL
Pou Adilt

Nou dwe pase yon egzamen ki pou pèmèt nou patisipe nan klas la

Egzamen yo ap bay nan jou sa yo eponan lokal sa yo:

	Dat/Tan	Kote	Adres
	Septanm 18 – 9:30 am	Orange Public Library	384 Main Street
ou	Septanm 20 – 9:30 am	Orange Public Library	384 Main Street
ou	Septanm 20 – 6:15 am	Rosa Parks Community School	369 Main Street
ou	Septanm 27 – 6:15 pm	Rosa Parks Community School	369 Main Street

Ekzamen ap pran apeprè 2 zè de tan – yo entèdi timoun

****Ou dwe abite nan vil Oranj la****

ESPAS SE LIMITE –
*Moun kivini avan an – se li men-m
 k'ap sèvi an premye*

Pou plis enfòmasyon tanpri kontakte Lynn Sternstein nan 862-704-2291

Jou klas yo se:

Madi ak Jedi

**9:00 am – 12:00 pm nan Orange Public Library
 OU BYEN**

6:15 pm – 9:00 pm nan Rosa Parks Community School

Klas kòmanse 9 Oktòb



Aprender Inglés!

GRATIS CLASES de ESL
Para Adultos

Es necesario cojer el examen para registrarse en las clases

Los examines se daran en estos dias y localidades:

Fecha/Hora	Localidades	Dirección
Septiembre 18 – 9:30am	Orange Public Library	384 Main Street
Septiembre 20 – 9:30am	Orange Public Library	384 Main Street
Septiembre 20 – 6:15pm	Rosa Parks Community School	369 Main Street
Septiembre 27 – 6:15pm	Rosa Parks Community School	369 Main Street

Ensayo tardará aproximadamente 2 horas – No niños permitidos

****Usted debe vivir en la Ciudad de Orange****

ESPACIO LIMITADO

Las primeras personas seran
 primeros en ser servidos

Para mas informacion, por favor comunicarse con Lynn Sternstein al: 862-704-2291

Las clases son:

Martes y Jueves

9:00 am – 12:00 pm a Orange Public Library

y

6:15 pm – 9:00 pm a Rosa Parks Community School

Las clases comienzan el 9 de Octubre