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- ✓ **(Staff Members) Annual District-Wide Sick Bank Drive, ends Monday, February 29 (See flyer and form at end of E-Mail Blast)**
- ✓ **Orange Preschool Registration Fair, Saturday, February 27, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Montclair Child Development Center, 261 William Street, Orange**

Orange High School Athletics

Orange High School Wrestling - NJSIAA District 13, Coach Of The Year And 3 Orange Wrestlers Move Up To the Regionals:



The *NJSIAA State Wrestling Tournament*, held February 19 and 20, has put Orange High School (OHS) on the map! Head Coach Jose Valdez was named "Head Coach of the Year" for the NJSIAA District 13, for his excellent work, on and off the court, with OHS student-athletes on the wrestling team. Further, junior, Ezechiele Conserve, won first place and will compete in the regional matches on Friday, February 26. Two of his teammates, sophomore, Ebenson Macenat and freshmen, Pierre Senat, took second place. They wrestled on Wednesday February 24, in regional matches. All upcoming matches will be held at West Orange High School.

Coach Valdez, Orange Preparatory Academy Mathematics teacher and Assistant Coach Anthony Dietrick, OHS Language Arts teacher are congratulated, along with the student-athletes.

NJSIAA Group III Winter Track Championships:



Ohunene Albert placed 6th in the 55 meter dash at the *NJSIAA Group III Championships* on February 20 at the Bennett Center in Toms River. She will compete in the *Meet of Champions* on Saturday, February 27 at 10:00 a.m.

"We are proud, we are one, we are Tornadoes!"

Rosa Parks Community School Performs at NJPAC - Disney Musical in Schools

On February 8, Rosa Parks Community School performed at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) in the 2016 Disney Musicals in School Student Share Celebration.

The program is an extension of the Disney Musicals in Schools outreach initiative, which, through NJPAC, helps urban elementary schools develop sustainable theatre programs. The RPCS was one of seven elementary schools to participate in this 17-week program and to perform at NJPAC. The Host of the program was Lori Stokes, an anchor with *Eyewitness News* on WABC. The MC was Bonita Hamilton, a cast member of *The Lion King* on Broadway.



Pictured (left to right): Lori Stokes, Opening performance at NJPAC; RPCS staff and Disney coach introduce the school's performers.

Each school performed a song from the Disney play it selected. RPCS sang *He Lives in You* from the *Lion King KIDS*. Two other schools also sang songs from the *Lion King* and two more schools sang songs from *Aladdin KIDS*. All were in colorful costumes created by the students and staff involved in each production. They performed as a group to open the celebration, singing *It Starts With A Dream*, then individually, with introductions by a lead participant(s) from each school.

The event was well attended by friends and family, along with school officials.



Pictured: Scenes from RPCS's performance at NJPAC.

Following the Disney Musicals in School Student Share Celebration, RPCS gave two performances at the school's Central Auditorium, on February 11 and 12. Photos of the production will be shared in the next OBOE-Mail Blast.

Drew University Field Trip

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

On February 10, one hundred Rosa Parks Community School (RPCS) 7th grade students attended a college tour of Drew University. The tour was a collaborative effort between RPCS and Drew University's Department of Civic Engagement. Rosa Parks students participated in the following activities during the day:

- A panel discussion with university students and admissions representative
- A tour of the Drew University campus
- Lunch, provided by the Civic Engagement Department
- A Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) demonstrations and a Jeopardy game



Pictured: RPCS students at Drew University.

Pantherville Inauguration

Submitted by Steven Dourdis, Family Liaison, Forest Street School

Forest Street School's Micro-Society Program held its inauguration on January 28, to install the newly elected officials of its town, Pantherville, USA. The Micro-Society program gives students an opportunity to organize and run their own mock "town, city, or society." The students elect government officials, adopt careers, open businesses, and create policies that impact their city.

At Forest Street School the program is intended to broaden students' learning experiences and enhance their education in an applied, real-world setting.



Pictured: Pantherville Mayor and Principal Yancisca Cooke.

To promote awareness of the program and to highlight its importance, the school organized a swearing-in ceremony for participating students that included distinguished attendees, the Mayor of the City of Orange, the Honorable Dwayne D. Warren, Esq., Police Director John Wade, and Judge Harold Fullilove Jr. of the Orange Municipal Court. These individual were kind enough to support the event and conducted the ceremonial oaths of office for Pantherville’s mayor, class representatives, judges, and peacekeepers (the police force). They empowered the students with words of encouragement and offered their congratulations.

The event opened with remarks from Principal Yancisca Cook and the Micro-Society advisor, Mr. Brian Canares, Social-Studies teacher. The newly elected mayor of Pantherville, Daniel Guaman, also gave opening remarks, welcoming dignitaries and congratulating his fellow inductees. Mr. Bill Donnelly, ESL teacher and Chair of the School Management Team introduced Superintendent of Schools Ronald C. Lee and the participating officials. Superintendent Lee congratulated Forest Street for implementing the innovative program and the strong participation of its students.

Since the event, Pantherville has received dozens of supply donations from the outside community, including Montclair State University and from Ms. Jen Glass from the Oheb Shalom Congregation in South Orange. In addition, students are preparing for Pantherville’s market day events where parents, friends, and community members can interact with Pantherville citizens and consumers.

As the Micro-Society program continues to grow and improve, the citizenry thanks the community for their support and involvement. Forest Street prides itself in offering comprehensive education experiences for its students and this program not only interests the students, it is also a motivational vehicle.

The Elected Officials of Pantherville are as follows:



Pictured: Mr. Canares and Mr. Donnelly.



Pictured: Inductees and dignitaries.



Pictured (left to right): Mayor Warren, Pantherville Mayor and his farther and Superintendent Lee.



Pictured: Mayor Warren and Superintendent Lee pose with the Pantherville officials.



Pictured: Mayor Warren, Judge Fullilove and Superintendent Lee pose with the Pantherville judges.

- Daniel Guaman, Mayor
- Jasmine Sampong, Deputy Mayor
- Wayne Comick, Secretary
- Kayla Sampong, Treasurer
- Miranda Elmera, Judge
- Mia Gourdet, Judge
- Maurice L. Williams, Judge
- Adrian R. Silva, Chief of Police
- Celine A. Jobson, Captain of Police



Pictured: Mayor Warren and Police Director Wade pose with Pantherville peacekeepers.

Class Representatives:		Federal Bureau of Pantherville Peacekeepers:	
Kassidy Jones	Rosely Thelus	Kayla Sampong	Geverson Deroseney
Leah Highsmith	Maurice L. Williams	Dazhir Barnes	Alex Larathe
Miley Arriola	Na'quan Warren	Tairi Johnson	Steven Flowers
Chloe Jean	Shade Gray	Kygee Johnson	Zaki Williams
Tianna Thomas	Neveah Hall Howard	Maurice L. Williams	Ty'ajah Williams
Chris Rivera	Shensy Cortez	Mia Gourdet	Chandra Cordes
Michele Tong	Celine Jobson	Miranda Elmera	Hassan Hester
Luca Gamboa	Alison Angelo	Jalen Phillips	Malachi Gibson
Cameron Phillips		Daniel Guaman	John Julien
Lisette Quiroz		Arren Williams	
Sara Paiz		Isaiah Charles	
		Juhare Wynn	

Forest Street School Says Thank You to Community Partners

Submitted by Steven Dourdis, Family Liaison, Forest Street School

Forest Street School would like to thank its community partners: Libretti's Restaurant, Oheb Shalom Congregation, Eventage Event Management Company, The Love of Jesus Family Church, and Jersey Mike's Subs, for their contributions to the school and involvement in the community. Within the last year, these organizations have catered school events, donated food, school supplies, and other resources, as well as partnered with Forest Street in fundraisers and school improvement efforts.



Libretti's Restaurant catered Forest's College Awareness Night and Jersey Mike's continues to donate food for Parent Teacher Organization meetings. Oheb Shalom and Eventage Event Management Company donated school supplies and materials for the Micro-Society program. Oheb Shalom also provided boxes of Thanksgiving food items from the congregation's food pantry. The Love of Jesus Family Church also donated Thanksgiving dry foods and 10 turkey baskets that helped multiple families.

"We would like to express our sincerest appreciation for such gracious community partners and hope they know of their indelible influence on our students, parents, and staff. We hope to continue working together to make an everlasting, positive impact on the City of Orange. On behalf of the students, parents, and staff at Forest Street School, thank you!"

Steven Dourdis

Career and Innovation Academy of Orange Presents *High E-STEAM* - An Interdisciplinary Event

The Career and Innovation Academy of Orange (CIAO) held its second Interdisciplinary Event on February 12. The event was coordinated by Ms. Helen Cagide, Special Education teacher and Principal Dr. Erica Stewart.

During the interdisciplinary program, students demonstrated, to visiting administrators, various units of study across content areas including Science, Culinary Arts and Social Studies. The guests were Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Paula Howard and the district's cabinet members: Mr. Adekunle James, Business Administrator, Mrs. Belinda Scott Smiley, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent for Operations and Human Resources, Ms. Kathryn Carter, Director of English Language Arts and Testing, Dr. Tina Powell, Director of Mathematics and Science, Dr. Terri Russo, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Professional Development, and Data Assessment and Mrs. Shelly Harper, Director of Special Services, along with Mr. Vernon Pullins, Supervisor of Guidance and Ms. Lisa Abdul, Senior Accountant.

The event involved five parts, the first being a lunch, prepared by the Culinary Arts students, lead by Chef Pedro Fortun, instructor, with a recipes packet of the prepared dishes inspired by the Agricultural Revolution. This theme was continued by Social Studies students who moderated a presentation about the key aspects of the Agricultural Revolution: important inventions, farming techniques and food supply, capped off with a "game-show," which further illustrated knowledge of the themed activity, organized by Mr. Nakyle Bethay, Social Studies teacher. There was also a Steamboat Project display, with direction from Mr. Matthew Vigorita, Mathematics teacher and Mr. Nicholaos Balios, Physical Education teacher, where students exhibited steam as an energy source. The students explained the fundamental project design, demonstrating how the steamboat moved with heated water and answered questions about the design elements and outcome.



Pictured: Demonstration of the Steamboat Project; Agricultural Revolution Quiz Show.



Pictured: Guests listening to Agricultural Revolution Quiz Show; HIB presentation.

CIAO students also presented a video on Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB). The school's principal, Dr. Erica Stewart, has declared CIAO to be "H-I-B Negative." They exemplified this through a video, authored, acted and edited by the students. The supporting narrative explained the work required to produce the video. They were assisted by Language Arts teacher, Ms. Samma Ajavon-Romer and school Social Worker, Mr. Donald Nicholson.

The final part of the interdisciplinary event was a Sustainable Home STEM Project presentation. The project, highlighting renewable energy, was developed by students, under the direction of science teacher, Dr. Clyde Griffith. His students explained the development of a model home, the building materials used in the construction, detailed various resources to manage the home, such as a hydrogen fuel cell to provide electricity, and other green components to qualify for sustainability. Dr. Griffith explained the Next Generation Science Standards being met and announced that the project will be part of the school's submittal to the district's annual Science Fair, to be held in June. He also thanked Mr. Randy Daniel, Industrial Arts teacher, for his assistance in providing materials and constructing the model.



Pictured: Sustainable Home/Renewable Energy presentation.

Team	Students	Staff
Steam Boat Challenge Team	Kenya Cooper Yuriah Dyer	Mr. Matthew Vigorita and Mr. Nicholas Balios
HIB Video Team	Stephanie Reyes Jalen Dawkins Dominique Jacobs Rickardo Francis Yuriah Dyer Naquille Cole	Mrs. Samma Ajavon-Romer and Mr. Donald Nicholson
Agricultural Revolution Team	Naquille Cole Kenya Cooper Devon Jones Jameson Jean-Louis Sheriah Pembroke Brandon Beasley Tayus Wright	Mr. Nakyle Bethay and Chef Pedro Fortun
Renewable Energy Team	Clifford Bonheur Jameson Jean-Louis Sheriah Pembroke Tayus Wright Joshua Quezada Roderick Allen	Dr. Clyde Griffith and Mr. Randy Daniel

Parents as Literacy Supporters (PALS)-Rosa Parks Community School

Submitted by Jacquelyn Blanton, Principal, Orange Early Childhood Center

Parents as Literacy Supporters (PALS) was held on February 13 at Rosa Parks Community School (RPCS). The event was hosted by the Preschool staff and all of the preschool students, and their families, were invited to attend. There was an outstanding response! Forty-five families took part in this educational and fun program.

PALS was born out of an initiative to celebrate parents as their child's first teacher, to provide families with a format to experience the joy of literature and to help parents reinforce important early literacy skills at home. The program establishes and sustains a home school connection and supports preschool student achievement.



Pictured: Scenes from the PALS event.

The RPCS Preschool staff lead the group in literacy rich activities such as stories, songs and games that focus on rhyming, comprehension and phonemic awareness. In addition, the facilitators highlighted how adults might do a similar activity at home. The RPCS team offered the program in English, Spanish and Haitian-Creole. Every child attending the program was able to select a new book for his or her home library. All participants enjoyed a snack and created a craft related to the focus of the afternoon: HEARTS and LOVE. The staff members know that everyone left PALS more in LOVE with reading than ever before!



Pictured: Scenes from the PALS event.

PALS would not have been possible without the Preschool's team of staff volunteers: Ana Barros, Wilnie Belfort, Wendyann Edwards, Margarita Gomez, Thelma McDonald, Susan Morales, Yasmin Ogeerally, Sakeenah Raheem, Pamela Scott and Bronwynne Stewart.

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.

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.

"Caring Hearts" Sick Bank Drive

To: Orange Staff Members

Re: Annual District-Wide Sick Bank Drive

From: The Sick Bank Committee



This coming Monday, February 29, 2016 will end our Annual District-Wide Sick Bank Drive. If you can find it in your heart to donate the minimum of three (3) days, your contribution could have a considerable impact in the life of one of our OBE members. Please complete the attached form and submit it to your school or department secretary not later than Monday.

Please have a heart and a give today! Thank you for your anticipated support.

"Help a Colleague in Need and Donate Your Sick Days Today."

March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 OHS Lobby Art Show 6:00 ^{PM} Board Office	3	4	5
6	7	8 Monthly Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 ^{PM} at OPA	9	10	11	12
13 	14	15	16	17 	18	19
20 	21	22	23	24	25 	26
27 	28	29	30	31 OHS/OPA Spring Musical 7:00 ^{PM} OPA Auditorium 	1 OHS/OPA Spring Musical 7:00 ^{PM} OPA Auditorium 	2 OHS/OPA Spring Musical 2&7:00 ^{PM} OPA Auditorium 



*ORANGE EMPLOYEE
GENERAL SICK BANK DRIVE*

February 1st-29th, 2016

HELP A COLLEAGUE IN NEED

AND


DONATE YOUR SICK DAYS TODAY!

SUBMIT TO YOUR

SCHOOL/DEPARTMENT SECRETARY

A SICK BANK DONOR FORM

We need your help!

Show your caring heart! 

**“CARING HEARTS”
VOLUNTARY SICK BANK DRIVE
DONOR FORM
FEBRUARY 1ST THRU FEBRUARY 29TH, 2016**

NAME (Please Print) : _____

LOCATION: _____ POSITION: _____

NUMBER OF DAYS DONATED: _____

***GUIDELINES FOR EMPLOYEES WHO DONATE PERSONAL ILLNESS DAYS TO THE
GENERAL SICK BANK***

1. Only personal sick days may be donated to the General Sick Bank.
2. All donated sick days are voluntary and cannot be specified for an individual employee for this General Sick Bank Drive.
3. An employee must have a **balance of twenty sick days remaining in their personal attendance bank after donating to the General Sick Bank.**
4. **A minimum of three (3) days may be donated in this Sick Bank Drive.**
5. Once a donation is accepted and approved by the Sick Bank Committee, they cannot be rescinded or returned.



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Employee Donor Signature: _____

Sick Bank Chair Signature: _____ Date: _____

TURN IN THIS SICK BANK DONOR FORM TO YOUR

BUILDING/DEPARTMENT SECRETARY

BY

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2016



THANK YOU FOR CARING!

XC: Voluntary Sick Bank File

Employee HR Personnel File

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.