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Don't Miss *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*



The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940, Saturday, December 15, 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., at Orange Preparatory Academy. Buy tickets at <https://ohsvpa.booktix.com/> or at the door.



- **Monday, December 17, Forest Street Community School Winter Concert, 6:00 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, December 18, Lincoln Avenue School Winter Concert, art show at 5:30 p.m., concert at 6:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, December 19, Cleveland Street School Winter Concert, 6:00 p.m. at Rosa Parks Community School's Central Auditorium**
- **Thursday, December 20, Orange High School/Orange Preparatory Academy Winter Concert, 6:00 p.m., Orange Preparatory Academy**
- **Friday, December 21, 12:30 p.m. early dismissal for Holiday Recess**
- **Monday, December 24 through Monday, December 31, district closed for Holiday Recess**
- **Tuesday, January 1, 2019, district closed for New Year's Day. District reopens on Wednesday, January 2, 2019**

Preschoolers Participate in the Annual Students Change Hunger Campaign

Contributed by Carol James, School Counselor, Orange Early Childhood Center

Orange Early Childhood Center and Scholars Academy (OECC II) preschool students participated in the Community Food Bank of New Jersey (Hillside) Annual Students Change Hunger campaign. By participating, students learned valuable lessons about helping others, sharing, and love for community, not to mention skills such as sorting, matching and classifying.



Pictured: OECC students sorted food for the Community Food Bank of New Jersey (Hillside) Annual Students Change Hunger campaign.

Students sorted donated food items from the schools' food drive. "Look at our future leaders helping those in need," said Principal Jacquelyn Blanton, "We took groups of children to sort all of the donated food items from our food drive. They had so much fun and they know that they are helping those in need while learning a valuable skill, sorting."

Heywood Avenue School Codes for Computer Science Week

Submitted by Samantha Sansone, Library Media Specialist Heywood Avenue School

During the first week of December, also known as Computer Science Week, Heywood Avenue School students participated in the annual Hour of Code, featured through the website code.org. During the week, students in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 7th, as well as Ms. Werner's 4th and 5th graders, were able to practice their coding skills using programs on code.org such as "Star Wars: Building a Galaxy with Code", "Minecraft Hour of Code" and "Code with Anna and Elsa." Younger students enjoyed dancing to their favorite hit songs through code in the new program "Dance Party," customized just for their age group. Second grade student Michelle Content commented that "her class got to show dance moves like the Floss, the Dab, and the Double Down," and Seventh grade student Brandon Nelzi said "Coding is a great experience for myself and my fellow classmates, and the website code.org makes coding seem doable for anyone." Computer Science week takes place in the Library Classes at Heywood Avenue School yearly, and if you want to participate in the student activities, go to code.org and let your coding abilities shine!



Pictured: Heywood Avenue School students participate in the Hour of Code during Computer Science Week.

Hour of Code at Park Avenue Elementary School

Submitted by Dr. Denise Harlem, Technology Coordinator, Park Avenue School

Park Avenue Elementary School participated in the Hour of Code during Computer Science week, December 3-9. Approximately 400 students spent an hour coding by using Kodable (Grades K-3) and Code.org's Animate a Name and/or Dance Party. Students and teachers alike were highly engaged and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Many students asked if they could do it again.

Coding is the language that makes everything from cars to computers to microwaves run. It is the primary language between humans and machines. For young people, learning this language is something that will help provide for their successes in the future. At Park Avenue, we aim to give our students lessons that expose them to the world of coding using various computer languages, preparing them for future jobs.



The following link shows a video about what the students and teachers at Park Avenue School did during the Hour of Code. https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=119&v=CG7mGtawcuQ

Lunch and Learn with Richard Campbell, Inventor of Technology for Geological Agriculture and Founder of To Soil Less

On December 7, STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges hosted Mr. Richard Campbell, inventor, and founder of To Soil Less at its Lunch and Learn series. To Soil Less is a family business founded by Mr. Campbell in 2011, with the mission to share gravel based growing techniques and practices with the agriculture and gardening communities. Mr. Campbell recounted how he became an “accidental scientist” in the ‘90s when his uncle, Dr. Thomas Logan, accidentally dropped a few watermelon seeds in his gravel bed designed for weed block. The next spring a watermelon grew. This led to years of observation, testing, and research and eventually to the founding of To Soil Less. Mr. Campbell discussed the process he uses and the patents he holds in the field of geological agriculture, commonly referred to as gravel gardening. He wrote *River Stones Grow Plants* (RSGP) his account of developing the modern-day application of geological agriculture.



Pictured: STEM student introduces Mr. Campbell; Sample of plant grown in river rock.



Pictured: Scenes from the STEM Academy’s Lunch and Learn with Mr. Richard Campbell.

In his talk with the students, he asked questions regarding the rock types, answered questions about the science behind his technique and had students taste test cilantro grown in a cup with river rocks. In ending his discussion, he had them give a “shout out” to his radio show and took a “selfie” with the group. Principal Dr. Erica Stewart thanked Mr. Campbell for visiting the STEM Academy and Interim Superintendent Ronald C. Lee, a home gardener, was intrigued with the method and ready to follow Mr. Campbell’s process. Board President E. Lydell Carter, present for the discussion, was also impressed with the exposure offered to the STEM Academy students.

NJSDA Visits the Orange Public School District



Ms. Lizette Delgado Polanco, the Chief Executive Officer of the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA), visited the Orange Public School District on December 7, as part of her tour of all 31 SDA districts. She visited with her staff, meeting with Board of Education President E. Lydell Carter, and Business Administrator Adekunle O. James (*pictured left*). The meeting began with welcome remarks from Interim Superintendent Lee. Ms. Delgado Polanco introduced

herself and reviewed the mission of the SDA. The Honorable Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq., Assemblyman Thomas P. GIBLIN and a representative for Assemblywoman Britnee N. Timberlake were present for the meeting. Mr. James presented an overview of school repairs that are required and not currently funded by the SDA and fielded comments and questions from guests.

The SDA team toured Orange Preparatory Academy, Heywood Avenue School, and Forest Street Community School to see areas requiring upgrades and repairs. Areas viewed included gymnasiums, boiler plants, and outdoor spaces.



Pictured: Ms. Delgado Polanco arrives at the Board office; meeting with Interim Superintendent Lee, Board President Carter, Mayor Warren and Mr. James; at Orange Prep with Principal Dana Gaines.



Pictured: NJSDA tour of Orange Preparatory Academy, with Assemblyman Giblin and Mayor Warren.



Pictured: NJSDA tour of Heywood Avenue School with Principal Faith Alcantara, Mayor Warren and Board President Carter.



Pictured: NJSDA tour of Forest Street Community School with Principal Dr. Yancisca Lofton Cooke.

About the New Jersey Schools Development Authority

The SDA is the State agency responsible for fully funding and managing the new construction, modernization and renovation of school facilities projects in 31 SDA Districts. Its current portfolio of active projects is valued at approximately \$2 billion – including the Capital Project portfolio, emergent projects and Regular Operating District grants. Since the program’s inception, the SDA has provided funding for and management oversight of more than 850 completed school facilities projects in SDA Districts and has executed more than 5,400 grants for Regular Operating Districts throughout the State of New Jersey. For more information about the SDA, please visit: www.njsda.gov.

Oakwood Avenue School Kicks off Winter Concert Performances

On December 7, Oakwood Avenue Community School (OACS) kicked off the district's winter concert school performances with the "The Polar Express and Winter Songs" presentation. Families were treated to an adaptation to the beloved holiday story "The Polar Express," by the school's drama teacher Mrs. Britt Shubos Keshner. Throughout the three scenes of the play Grade 3 – 7 students sang such songs as "Hot Chocolate," "Rockin' On Top of the World," "Feliz Navidad," and ending with a joint chorus of Grade 5 – 7 students singing "Believe." The instrumental students played "Jingle Bells," the Fifth Grade Vocal Music Students sang "Pai-iPan," and the After School Chorus sang "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening" and "Run Rudolph Run."



Pictured: Scenes from OACS's presentation of "The Polar Express, with Winter Songs."

Mrs. Joanna Fletcher, music teacher, Ms. Helen Kwon, art teacher, along with Mrs. Britt Shubow Keshner, drama teacher, supported the program. Principal Denise White thanked them and the students for a wonderful performance.

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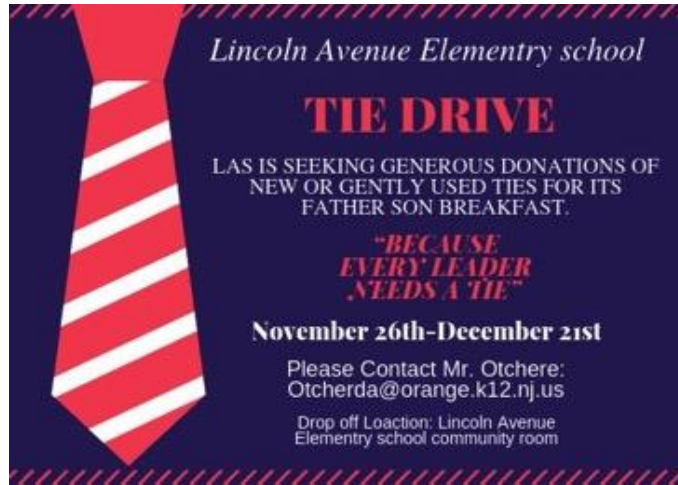
[Gifted and Talented Winter 2018 Newsletter](#)



Principal Karen Machuca has circulated a review of the activities for students enrolled in the district's Gifted and Talented program at Scholars Academy. *The Gifted and Talented Winter 2018 Newsletter* opens with a message from the "Principal's Corner" and provides an overview of the Science, Math and STEAM activities.

To read the newsletter click the following link: <https://bit.ly/2RVQwFJ>

Tie Drive at Lincoln Avenue School



Since the Thanksgiving break, Lincoln Avenue School (LAS) has been soliciting donations of new or gently used ties for a Father-son breakfast to be held in January. The breakfast will show appreciation for fathers, as well as the male leaders in the community. One of the activities planned will be teaching the young men how to tie a tie. In order to obtain enough ties for our male students, LAS is conducting a tie drive now through Friday, December 21. Donated ties can be dropped off at the

community room at Lincoln Avenue School. For more information, contact Mr. Damian Otchere at otcherda@orange.k12.nj.us. See flyer below.

Orange Township Recreation and Extended Day Program



The City of Orange Township is offering various recreation and extended school day programs for Orange students. The flyers shown above and below offer program details and contact information.

Chartwells December Newsletter



The district's food service provider Chartwells has published its December newsletter, shown below.



STEM Lunch & Learn Series Kicks Off

December

STEM Series underway

Chartwells management team is proud to create and serve our best recipes for the STEM events.

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Employee and Lead of the month announced

The Chartwells management team had a tie on its votes for our first ever employee recognition program. Both Jay and AJ did a wonderful job this month stepping up and allowing our operation to run smoothly through the month of November.

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Breakfast in the Hallways has officially started at OPA

Students are now able to grab nutritious breakfast items right upon entry into the middle school. In its first month we have seen participation raise by about 100 students a day.

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November 6th STEM

The Chartwells management team along with Rosana, Jennifer, and Goivanna, catered STEM's first Lunch and Learn. The staff prepared French Cut Turkey breast roasted on a bed of fresh herbs and garlic. Alongside the main entree was fresh salad, mashed potatoes, cornbread stuffing, and cranberry Sauce.

STEM has several similar events coming up and the team is excited to continue developing personalized menus for these events.



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eat.

Chartwells successfully piloted lunch in the hallways at OPA!

Students are able to have access to free reimbursable breakfast upon entrance at OPA. This program greatly increases access to the day's most important meal for all middle school students. In coming months the team will be working on continuing improving on the early program to continue to encourage students to eat a healthy breakfast



learn.

Employee of the Month

Darin Tate and Jalil Mullins both came to work on November 5th and immediately were sent to help out at the High School with one of the biggest deliveries of the year. Over 1,000 cases of food had come in and the High school was short staffed. They worked through pouring rain, very cold temperatures both DJ and Jay worked and went above and beyond to get the job done.

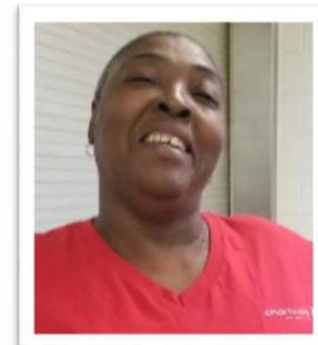
Throughout the month Jay and DJ have both been asked to help on other occasions at the high school and without hesitation they both have shown up and done a tremendous job covering where we need them, allowing every aspect of our operation to continue to move forward.



live.

LEAD OF THE MONTH- Felicia (Rosa Parks Elementary)

Felicia Jenkins has worked in foodservice at Orange Public Schools for 15 years. She has been the lead at Rosa Parks for 7 years. Producing between 900-1100 lunches a day, Felicia does her job seamlessly. She takes pride in what she does and it shows.





December 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 First Annual District Parent Conference 10AM-2PM, Lincoln Ave. School
2 December 2 - 10	3	4	5 OHS - Board Lobby Art Show 6:00PM - 7:00PM 451 Lincoln Ave.	6	7 Oakwood Avenue Community School Winter Concert 5:00PM - 7:30PM	8
9	10 RPCS Winter Concert 6:00PM-7:30PM Central Auditorium	11 Board of Ed Meeting, 7:00PM Orange Prep Academy	12 Heywood Avenue Winter Concert 6:00PM - 7:30PM	13 The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940, 7:00PM, Orange Prep 	14 The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940, 7:00PM, Orange Prep 	15 The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940, 2PM & 7PM, Orange Prep
16	17 Forest Street Community School Winter Concert 6:00PM - 7:30PM	18 Lincoln Avenue School Winter Concert 5:30PM Art Show, 6:00PM Concert	19 Sonic Explorations Winter Concert 3:15PM - 4:15PM Cleveland Street Winter Concert at RPCS's Central Auditorium 6PM	20 OHS/Orange Prep Winter Concert 6:00PM - 8:00PM Orange Prep Auditorium	21 Winter Solstice Holiday Recess 12:30PM Dismissal	22
23	24 Holiday Recess	25 Merry Christmas	26 Happy Kwanzaa Dec. 26 - Jan. 1	27 District Closed	28 District Closed	29
30	31 District Closed		District Reopens on Wednesday, January 2, 2019			

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

Forest Street Community School

Winter Concert

Toyland Jam

Come and join us...

December 17, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Multi - purpose Room

Forest Street Community School

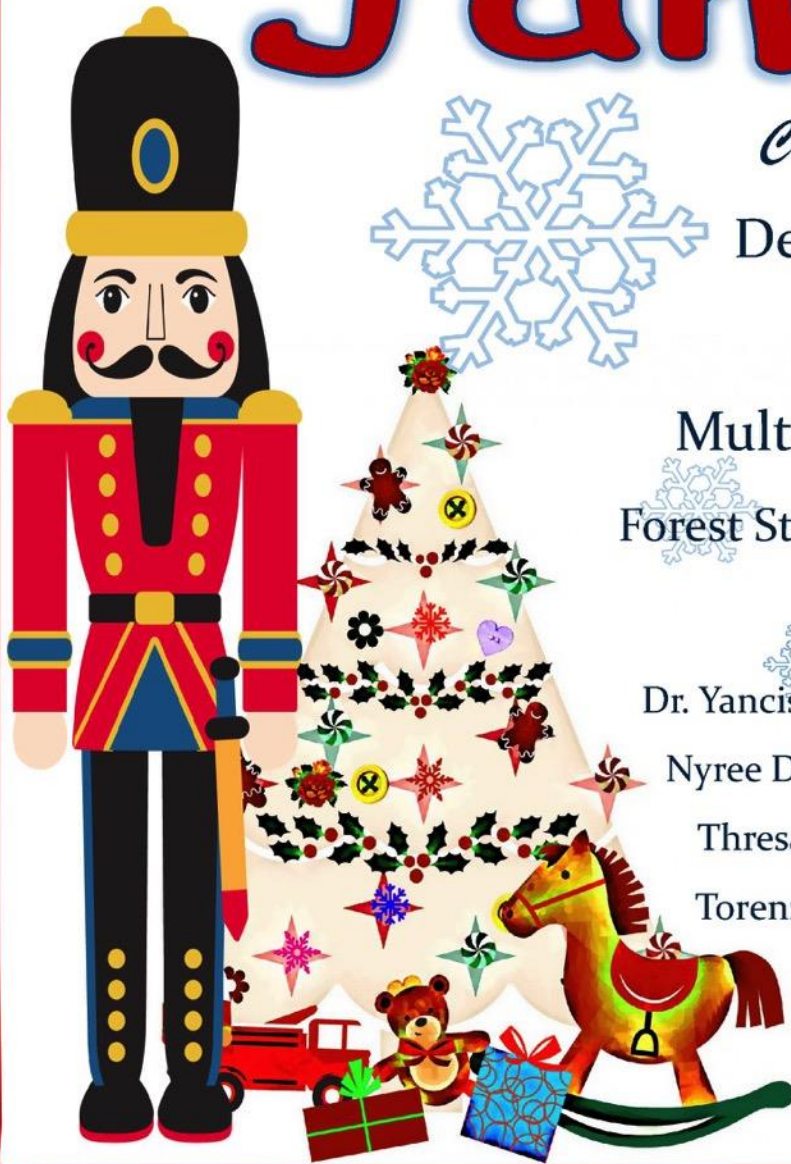
651 Forest St.

Dr. Yancisca Loften - Cooke, Principal

Nyree Delgado, Assistant Principal

Thresa Jones, Dance Instructor

Torenzo Blair, Music Instructor



You're invited to Lincoln Avenue School's



***The Sights
& Sounds
of Winter***

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

5:30-Art Show

6:00-Concert

Lincoln Avenue School Gymnatorium

Aretha D. Malloy, Principal

Isabel Colon, Assistant Principal

Patrick Yearwood, Assistant Principal

Visual & Performing Arts Team:

Monica Chavarria, Visual Art

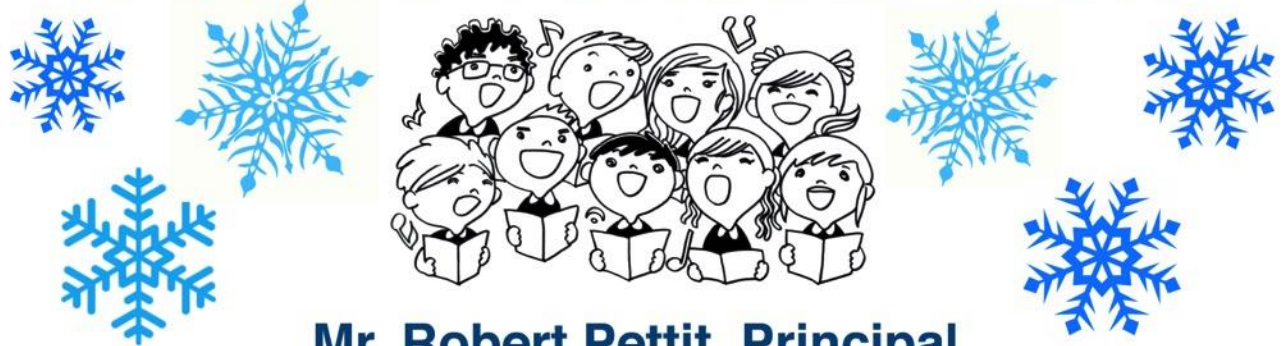
Thaddeus Hammond, Instrumental Music

Michelle Kane, Dance

Wendy Mir, Vocal Music

Cleveland Street School

presented by
Winter Concert 2018



Mr. Robert Pettit, Principal

WHEN:

Wednesday, December 19th

WHERE:

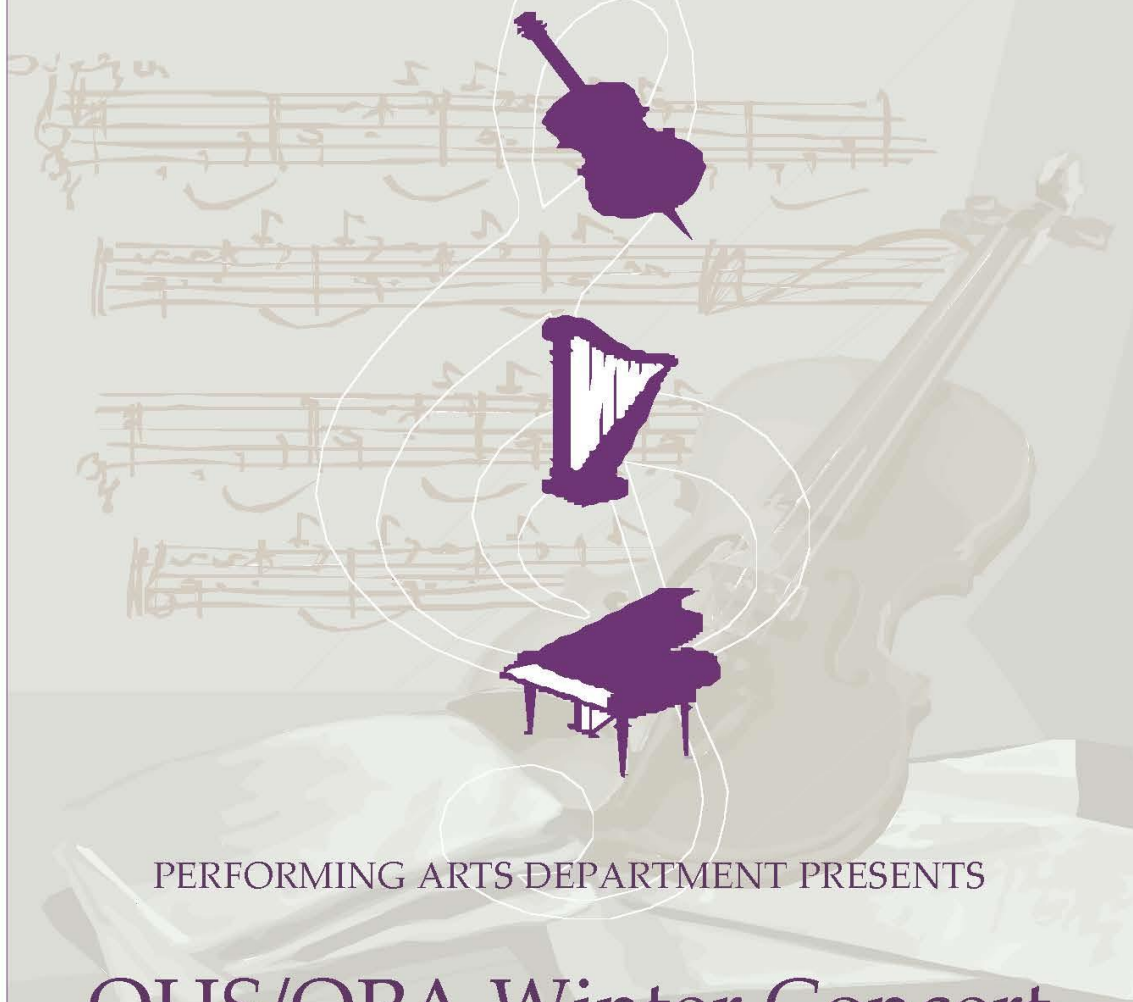
Central Auditorium,
Rosa Parks
Community School
33 Cleveland Street,
Orange, NJ

TIME: 6:00 pm

Brian Silvoy, Music Teacher
Britt Shubow Keshner, Drama Teacher
Helen DeCarlo, Visual Art Teacher



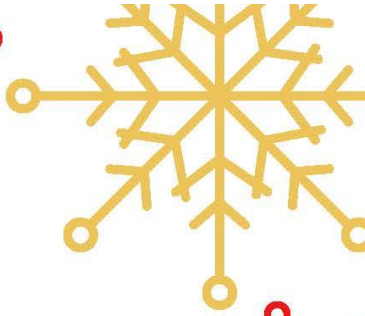
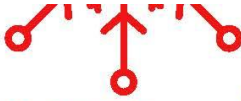
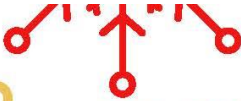
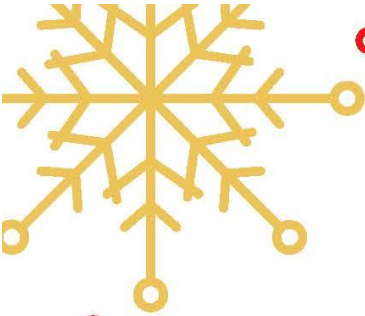
Orange High School and Orange
Preparatory Academy



PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

OHS/OPA Winter Concert

Instrumental and Choral
Thursday December 20, 2018
6:00 PM @ OPA Auditorium



THE COMMUNITY ROOM STAFF
MRS. MORRISROE
AND
MS. WHITE, PRINCIPAL
PRESENT:



Our 1st Annual Winter Wonderland Celebration!

Sponsored by OACS Staff & Orange Police Department



**WHEN: DECEMBER 21ST
8:45-11:45 AM**



PRE-K, K, 1ST, & 2ND: 8:45 AM-9:45 AM

3RD & 4TH GRADE: 9:50 AM-10:50 AM

5TH, 6TH, AND 7TH: 10:55 AM-11:55 AM

WHERE: MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

WEAR YOUR PAJAMAS!

**FREE GIFTS
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
FREE PICTURE WITH SANTA**



**ALL FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND WITH
THEIR STUDENTS!**



**BUY A WINTER WONDERLAND LUNCH
STARTING AT \$3**



Winter Wonderland Activities

1. DECORATE YOUR OWN COOKIE



2. DESIGN YOUR OWN CULTURAL WINTER ORNAMENT

3. MAKE YOUR OWN POPSICLE STICK CHRISTMAS TREE



4. LETTERS TO SOLDIERS OR SANTA CLAUS

5. HOT CHOCOLATE STATION & MAKE YOUR OWN REINDEER CEREAL



6. GAME STATION

7. PHOTO WITH SANTA CLAUS AND A FREE GIFT!

