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- ✓ **Winter Recess - District Closed, Monday - Friday, February 15-19**
- ✓ **Schools Reopen, Monday, February 22**



Orange High School Lady Tornado Basketball Team in NJSIAA State Playoffs



Congratulations to the Orange High School (OHS) Lady Tornado Basketball team for reaching the 1st round of the NJSIAA state playoffs, as the #8 seed. The team will be hosting the #9 seed, Warren Hills Regional HS, at Orange High School, on Monday, February 29, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

“Please come out and support the Lady Tornados, as they try to make some ‘noise’ in the NJSIAA Tournament.” Mohammed Abdelaziz, Assistant Principal - Athletics

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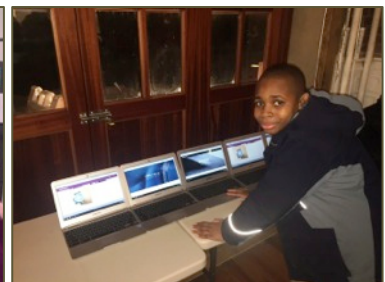
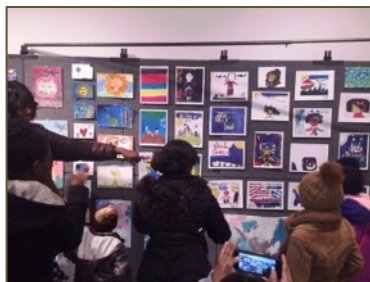
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Rosa Parks Community School 21st Century After-School Program Art Exhibition

Submitted by Barry R. Devone III, Community School Coordinator, RPCS

Students in the Rosa Parks Community School’s (RPCS) 21st Century After-School Program had an opportunity to display their artwork at the Firehouse Gallery in Orange on February 4. The program was a collaboration between RPCS and the Orange based Valley Arts organization.

Student work from the following activities was available for observation: Graphic Arts, Painting, Cyber Cafe and Comic Fantasy. Students, family members, district staff and community members attended the event.



Pictured: Students at the RPCS Art Exhibit at the Firehouse Gallery.



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In the Rosa Parks Community School 21st Century After-School Program, professional artists from the Valley Arts organization provide instruction for students in the following areas: Mike Malbrough (Graphic Arts), Stephen Batiz (Painting) and Vladimir Jean (Comic Fantasy). Certified teacher and community partner, Angela Brisini, provides instruction for students enrolled in the Cyber Cafe class.

Also at RPCS:

On February 4, Ms. Sally Hammer, Registered Dietitian, visited Kindergarten classrooms at Rosa Parks Community School. Ms. Hammer gave a presentation on "Sometimes vs. Anytime Foods" to inform students about healthy eating habits. The presentations were informational and engaging. You could tell by the number of students raising their hands and the smiles on their faces, they enjoyed the visit.



Pictured: Kindergarten students listen to Ms. Sally Hammer.

Scholars Academy Students Compete in Essex County Competition

Submitted by Karen Machuca and Terrance Brooks, Principal and English Language Arts teacher at Scholars Academy

On January 14, the Literacy Core at Scholars Academy ventured to Heritage Middle School in Livingston, New Jersey to compete in the Forensic Interpretative Reading Competition with 10 students representing the Junior Varsity and Varsity teams.

It was an exciting event, as the teams approached the competition with a relaxed and ready to compete mindset. Principal Karen Machuca was eager to see just what the competition was all about and volunteered to be a judge. The students on the Literacy team practiced from October to December with their stage presence, articulation, eye contact and the ability to assume the character of the novel they selected to present. They also worked on their expressions and hand gestures, while practicing not being too dramatic and not memorizing the piece they selected. This all had to be mastered within a time limit of 4 – 5 ½ minutes. The presenters were not allowed to act or wear costumes, however, they were expected to change their voices, if there was more than one character being presented in their piece.



Pictured: Mrs. Machuca and Mr. Brooks with the JV and Varsity Team members (names listed below).

Mr. Terrance Brooks, English Language Arts teacher stated, "As the coach of the Scholars Academy Forensic Team, I knew that our team members were well prepared and were eager to compete. I also took some members who went last year as Junior Varsity participants. They were looking to come back victorious now as 6th graders. The JV team did a wonderful job and Cassandra Dawson (a Varsity team member) from Heywood Avenue School made it to the Finals. We were all so very proud of her, as she approached the finals with a positive and

firm disposition. Cassandra represented the Scholars Academy program with a runner up trophy. We're now preparing for *The Declamation Competition*, which will be held at the Scholars Academy, Friday, March 4, 2016. It's all about Public Speaking!"

The Scholars Academy Team Members:

JV Team:

- Zaki Williams – 6th grade Forest Street School
- Nana Sapong- 6th grade Forest Street School
- Martha Simon-6th grade Rosa Park Community School
- Cyndi Smith-6th grade Oakwood Avenue School
- Mayc Watts-6th grade Oakwood Avenue School
- Ebony Nukrumah 6th grade Heywood Avenue School (time keeper)

Varsity Team:

- Kayla Howell-8th grade Orange Preparatory Academy
- Illiana Maistri-8th grade Orange Preparatory Academy
- Cassandra Dawson-7th grade Heywood Avenue School
- Anijah Hillard 8th grade Orange Preparatory Academy (time keeper)

Eaglewood Township Inauguration

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

On January 22, Eaglewood Township, Oakwood Avenue Community School's MicroSociety, held its inauguration ceremony for the newly elected mayor and his executive board. The ceremony took place at Eaglewood Township Hall. Dr. Lanel D. Guyton, Pastor of St. Matthew AME Church, officiated the ceremony, personifying each office with certain character traits. Mayor-Elect Christopher Fernandez and Deputy-Elect Mayor Kwadir Clarke have very important roles and each of them will be respected by all citizens for their leadership. The expectation is that they will be persons of good character who represent respect and responsibility.



The Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, Secretary, Health & Safety Officer and Members-at-Large were all charged with upholding the character traits of trustworthiness, care, fairness and good citizenship.

Once the Mayor-Elect, the Executive Board Officers and Members-at-large were duly installed into office, Mayor Christopher Fernandez performed his first official ceremony. He welcomed all newcomers to Eaglewood Township and those who completed Citizenship training were sworn in as Eaglewood Township Citizens, effective January 22, 2016.

On behalf of the citizens of Eaglewood Township, Mayor Fernandez extended a special thanks and appreciation to Dr. Guyton, who supports many of the activities held at Oakwood Avenue Community School and the Eaglewood Township Community.



Pictured: Elected officials during the Eaglewood inauguration with Dr. Lanel D. Guyton, Pastor of St. Matthew AME Church.

Career and Technical Education Month Celebrated at Orange High School

Submitted by Denise DePalma, Health Occupations teacher, Orange High School

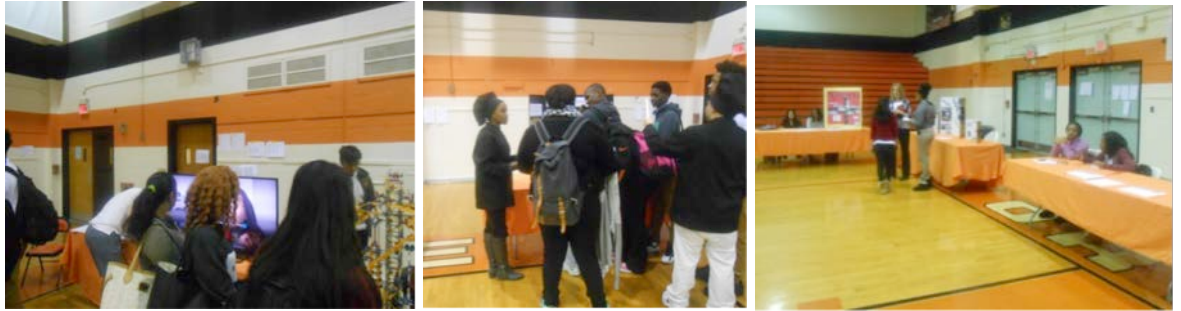
Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month is an annual celebration held in February for Career and Technical Education community members' achievements and accomplishments nationwide. To honor the month, the Orange High School CTE team held a CTE fair for parents and students on February 10 and 11, 2016. Students from the high school and OPA, as well as parents, had the opportunity to see firsthand the activities that take place in the many CTE classes offered here in Orange. The event allowed the OHS CTE team to raise awareness of the critical role that CTE has in preparing students for a rapidly changing workplace.



Pictured: Health Occupations students with Mr. Jason Belton, OHS Co-Principal (center) and Ms. DePalma (right).

The Career and Technical Education Departments represented at the fair included: Business, Accounting, Digital Media, TV Production, Graphic Arts, Web Design, STEM/Smart Lab, Comp TIA+ CISCO, Culinary Arts/ Nutrition, Health Occupations and Structured Learning Experience.

The participants were able to have their blood pressure taken, view student driven technology and digital art projects and taste food prepared by the culinary students. In addition, students and teachers were on hand to explain the classes in each track and offer advice to those, regardless of the career or education that the students are considering.



Pictured: Scenes from the CTE Fair held on February 11 and 12 at Orange High School.

Here are some facts to consider that were published by the Association for Career and Technical Education:

- High school students involved in CTE are more engaged, perform better and graduate at higher rates.
- CTE prepares students to be college- and career-ready by providing core academic skills, employability skills and technical, job-specific skills.
- Health care occupations, many of which require an associate degree or less, make up 12 of the 20 fastest growing occupations.
- STEM occupations such as environmental engineering technicians require an associate degree and will experience faster than average job growth.
- Middle-skill jobs, jobs that require education and training beyond high school but less than a bachelor's degree, are a significant part of the economy.
- CTE fulfills employer needs in high-skill, high-wage, high-demand areas.



Pictured: Scenes from the CTE Fair held on February 11 and 12 at Orange High School. Students visited various information tables and the displays were open to parents during Parent Teacher Conference. Brochures describing the CTE courses were on each table and will soon be posted on the district website under the Curriculum Department's CTE Program.

Art In Motion Dance Concert

On January 29, Orange High School (OHS) and Orange Preparatory Academy (OPA) presented *Art In Motion*, the schools' joint winter dance concert. The evening's performances were an apt representation of artistic dance movements. The program opened with *He Lives in You* by the OPA Dance Ensemble, choreographed by OPA's dance instructor, Mr. Alonzo Hall.

The OHS Dance Ensemble's opening performance was *Arrival of the Birds*, choreographed by Ms. Tosha M. Brown, OHS's dance instructor. Also performing were OPA's 8th Grade Dancers (A) and (B), OHS Guest Dancers and special guests, Lincoln Elementary Dance Ensemble, directed by Ms. Michelle Paradise, with a lively performance to *Heroes*.

During the concert, there were two movie presentations highlighting the dance programs at each school. The programs demonstrated active student participation, dedication to the craft and the nurturing of talent. There was also a senior project, choreographed by Chasterine Santana, with the OHS Dance Ensemble performing to *Trust* by Sam Smith.



Pictured: Scenes from the Art In Motion Dance Concert.

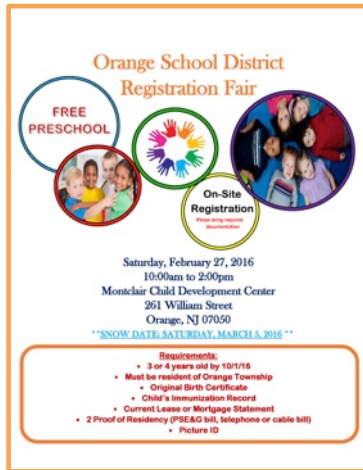
School administrators, Assistant Principals Mr. Mohnmmed Abdelaziz, for Orange High School, and Mr. Noel Cruz, for Orange Preparatory Academy, gave opening addresses to the audience, congratulating the students and dance teachers for their effort. Ms. Tosha Brown and Mr. Alonzo Hall gave a closing address to a successful evening.



Pictured: Scenes from Art In Motion featuring OHS, OPA and Lincoln Avenue School students.

FYI

Preschool Registration Fair



The Orange Public School District will host a *Registration Fair* on Saturday, February 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Montclair Child Development Center, located at 261 William Street in Orange. The center is one of six licensed community childcare programs, along with Head Start, that the district collaborates with to provide preschool services. Additionally, the district has six in-district preschool facilities:

- Forest Street School
- Heywood Avenue School
- Oakwood Avenue Community School
- Orange Early Childhood Center
- Orange Early Childhood Center at Scholars Academy
- Rosa Parks Community School

At the Registration Fair, staff will be on hand to give an overview of the Early Childhood program, and on-site registration will be completed for parents who bring the required documentation. The requirements are as follows:

- 3 or 4 years old by 10/01/16
- Must be resident of Orange Township
- Original Birth Certificate
- Child's Immunization Record
- Current Lease or Mortgage Statement
- 2 Additional Proofs of Residency (i.e. PSE&G bill, telephone or cable bill, NO CELL PHONE BILLS ACCEPTED)
- Picture ID of the Parent






See flyer below for details.

2016-2017 Preschool Registration Dates for March



The Orange Early Childhood Department has scheduled preschool registration, for the **2016 - 2017** school year, on March 14, 15, 16 and 17. Please see the flyers below for registration requirements and times. For more information, call 973-677-4500, ext. 1904 or 1918.

February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 	3	4	5	6
7	8 Parent Conference PreK-7 6:00-8:00 ^{PM}	9 PreK-7 12:30 Dismissal Parent Conference 1:15-4:00 ^{PM} Monthly Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 ^{PM} at OPA	10 Grades 8-12 12:30 Dismissal Parent Conference 1:15-4:00 ^{PM} OECC Lobby Art Show 6:00 ^{PM} Board Office	11 Parent Conference Grades 8-12 6:00-8:00 ^{PM}	12	13
14 	15  Winter Recess District Closed	16  Winter Recess District Closed	17 Winter Recess District Closed	18  Winter Recess District Closed	19 Winter Recess District Closed	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29					

Orange School District Registration Fair



Saturday, February 27, 2016

10:00am to 2:00pm

Montclair Child Development Center

261 William Street

Orange, NJ 07050

****SNOW DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2016 ****

Requirements:

- **3 or 4 years old by 10/1/16**
- **Must be resident of Orange Township**
 - **Original Birth Certificate**
 - **Child's Immunization Record**
- **Current Lease or Mortgage Statement**
- **2 Proof of Residency (PSE&G bill, telephone or cable bill)**
 - **Picture ID**

Escuelas Publicas de Orange Feria de Registración Preescolar

PREESCOLAR
GRATUITO



Para registrar
a su hijo/a

Por favor de traer la
documentación
requerida

Sabado 27 de Febrero
10:00am to 2:00pm
Montclair Child Development Center
261 William Street
Orange, NJ 07050

****EN CASO DE INCLEMENCIAS DEL TIEMPO, LA
FERIA SE LLEVARA ACABO EL 5 DE MARZO ****

Requisitos:

- 3 años antes de 10/1/16
- 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.



ORANGE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS EARLY CHILDHOOD DEPARTMENT

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2016 - 2017

REQUIREMENTS:

- 3 years old by 10/01/16 4 years old by 10/01/16
 - 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: MARCH 2016 14th, 16th, 17th

TIME- 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Last sign in: 5:00 pm.

MARCH 2016 15th

TIME 10:00 a.m. – 2:00p.m.

Last sign in: 1:00 p.m.

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 2016-2017

REQUISITOS:

- 3 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/16
- 4 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/16
- 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:

MARZO 14, 16, y 17 2016 3:00 pm. – 6:00 pm.

Tiene que firmar ANTES de las 5:00pm

MARZO 15, 2016 10:00 am. – 2:00 pm.

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.