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**IMPORTANT**

✓ **Voices in Harmony at Kids in Concert, Friday, March 11, 6:30 p.m., at Long Branch High School**

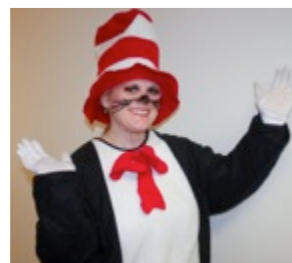
## Read Across America

### Lincoln Avenue School

Lincoln Avenue School was one of the many district schools that celebrated Dr. Seuss's Birthday on March 2, for *Read Across America Day*. On this day, the work of renowned children's author Theodor Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss, was read in thousands of schools across the country. At Lincoln, guests, including many former staff members, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee and Mrs. Belinda Scott Smiley, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent for Operations and Human Resources, along with many Lincoln teachers entertained students by reading some of their favorite Dr. Seuss books, wearing the infamous *Cat in the Hat* hat.



**Pictured (above and right): The many readers, staff and administrators participating in Lincoln's Read Across America Day.**

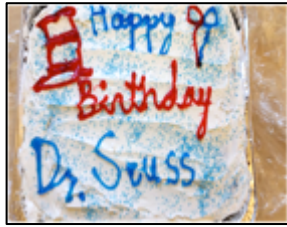


*At Orange Early Childhood Center II, Principal Karen Machuca celebrated with her students as Cat in the Hat.*

## Cleveland Street School

Submitted by Mrs. Ketsia M. Jean -Baptiste, Third Grade Teacher, Cleveland Street School

In Mrs. Leah Baguidy and Mrs. Stephanie Sabol's Kindergarten classes at Cleveland Street School, the young scholars started the day with watching an informational video on brainpopjr.com about Dr. Seuss. They learned interesting facts such as Dr. Seuss's real name. After the video they were challenged to take both the easy and hard quiz in teams named "Team Thing 1" and "Team Thing 2." Following the quiz they listened intently to the story Green Eggs and Ham. We then made our very own Green Eggs and Ham and all the students transformed into food critics! The students wrote about what they liked and disliked about the dish. Preceding that, the students made *Cat in the Hat* hats using words they had to find in a word search from the "at" family. Lastly, to end our day, they sang Happy Birthday to Dr. Seuss and enjoyed birthday cake!



In Mrs. K. Jean-Baptiste's third grade class, students also watched and discussed the informational video about Theodor Geisel. Next, students drew the jacket/cover of their favorite Dr. Seuss book. Then, students made hats using paper plates and on each hat was a title of a Dr. Seuss book. We concluded the day by exchanging books with independent and shared reading during our D.E.A.R time. The students had a blast reading and listening to each other read. Finally, they also completed a word search puzzle, along with short constructed response questions based on *The Lorax*.



**Pictured: Cleveland Street Students and staff enjoying Dr. Seuss's Birthday.**

## **24 Game® Challenge**



On February 10 and 11, the Math Department hosted the 24<sup>®</sup> Game Challenge at the Board of Education Administrative Building. Students who had earned a spot on their school's team competed at the district level, in order to participate in the Essex County Challenge 24 competition Wednesday, March 17, in Millburn. The 24<sup>®</sup> Game is a math strategy card competition where players have to figure how to sequence numbers into equations that equal the number 24.

The winners of the Grade 6/7 Challenge on February 10 were:

Individual Winners		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Alliah Kalubah	Lincoln Avenue
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Juan Diaz	Forest Street
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Jared Goodman	Heywood Avenue
Runner Up	Jaden Oates	Forest Street

Team Winners	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Forest Street School
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Heywood Avenue School
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Rosa Parks Community School



**Pictured: Grade 6/7 2nd place winner.**

The winners of the Grade 4/5 Challenge on February 11 were:

Individual Winners		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Brianna Duchene	Heywood Avenue
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Myaa Rendon	Lincoln Avenue
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Moise Voltaire	Cleveland Street
Runner Up	Alree Evans	Heywood Avenue

Team Winners	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Lincoln Avenue School
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Heywood Avenue School
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Forest Street School



**Pictured: Grade 6/7 1st place winner.**



**Pictured: Scenes from 24 Game Challenge on February 10 and 11.**

The entire staff of the math department orchestrated the event:

- Dr. Tina Powell, Director of Mathematics and Science
- Ms. Meng Li Chi Liu, Supervisor of Mathematics, Grades 9-12
- Mr. Daniel Ramirez, Supervisor of Mathematics, Grades 6-8
- Ms. Asale Harris, Supervisor of Mathematics, Grades 3-5
- Ms. Antoinette Booker, Supervisor of Mathematics, Grades K-2
- Ms. Kate Sutton, Mathematics Teacher Coach, Grades 9-12
- Ms. Farjana Rahman, Mathematics Teacher Coach, Grades 6-8
- Ms. Min Kim, Mathematics Teacher Coach, Grades 3-5



**Pictured (left to right): Grade 6/7 participants; Grade 4/5 participants; Grade 4/5 winners and coaches with Superintendent Lee.**

## Voices in Harmony Behind the Curtain - Disney Fundraiser



Singing popular tunes from Disney Musicals, Voices in Harmony (ViH) delighted audiences at the *Behind the Curtain* fundraiser held on February 5. ViH, Orange High School's select choir, directed by vocal music instructor, Mr. David Milnes, gave two performances at their signature concert series. During the

performances, friends and family members were treated to an uplifting show. The singers sang classic Disney tunes that most audience members could hum and sing along.



**Pictured: Voices in Harmony members.**

The event, skillfully hosted by the mistress of ceremony, senior Marlena Brown, was a fundraiser for the chorus's planned trip to Williamsburg, Virginia, to take part in the WorldStrides® Heritage Music Festival. The group has participated in the festival twice over the past several years and has come home with a variety of trophies and accolades.

The ViH participants and the songs they performed were:

- Marlena Browne (**pictured right**) and Tyler Taylor, *Love Is An Open Door* (Frozen)
- Abigail Charles, *Friend In Me* (Toy Story)
- Tyra Crespo, *Part Of Your World*, (Little Mermaid)
- Dorian Boyd and Serena Martin, *Start Of Something New*, (High School Musical)
- Danae Green, *Colors Of The Wind*, (Pocahontas)
- Andrew Coates, *Kiss The Girl*, (Little Mermaid)
- Alice Agyekum, Danae Green, *Geraldine Myrtil*, *Zero To Hero*, (Hercules)
- Marlena Browne, *For The First Time In Forever*, (Frozen)
- Serena Martin and Abigail Charles, *A Whole New World*, (Aladdin)
- Bernide Voltaire, *I Belong*, (Sofia the First)
- Marlena Browne, Serena Martin, Danae Green, Abigail Charles, *Let It Go*, (Frozen)



Fellow staff members of Mr. Milnes (**pictured right**), Mr. Christopher Cosmillo and Mr. Terrence Thornhill, joined the line-up singing *Hakuna Matata*, from The Lion King. They provided a comedic interlude and a well-performed song. There was even a guest drummer, who added a few well place beats to the song. For the evening, the music was provided by Mr. Milnes on piano, sophomores, Brandon Creary, on bass, and Andrew Babatunde Hunnu Moiett, on drums.



**Pictured (left to right): Mr. Thornhill and Mr. Cosmillo; Guest drummer.**

ViH is grateful to their many supporters including parents and friends who donated food and drinks for the evening and extends a special thank you to Ms. Tammy Baldwin and her Stage Crew for their continued assistance.

## Voices in Harmony to Appear at *Kids in Concert*



Voices in Harmony will join seven other schools, on Friday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m., at Long Branch High School, to participate in the Education Law Center's (ELC) annual Kids in Concert (KIC) event.

Now in its eighteenth year, KIC is a unique concert experience that exposes students to the performing arts. KIC is designed to provide students in New Jersey's high need school districts the opportunity to develop and perform on one stage.

The theme of this year's show is "Simply the Best." See

<http://www.edlawcenter.org/about/kids-in-concert.html>.

## February Board of Education Meeting

The Orange Early Childhood Center hosted the February Orange Board of Education Meeting. Principal Jacquelyn Blanton of the Orange Early Childhood Center and Principal Karen Machuca of the Early Childhood Center II at Scholars Academy shared a video of the program, *A Day in the Life of Preschool*. The video highlighted the free preschool program available to Orange residents, the various activities that take place at all of the district's preschool facilities, as well as touting the benefits of the program.

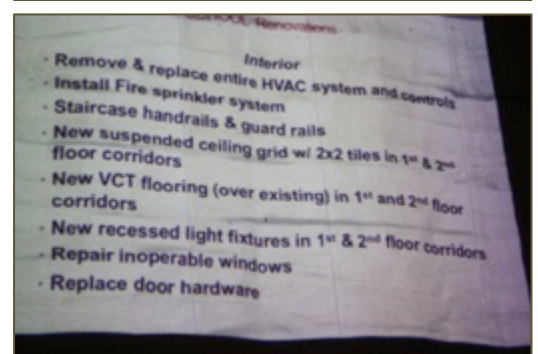
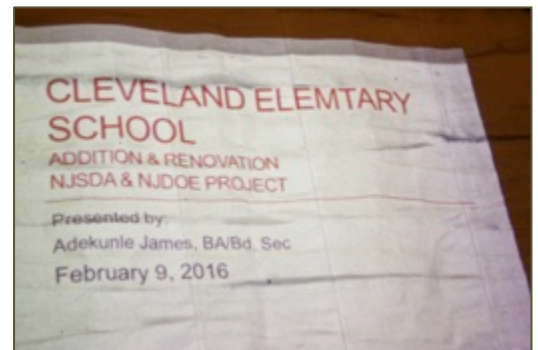
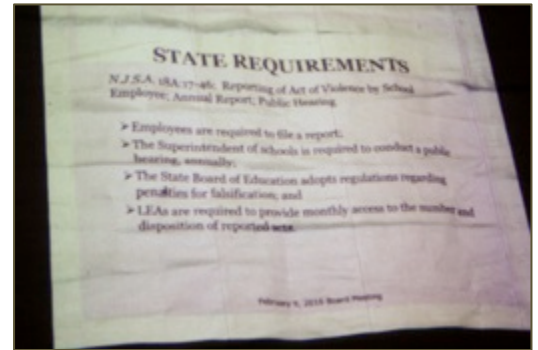
Following the opening presentation, Mr. Vernon Pullins., Supervisor of Guidance, presented, for Board approval, the *Electronic Violence, Vandalism & HIB Public Hearing Report*. The report covered school incidents of violence, vandalism, substance abuse, weapons offense, and confirmed cases of harassment, intimidation or bullying (HIB), for the period of September 2015 - December 2015.

Next, Mr. Adekunle James, Business Administrator and Board Secretary presented the *Cleveland Elementary School Additions and Renovation NJSDA and NJDOE Project* recommendation for approval.

The project covered additions to the Cleveland Street School including a new entrance, multi-purpose room/stage, bathrooms on each floor and a kitchen.



**Pictured (left to right): Principals Blanton and Machuca.**



**Pictured: Presentation slides.**

### 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
Taiwo Odunowo	Orange High School
Robbie Samuel	Career and Innovation Academy of Orange
Julien Harris	Orange Preparatory Academy
Mariana Simpson	Cleveland Street School
Dylan Brooks	Rosa Parks Community School
Kamsiyochukwu Okwuosa	Park Avenue School
Ednal Mathurin	Heywood Avenue School
Brandon Neal	Forest Street School
Judah Ancion	Oakwood Avenue Community School
Fabienne Conserve	Lincoln Avenue School



**Pictured: Heywood SOTM with parent and Principal Alcantara.**



**Pictured: OPA SOTM with parent and Co-Principals Gaines and Malloy.**



**Pictured: Lincoln SOTM with parent and Principal White.**



**Pictured: Cleveland SOTM with family and Principal Dr. Cummins.**

**Parent of the Month**



**Pictured: Early Childhood POTM with son and Principal K. Machuca, Board President Mateo and Superintendent Lee.**

The Orange Early Childhood Department's Parent of the Month is Ms. Regina Irving. She is the proud parent of Ikenna who attends the 4-year-old preschool program at Scholars Academy. During her two-year involvement with the Early Childhood program, Ms. Irving has been an involved parent. She has volunteered her time with classroom activities, such as making slime with the students, making pancakes, and assisting the teacher and paraprofessional. She also offered her artistic abilities to decorate the classroom door for Dr. Seuss month, has chaperoned field trips and provided support for the teaching staff.

During Teacher/Staff appreciation week, Ms. Irving beautifully decorated the staff room after school hours, with her older daughter, to surprise the staff. In addition, all staff members received a long stem red rose as a token of appreciation for their dedication to students and a tasty cake! She is one of the founding members for the first Parent Community Group, similar to a PTA for Early Childhood, as well. The Early Childhood Department, in-turn, demonstrated its appreciation for Ms. Irving by recognizing her as the Parent of the Month, and considers the department lucky to have such a dedicated parent in the Orange School District. Congratulations Ms. Irving.

## Early Childhood Art Exhibit



Some of the youngest artists in the district had their work on display, during the month of February, at the Board of Education building. At the opening ceremony, students from the Orange Early Childhood Center and other preschool facilities across the district were recognized for their work by Principal Jacquelyn Blanton and individual preschool teachers. Also present for the show was Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee and the Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, Ms. Donna Sinisgalli.



**Pictured: Scenes from the OECC Art Opening.**



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The preschoolers (*pictured left*) were applauded by their proud family members for the work on display. Their work illustrated art based on units of study, such as puffy “clouds,” included in the book *It Looks Like Spilled Milk* and a diorama of the night sky supporting their study of light sources. The art supported students’ learning and taught them self-expression and creativity, while also developing their fine motor skills and improving their hand-eye coordination.

## Scholars Breakfast at Orange Prep

*Submitted by The Prep Awards & Recognition Subcommittee*



On February 12, over 100 Orange Prep Scholars were acknowledged for their academic achievement and honored at a Scholar's Breakfast. In addition to receiving certificates, students enjoyed a full hot breakfast of French toast, grits, eggs, turkey bacon and sausage! They demonstrated that they were “*Allergic to Average*” by obtaining Honor Roll or High Honor Roll status for the second marking period. The students and their celebration served as motivation for their peers who want to be part of the next Prep Scholars Breakfast. The goal is to double the number of awardees.



**Pictured: Scenes from the Scholars Breakfast.**



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## **Black History Month Celebration at Orange Preparatory Academy**

*Submitted by Mrs. Alfreda Brown-Ward, Black History Committee Chair*



Orange Preparatory Academy (OPA), in observance of Black History Month, celebrated with an "Unleashing Your Power" Black History Assembly. The presentation highlighted the accomplishments and pride of the African American diaspora, including the struggles and triumphs of leaders, from Elizabeth Jennings to President Obama. Students, staff, parents and guests attended the ceremony. The students orchestrated amazing dance, choral, and

synchronized band performances, including *Lean on Me*, as well as a superbly performed skit from the drama club. One of OPA's administrative assistants, Ms. Gilliam, also graced the audience with her wonderful voice, in a solo of *Impossible Dream*.

Together, Orange Preparatory Academy celebrated the talents of students and faculty and the importance of African American Heritage!

The Black History Committee is thanked for organizing the program: Mr. Abazia, Mr. Binns, Mrs. Brown-Ward, Ms. Brown, Mr. Esquire, Mr. Gamble, Mr. Hall, Ms. Hayden, Mr. Lemke, Ms. Mayson, Ms. Phipps, Mr. Prophete, Ms. Robinson, and Ms. Smith. They extend thanks to all who participated in making the celebration a success.



**Pictured: Black History Month participants.**



**Pictured: Scenes from "Unleashing Your Power" Black History Assembly.**

## **Updates from the Orange High School SmartLab**

*Submitted by Max Nixon, SmartLab instructor, Orange High School*

During the week of February 22, the SmartLabs at Orange Public Schools became a hub for visits from schools in NJ, NY and PA. Kurt Williamson, VP of Learning Environments from Creative Learning Systems (CLS), who was in town working with local representatives Cheryl Matthews and Bill Reinhard, arranged the visits. CLS was delighted with how the program is being run in Orange and the positive learning experiences that the students receive.

Orange High School hosted visits from RKS Associates of Jackson, NJ, operators of 4 schools in NJ for special needs students from PreK to age 21; Summit Schools, a private K-8 initiative from Northampton, PA; and Emma Willard Academy, a private girl's high school in Troy, NY.

Scholar's Academy also hosted a visit from Manhattan Day School, a private Modern Orthodox Yeshiva PreK-8 school located in New York City.



**Pictured (left to right): OHS SmartLab class with Emma Willard School representatives; Emma Willard Academy reps, Kurt Williamson and Cheryl Matthews, Creative Learning Systems reps.**

The visitors appreciated the warm welcome they received from both facilitators and students. They were impressed with the variety of projects and quality of work that the learners of Orange Public Schools are generating in the labs. Student produced videos were a big hit with the visiting schools, as well!

Also, while in town, Kurt provided the facilitators an update on the new and exciting Learning Launchers that are available in the SmartLab.

The team from Creative Learning Systems then headed into NYC to film a web-hosted TV show called *Open Mic on Education*. The program is scheduled to be available online on March 7, at the website [www.openmiconeducation.org](http://www.openmiconeducation.org).

## Children's Literacy Initiative

*Submitted by Mrs. Adriana Hernandez, K-2 Supervisor, Language Arts Literacy*



**Pictured: Ms. Sharon Weldon (CLI), Ms. Shanique Rogers (Investors Bank), Dr. Cummins (Cleveland), Mrs. Hernandez (Orange Public Schools).**

On February 25, Ms. Shanique Rogers, Assistant Vice President for Investors Bank, located in East Orange, NJ, presented Ms. Sharon Weldon, Children's Literacy Initiative (CLI) Regional Manager and Dr. Cacye Cummins, Principal of Cleveland Street School, with a two thousand five hundred dollar check to support guided reading instruction in the K-2 classroom. This donation from Investors Bank will allow CLI coaches to provide teachers with lesson planning sessions for guided reading, modeled lessons and instructional feedback to support teacher growth.

## FYI

### 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.

# March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> OHS Lobby Art Show 6:00 <sup>PM</sup> Board Office	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Monthly Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 <sup>PM</sup> at OPA	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
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<b>27</b> 	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> OHS/OPA Spring Musical 7:00 <sup>PM</sup> OPA Auditorium 	<b>1</b> OHS/OPA Spring Musical 7:00 <sup>PM</sup> OPA Auditorium 	<b>2</b> OHS/OPA Spring Musical 2&7:00 <sup>PM</sup> OPA Auditorium 

Note: See flyer below for new show times for *The Wiz*.

*Orange Preparatory Academy / Orange High School*  
PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENTS *jointly present*

# *The Wiz*

Directed by  
Dana Levin

*March 31 & April 1 at 6pm*  
*April 2 at 1pm & 6pm*

Orange Prep Auditorium 400 Central Ave, Orange NJ

ADVANCED Tickets \$5  
At DOOR PRICE \$7

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# ORANGE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS EARLY CHILDHOOD DEPARTMENT

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## **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.**

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***DATES: MARCH 2016 14<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>***

***TIME- 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.***

***Last sign in: 5:00 pm.***

***MARCH 2016 15<sup>th</sup>***

***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**

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***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.**