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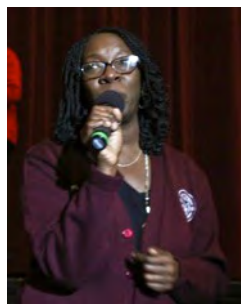
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- ✓ **Monthly Board of Education Meeting, January 12, 7:30 p.m. at OPA**
- ✓ **OHS Winter Music Concert, January 13, 7:00 p.m. at OPA**
- ✓ **Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday, January 18 - District Closed**
- ✓ **Professional Development Day, January 27 & 28, 12:30 p.m. Dismissal for Students**
- ✓ **OHS and OPA Winter Dance Concert, January 29, 7:00 p.m. at OPA**

December Board of Education Meeting

After opening with the Pledge of Allegiance at the December Board of Education meeting, Lincoln Avenue School gave a rousing performance of *Yes We Can*, featuring Lincoln Avenue staff and the Performance Choir, led by music teacher, Mrs. Wendy Mir. The Dance Ensemble, led by Ms. Michelle Paradise, joined them.



Principal Ms. Denise White (**pictured left**) commended all for the wonderful performance and thanked staff members and parents for their support.

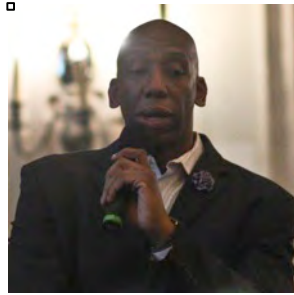


Following Lincoln Avenue School's performance, there were several presentations made to the Board members and audience. First, there was an Audit Presentation by representatives of Samuel Klein and Co.



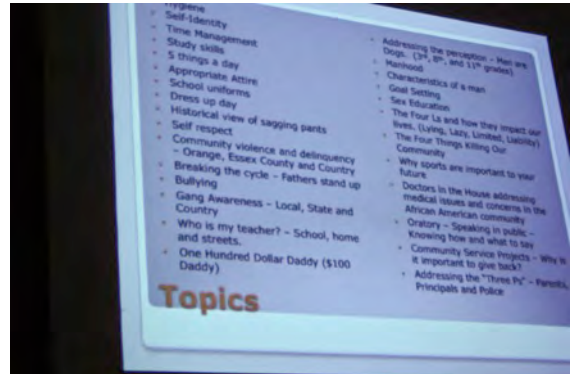
Pictured above: Lincoln Avenue School staff members and students performing *Yes We Can*.

They gave an independent auditor's report, highlighting that there were no audit recommendations for the school district. This confirmed that the district maintains sound financial practices.



Next, Mr. Reggie Miller (*pictured left*), Program Director for the Male Student Support Program (MSSP) gave his Annual Report. He

outlined the group's community service activities, including a Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive and a Christmas Toy Drive, and detailed some of the topics covered in their mentoring sessions, such as public speaking, health and safety concerns and gang awareness. The participating schools, during the first part of the school year, were Park Avenue School, Forest Street School and Oakwood Avenue Community School



Pictured above: Presentation slides from the MSSP Annual Report



Also presenting was Dr. Tina Powell, Director of Mathematics and Science (*pictured left*). She gave an overview of Education Elements Personalized Blended Learning Model and

Professional Development Support. The program, approved by the Board, involves the use of technology to differentiate learning and improve student outcomes.

PARCC Review

Dr. Terri Russo, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Professional Development, and Data Assessment (*pictured right*), and Ms. Tia Burnett, Supervisor of Testing (*pictured below left*)



presented an overview of the district's *Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC)* test results. The results are available on the Curriculum web page:

<http://www.orange.k12.nj.us/Domain/15>.



Ms. Shelly Harper (*pictured left*) presented the district's Violence and Vandalism Report for 2014-2015, highlighting a reduction in incidents of violence, vandalism, weapons and substance abuse.

Middle States Certificate Presentation

In November 2015, the Orange Public School District earned accreditation from the Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools. The district received a certificate for each of its 11 schools. To commemorate the accreditation, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, and Board of Education President, Ms. Cristina Mateo, along with former Board President, Ms. Patricia A. Arthur, presented each school with the framed certificate to display in their school.



Pictured (top to bottom): School administrators/representatives pose with Board Members and Cabinet Members; (above right) Mrs. Arthur with Principal Dr. Cayce Cummins.

Student of the Month:

Superintendent Ronald C. Lee and Board of Education President, Ms. Cristina Mateo, presented students with certificates for being selected Student of the Month (SOTM). On a monthly basis, students are recognized for exemplary behavior, academics and citizenship by their school. The students honored were:

Name	School
Deion Garrison	Orange High School (OHS)
Joshua Quezada	Career and Innovation Academy of Orange
Jessica Zuniga	Orange Preparatory Academy (OPA)
Mecca Lyons	Cleveland Street School
Hari Patel	Rosa Parks Community School
Autumn Tarver	Park Avenue School
Nia Harris	Heywood Avenue School
Gerard Cordero-Nunez	Forest Street School
Kamiyah Holcomb	Oakwood Avenue Community School
Az-Jhane Jean-Paul	Lincoln Avenue School



Pictured with Board President Mateo and Superintendent Lee: OHS SOTM with parent and Principal Dr. Kalisha Morgan; OPA SOTM with parent and Co-Principal Dana Gaines.



Pictured with Board President Mateo and Superintendent Lee: Cleveland Street SOTM with parent and Principal Dr. Cayce Cummins; Heywood Avenue SOTM with family and Principal Faith Alcantara.

Parent of the Month



The Parent of the Month, from Lincoln Avenue School, was Mr. David Armstrong. He was recognized, not only for working hard all month, but also for his continued support for Lincoln Avenue School. He goes above-and-beyond during the school year for the students, faculty, and staff in the district. Mr. Armstrong is the President of the Lincoln Avenue School PTO. He is a member of Lincoln’s School Management Team and assistant coach for the basketball team.

He also serves as the President of Orange Preparatory Academy’s PTSO. He is a Boy Scout Cub Master, an Assistant Scoutmaster; a Trustee for the Family Support Organization of Essex County, and an active member of the Orange Parent Academy. Believe it or not, he also has a full-time job with NJ Transit.

He is also celebrated for his role as a dedicated grandfather and an advocate for all children. The Lincoln Avenue School family is grateful for his dedication and support.

National Board Certification



Pictured (left to right): Board President Mateo, Principal Joseph-Charles, Ms. Dickson and Superintendent Lee.

A Certificate of Achievement was presented to Ms. Nichol Dickson, Mathematics teacher at Rosa Parks Community School, for attaining National Board Certification in Early Adolescence Mathematics (Ages 11-15). Board President Mateo, Principal Ms. Debra Joseph-Charles and Superintendent Lee congratulated her. Ms. Dickson is one of five district teachers/administrators to achieve National Board Certification, “the profession’s gold standard for accomplished teaching.” (nbpts.org)

Forest Street School Winter Concert 2015

The Forest Street School (FSS) Winter Concert took place on December 14. After opening remarks from Principal Yancisca Cooke and a message from the president of the PTO, the large audience of family and friends were treated to holiday music, dance and a special presentation by the FSS Staff Choir. The show featured instrumental music, led by Ms. Marianne Mroz. Her string students played songs including *Jolly Old St. Nicholas* and *Merrily We Roll Along*. The Forest Street Band and the Advanced Band followed with several selections including *Jingle Bells*, *The Chipmunk Song* and *Feliz Navidad*.



Pictured: Scenes from Forest Street’s Winter Concert.

Mr. Brian Silvoy directed vocal music students and the guitar elective students. He led third and second graders singing *It’s a Celebration* and *Joy to the World* and first graders in *Music in Motion*. The guitar students played the *Peanuts Theme*, among other tunes. He also led several soloists performing an Adele medley.



Pictured: Scenes from Forest Street’s Winter Concert.

Dance students, directed by Ms. Theresa Jones, rounded out the evening's performance with several dances to *Stand By Me*, *Happy*, and *Beautiful People*. They ended with *Get Up Offa That Thing*.

The concert finale was the FSS Staff Choir. Assistant Principal, Mrs. Najran Cowins, made closing remarks.



Pictured: Scenes from Forest Street's Winter Concert.

Heywood Avenue School Robotics Team

Mr. Shafeek Mohammed, Supervisor of Science/STEM Grades 8-12

Heywood Avenue Robotics team attended the FIRST Lego League (FLL) Regional Qualifier this past November. Heywood teachers, Mr. Kevin Rutz, and Ms. Kelly Clark, led the team of ten students from grades 4-7.

Their research topic for TRASH TREK was reducing the amount of cigarette butt litter by strategically placing ashtrays within a 7 minute walking distance on major streets in Orange.

Since then they have had 2 debriefing sessions, and have a small celebration scheduled the second week in January. They meet for an hour a week on Fridays and have involved several new students.



Pictured: Heywood Avenue School's Robotics Team.

FYI

Preschool Registration Dates for January and February



The Orange Early Childhood Department has scheduled preschool registration, for the 2015 - 2016 school year, on Tuesdays during the months of January and February.

Please see the flyers below for registration requirements and times. For more information, call 973-677-4500, ext. 1904 or 1918. See flyers below.

January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day District Closed	2
3	4 Welcome Back District Reopens	5	6 Oakwood Lobby Art Show 6:00 ^{PM} Board Office	7	8	9
10	11	12 Monthly Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 ^{PM} at OPA	13 OHS Winter Music Concert, 7:00 p.m. at OPA 	14	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day District Closed 	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 12:30 ^{PM} Dismissal for Students	28 12:30 ^{PM} Dismissal for Students	29 OPA/OHS Winter Dance Concert 7:00 ^{PM} at OPA 	30 arts education NIPAS M.A.N.Y. Concert 7:00 ^{PM} at OPA
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ORANGE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS EARLY CHILDHOOD DEPARTMENT

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2015 - 2016

REQUIREMENTS:

- 3 years old by 10/01/15 4 years old by 10/01/15
 - 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:* JANUARY 2016**

12th, 19th, and 26th.

FEBRUARY – 2nd, and 9th.

TIME- 10:00A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Last sign in: 1:00 pm.

PLACE: ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

397 PARK AVE, ORANGE, NJ 07050

973- 677-4500 ext. 1904 or 1918

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.

ESCUELAS PUBLICAS DE ORANGE DEPARTAMENTO DE EDUCACION PREESCOLAR

REGISTRACIÓN PREESCOLAR

REQUISITOS:

- 3 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/15
- 4 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/15
- 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.**

REGISTRACIÓN:

ENERO - 12, 19, y 26

FEBRERO - 2, y 9.

10:00am-200pm

tiene que firmar antes de las 1:00pm

**LUGAR: ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
397 PARK AVE, ORANGE, NJ 07050
(973) 677-4500 ext 1904, 1918**

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.