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Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



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Contact Information:
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Orange, NJ 07050
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- ✓ **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, 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**

Rosa Parks Community School Family Seminar Series: Fire Safety

Submitted by Mr. Barry R. Devone III, Community School Coordinator, Rosa Parks Community School

As part of the Rosa Parks Community School (RPCS) Family Seminar Series, representatives of the Orange Fire Department gave a "Fire Safety" presentation. Fire Director Kenneth M. Douglas and Captain Padilla provided attendees with information on fire prevention best practices and how to react if they are ever faced with the unfortunate circumstance of dealing with a fire.

Mayor Warren was also in attendance. He provided the audience with words of encouragement and even served coffee while the presenters were preparing for the event! Several firemen from the department were in attendance, as well.

One of the attendees, a recent victim of a fire, was able to have a discussion with a fireman who helped her during the experience. Several of the attendees signed up to have smoke detectors installed in their homes. All of the participants felt the presentations were informative and are looking forward to the next Fire Safety event.



Pictured: Scenes from RPCS "Fire Safety" presentation.



Pictured (above and right): Scenes from RPCS "Fire Safety" presentation, including Director Kenneth M. Douglas and Mayor Dwayne D. Warren (left).



Oakwood Places at the Woodbridge Youth Bridge Tournament

Submitted by Ms. Pamela Venable, School Counselor, Oakwood Avenue Community School

Congratulations to the 2nd and 4th place winners at the Woodbridge Youth Bridge Tournament, held in November of 2015. Barry Caldwell, a current 9th grader at Orange Preparatory Academy, and 6th grader Edwin Thomas came in second place. Both have participated in National Tournaments in Atlanta, GA and Chicago, IL. The 4th place winners were Tyrese Thompson and Emmanuel Rodriguez.



Pictured: Scenes from the Woodbridge Bridge Tournament.

Several former Oakwood students continue to participate in the Oakwood Avenue Community School Bridge Program. We now have an Oakwood Community Bridge Team grade 3 through grade 12. The older students serve as mentors and help to reinforce positive social behavior. We are off to a great start! Participants will compete locally in preparation for the National Tournament in Washington, DC in July 2016.



Pictured: Scenes from the Woodbridge Bridge Tournament.

Park Avenue School Winter Concert 2015



The Park Avenue School (PAS) Winter Concert took place on December 15. After opening remarks from Principal Dr. Myron Hackett (*pictured left*) and greetings from Superintendent of Schools, Ronald C. Lee, the audience was entertained by the PAS Band, the Primary Choir, the 3rd Grade Choir and the PAS 4th-7th Grade Choir.

The performance began with vocal selections led by Mr. Scott Clark. The Intermediate Choir sang *Deck the Halls* and the *Chipmunk Song*. He also led students on the ukulele and guitar, featuring Deicka Jean Charles and Jairo Carchi Paucar, playing *C Winter Blues*. The Third Grade Choir and the K-2 Choir followed with other seasonal classics including *Let it Snow* and *Jolly Old Saint Nicholas*. *Little Snowflake* was also performed accompanied by Jayden Moinvil on the piano and ukulele and guitar students from K-2 and Ms. Versella's class.

Mr. Thaddeus Hammond, band director, led students in a *Big Band Medley* and *A Child is Born*, featuring Jonathan Tarver, Janael Molo and Ibrihima Sako. The finale was *Winter Fantasy/Jingle Bells*.



Pictured: Scenes from Park Avenue's Winter Concert.

Orange Preparatory Academy Winter Concert 2015

The Orange Preparatory Academy concert on December 17 included vocal music, instrumental music and special presentations by the Orange Preparatory Academy Drama Club.



Co-Principal, Ms. Aretha Malloy (*pictured left*) gave opening remarks after the Pledge of Allegiance. The concert then began with the Orange

Preparatory Academy Chorus directed by Mr. Peter Abazia. They sang *Amani (Peace)*, a traditional Swahili song and *In the Bleak Midwinter* and *Imagine* accompanied by Mr. David Milnes, Orange High School's vocal music teacher. They also reprised a song performed during the school's Hispanic Heritage Program, *Stand By Me*, among other tunes. Ms. Dorcas Robinson, directing the Orange Preparatory Academy Concert Band, followed them. The band played *Sounds of Joy*, *Deck the Halls*, *Winter Wonderland* and *Jingle Bells*.

Mr. Michael Seidel, directed the drama students in several poetry readings and comedic performances. The students and Mr. Seidel presented the *Twas the Night Before the Holidays* spoof, featuring Curtis Mark and Derrick Victor. Next was a Lip Sync Battle with *All I Want for Christmas* featuring Slomit Ortega, Richana Drummond and the *Drama Eight Girls*. The drama portion ended with selected scenes from *Alice in Wonderland* featuring Takiyah Head, Anaija Hilliard, David Guzman, Tayah Lewter, Nestasia Paisley and Gina Zhinin.



Pictured (above): Scenes from OPA Winter Concert.

Lincoln Avenue School Winter Concert 2015



The Lincoln Avenue Winter Concert took place on December 21. After welcome remarks by Assistant Principal, Mr. Patrick Yearwood (**pictured left**), the concert opened with the full chorus, led by Mrs. Wendy Mir, surrounded the audience and singing *In This House*. After the students exited, the band played two selections, *Good King Wenceslas* and *Jolly Old St. Nicholas*, directed by Sem Etienne. Mr. Etienne later directed solo performances by Rose-Marie Jones (Clarinet) and William Moiett (Saxophone) playing *Ode to Joy* and *O Come All Ye Faithful*, respectively.



Pictured (above): Scenes from Lincoln Avenue School's Winter Concert.

Ms. Mir's Grade 5 - 7 chorus performed several winter and holiday themed songs including *One Day in December*, *A New Year Carol* and *Drummer Boy/Peace on Earth*, featuring Alvin Jeune, Justin Gamble, Stherlie Previlon, Kashima Smith and Imani Bell. The Music Club students sang *Winter Canon* acapella, due to technical difficulties, and did a wonderful job.



Pictured (above): Scenes from Lincoln Avenue School's Winter Concert.

Mrs. Michelle Paradise led her students in a variety of dance performances across a number of popular genres, from a hip hop remix of *Dance of the Sugar Plum*, to *J'ai Ho*, *Ease on Down the Road* from the *Wiz* and ending with the popular *Fight Song* by Rachel Platten. The dancers energized the audience and left everyone in a festive mood.



Pictured (above): Scenes from Lincoln Avenue School's Winter Concert.

FYI

Financial Literacy Workshop Series



Oakwood Avenue Community School (OACS), in partnership with Valley National Bank, is extending the school's Financial Literacy Workshop Series to all parents and staff district-wide. This month's seminar will provide valuable information on building wealth through budgeting and saving. The workshop will take place on Wednesday, January 20, 2016, from 5:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. at OACS, located at 135 Oakwood Avenue, in the library.

For additional information you may contact the school at 973-677-4095. See flyer below.

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.

See upcoming issues for Heywood Avenue School's annual *Alumni Day* event and a review of the *Orange Winter Dance Intensive*.



Pictured (left to right): Heywood Avenue School Alumni; Some of the students who attended the Orange Dance Intensive.

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  M.A.N.Y. Concert 7:00 ^{PM} at OPA
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FINANCIAL LITERACY SEMINAR

WHEN: January 20, 2016
5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

WHERE: Oakwood Avenue
Community School Library
135 Oakwood Avenue, Orange

Topic: Building Wealth Through Budgeting & Saving

Contact us today for further details!

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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:

- o 3 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/15 4 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/15
- o DEBE SER RESIDENTE DEL MUNICIPIO DE ORANGE
- o PARTIDA DE NACIMIENTO ORIGINAL
- o EXPEDIENTE DE INMUNIZACIONES DEL NIÑO/NIÑA
- o DECLARACIÓN ACTUAL DEL ARRIENDO O DE LA HIPOTECA
- o Identificación de fotos
- o **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 firmer 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.