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- ✓ **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**

Orange Preparatory Academy PTSO Holiday Social

Submitted by Ms. Stephanie Desanges, Community School Coordinator, OPA

Orange Preparatory Academy held a Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) Holiday Social on December 17, in an effort to bolster the PTSO. Parents and staff, had the opportunity to meet and mingle. Guests were served light refreshments and received updates on the PTSO from Ms. Stephanie Desanges, Community School Coordinator, Co-Principal, Mrs. Aretha Malloy and Assistant Principal Mrs. Samantha Fossella.



Pictured: Registration at the PTSO Holiday Social.



Pictured: Scenes from the PTSO Holiday Social.

Approximately 40 families attended the small gathering after which they made their way into the auditorium for the school's Winter Concert.

The Orange Preparatory Academy PTSO meets on the second Tuesday of each month, from 5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m., to discuss student progress, programs and ways to continue to recruit and encourage parents of young scholars. However, for February, the monthly meeting will be held on the 23rd.

Berry's Butterflies

Submitted by Mrs. Malika Berry, School Social Worker and Advisor, Orange Preparatory Academy

A few members of Berry's Butterflies, the girls mentoring group at Orange Preparatory Academy (OPA), delivered a fresh apple pie to the Orange Fire Department to thank them for their service.

The students who participated are Stephanie Bamfo, Ze'Keisha Graham, Nala Johnson, Selena Jean-Pierre, Yvonne Harmon and Trameesha Robertson



Pictured: Orange Firemen with Berry's Butterflies.

Orange High School Winter Music Concert 2015

Orange High School Winter Music concert took place of January 13. The Visual and Performing Arts Supervisor, Ms. Donna Sinisgalli (**pictured left**), introduced the evening's concert, commenting on the robust program at OHS and inviting all to enjoy the event. Assistant Principal, Mr. Mohammed Abdelaziz (**pictured below right**), welcomed family and friends, on behalf of OHS.



The performance began with the Concert Choir, led by instructor, Mr. David Milnes. The choir sang *Shut Up and Dance*, *Forget You* and *Cheerleader*. They demonstrated their readiness and talent through excellent harmony.



The String Orchestra, including students in Grades 6 - 12, led by Mr. Terrence Thornhill, performed next. The growth of the string program was evident, as the students played *Ode to Joy* and *Six Seven Nine* with a lead-in by Mr. Thornhill, and the audience responded enthusiastically.

Members of the senior class arranged and performed *Raise It Up* before the entire Voices in Harmony, the Orange High School select choir, sang *For All We Know*, featuring Abigale Charles and Clinton Obe, along with the group's signature tune *Home Foundations*.



Pictured: Scenes from Orange High School Winter Concert featuring the Concert Choir, the String Orchestra and Voices in Harmony.



The Symphonic Band performed last, but certainly not least. They were directed by instrumental music instructor, Dr. Steven Reeves (***pictured right***), who lauded his students' accomplishments and talents, giving several the opportunity to demonstrate their individual skills. OHS senior, Walter Nufio Jr., conducted the band, playing *Dona Nobis Pacem* and 10th grader Ryan Hinton played *Piece pour le Vetement du blesse*, on piano. The band, with Dr. Reeves conducting, also played *Fire Dance*, *The Tempest* and *Hotline Bling*.

The concert was an enjoyable musical event!



Pictured: Scenes from Orange High School Winter Concert featuring the Symphonic Band.

Heywood Avenue School Alumni Day

Contributed by Ms. Faith Alcantara, Principal, Heywood Avenue School



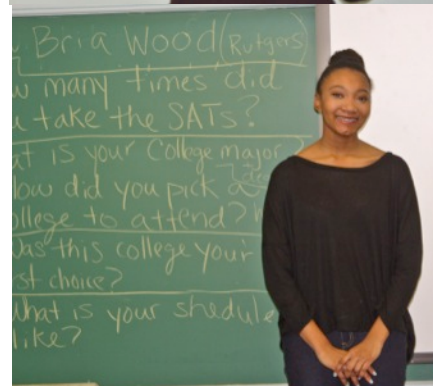
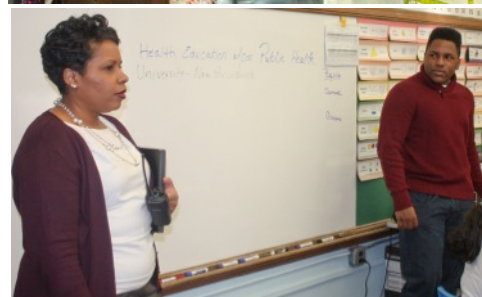
The second annual Heywood Avenue School Alumni Day attracted over 13 former graduates. The students left Heywood Avenue in the 6th or the 7th grade. The former students, two of whom have siblings attending Heywood and one who currently works at Heywood as the Community Coordinator of the 21st Century After School Program, visited classes in grades 3 - 7

Students attend Brown University, Caldwell University, Montclair State University, Rutgers New Brunswick, Monmouth University, Rowan University, The College of St. Elizabeth and New York University. Two others are in the workforce, one with UPS and the other as Senior Editor of Prysm Magazine.

Mrs. Elizabeth Tague, 6/7 Mathematics Teacher, created the idea of "Alumni Day" and has coordinated the event for the past two years. Alumni who came represented the graduating class years of 2001- 2009.



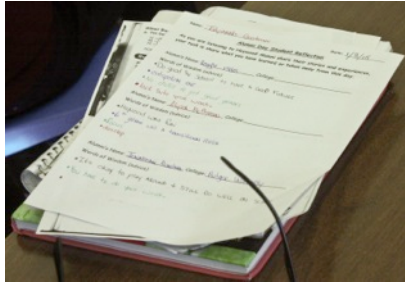
Pictured: (left to right, back row) Myles Crawley, Reginald Miles, Athena Smith, Janeen Browne, James Hannah, Alyssa McPherson, Jonathan Alcantara, (left to right, front row) - Bria Wood, Alyssa Wilson, Dleta Sweat, and Courtney Sweat. In attendance but not pictured were: Tiara Youngblood and Jaivonna Price.



Pictured (above): Alumni visiting classrooms at Heywood Avenue School, including Principal Alcantara and her son.

This was an invaluable lesson for our students, as alumni shared with them their experiences while at Heywood, their current experiences in college and/or the workforce, answered student questions regarding college and encouraged students to persevere, work hard and get involved in activities beyond school.

Principal Faith Alcantara



Heywood's students were attentive, asking detailed questions of the alumni and recording their responses. "Our students were engaged by our alumni and really paid close attention to the advice and guidance they offered, said, Principal Faith Alcantara. "Staff members who had these 'alumni' as students, including myself, were so happy to have them back and proud of who they have become and what they are continuing to do," she

added. "We already advised them to save the date for next year, as January 4, 2017, will be our 3rd Annual Heywood Alumni Day!"

Orange Dance Conservatory Winter Intensive

For two days over the Orange Public School District's Holiday Recess, students had the opportunity to attend the Orange Dance Conservatory Winter Intensive, directed by Ms. Deborah Rembert, Park Avenue School's dance instructor and the director of the Orange Dance Conservatory. Orange dance students and dance enthusiasts from outside the district registered for dance classes and seminars in related performing arts activities, on December 28 and 29 at Park Avenue School. Shown below and to the right are images of visiting artists instructing the students.



Pictured: Winter Intensive Junior Level students in ballet class taught by Ronald Alexander



Pictured: Winter Intensive students in modern dance class with instructor Iquail Johnson.



Pictured: William Marshall, makeup artist to the stars, teaching students about stage makeup.



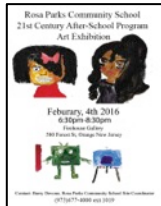
Pictured: Some of the students from the Orange Dance Conservatory Winter Intensive 2015.



Pictured: Teen Level students with Casting Director Wendy McKenzie.

FYI

Rosa Parks Community School 21st Century Art Exhibition



Students attending the Rosa Parks Community School 21st Century After-School Program will hold an art exhibition on Thursday, February 4, 2016, 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m., at the Firehouse Gallery, 580 Forest Street in Orange.

For more information, contact Mr. Barry Devone, Rosa Parks Community School Site Coordinator, at 973-677-4000, ext. 1019. See flyer below.

Orange Preparatory Academy Community Room Grand Opening



Orange Preparatory Academy will have its Community Room Grand Opening on Tuesday, February 9. The opening is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and again at 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. The room will be presented to parents and community partners. The event will also honor Ms. Julia Poirier for her generous donations to the Community Room in memory of her late brother, Marc Poirier. Light refreshments will be served









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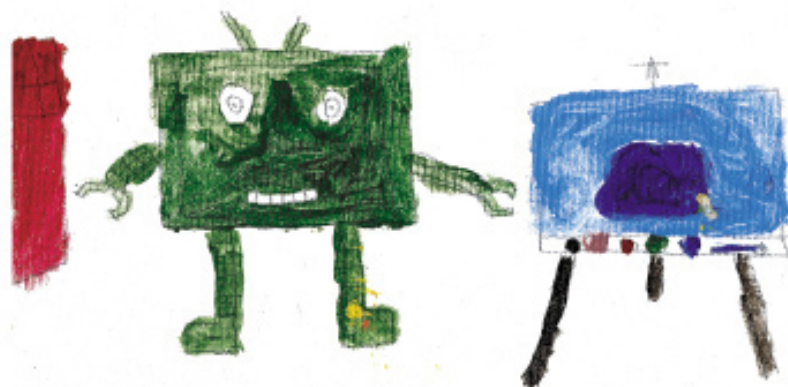


February, 4th 2016

6:30pm-8:30pm

Firehouse Gallery

580 Forest St, Orange New Jersey



Contact: Barry Devone, Rosa Parks Community School Site Coordinator
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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.

