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- ✓ **Good Friday - District Closed, Friday, March 25**
- ✓ **The Wiz, Thursday and Friday, March 31 and April 1, 6:00 p.m., at Orange Preparatory Academy (OPA)**
- ✓ **The Wiz, Saturday, April 2, 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., at OPA**

## Orange High School Presents *The Wiz: The Super Soul Musical* *Wonderful Wizard of Oz*

*Submitted by Paddie Donohue, Production Manager, The Wiz*

**Orange, NJ** - The Visual and Performing Arts Department of Orange High School (OHS), in association with Orange Preparatory Academy (OPA) and the Orange elementary schools are proud to announce the production of Geoffrey Holder's *The Wiz*, directed by Dana Levin, drama instructor at Orange High School. This "over-the-top," spectacular musical incorporates all of the wonderful elements of musical theater that the community has come to expect: fabulous costumes, unbelievable makeup, comedic satire and the amazing talent of the OHS/OPA singers and dancers. Together, these elements create a show for all ages.

Performances are March 31 and April 1, Thursday and Friday, at 6:00 p.m. and a 1:00 p.m. matinee and 6:00 p.m. final performance on Saturday, April 2.

Ms. Levin is excited for the opportunity to direct *The Wiz*. Although she has previously directed *12 Angry Men*, *Aida*, *Grease*, *Sherlock Holmes*, *The Great Gatsby*, and *Little Shop of Horrors* for the Orange School District, *The Wiz* is "the play" she has yearned to direct since childhood. After learning, last spring, that *The Wiz* would be broadcast as a live performance, she felt this would be the perfect time to bring this "amazing musical" back to the "great OPA stage." A graduate of the American University in Washington D.C., who holds a degree in Musical Theater and Education, Ms. Levin enthusiastically states, "I am thrilled to be working with such an amazingly talented cast and crew!"

*The Wiz* will be presented at the Orange Preparatory Academy Auditorium, located at the intersection of Lincoln and Central Avenues, in Orange. The theatre is wheelchair-accessible with assisted hearing units available for the hearing impaired. Tickets are available at the door, \$7.00 for general admission, \$5.00 for senior citizens, students (with valid student identification card) and children. All advanced sale tickets are \$5.00 and are available by calling 908-285-3139 or for more information email [Donohupa@orange.k12.nj.us](mailto:Donohupa@orange.k12.nj.us).



## Rosa Parks Community School Celebrates Black History and Culture

*The Rosa Parks Community School Celebrates Black History and Culture* was presented on March 4 in two separate performances. The program was a multi-media celebration of African American cultural. The 'Stamp Unveiling,' of this year's Black Heritage Stamp, highlighted the event.

The program, officiated by dance instructor, Ms. Nadiyah Smith-McCoy, opened with welcome remarks from Principal Ms. Debra Joseph-Charles, and greetings from The Honorable Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq. and Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee.



**Pictured (left to right): The Honorable Mayor Dwayne Warren, Esq.; Superintendent of Schools, Ronald C. Lee; Jazz performance.**

The first performance was a wonderful jazz rendition of *God Bless the Child*, performed by Ms. Keva Holman, 4th grade Math teacher, on vocals, backed by Mrs. Susan Williams, English Language Arts teacher on the guitar, and her husband on the piano, along with and Mr. Sem Etienne, instrumental music teacher, on the trumpet. They were followed by an instrumental performance of *Lift Every Voice and Sing* and a video presentation, the *Origins of Black History Month*.



**Pictured (left to right): Students perform *Lift Every Voice and Sing*; Violin students perform; Ms. Nadiyah Smith-McCoy.**

Before the unveiling of the Black Heritage Stamp, Mr. Terrence Thornhill's violin students performed, as did the chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Mariel Johnson. Her students sang *Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child* and *Run, Run, Hide!* They were followed by another informative video presentation about the stamp honoree, Mr. Richard Allen. Ms. Heather Steele, a representative of the United States Postal Service, unveiled the new Black Heritage stamp.





**Pictured (left to right): Ms. Adrienne Wooten, Deputy Director Community Services, Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Principal Debra Joseph-Charles, USPS Representative, Ms. Heather Steele and Superintendent Ronald C. Lee.**

The 39th stamp in the Black Heritage series commemorates preacher, activist, and civic leader *Richard Allen* (1760-1831), an inspiring figure whose life and work resonate profoundly in American history. This stamp coincides with the 200th anniversary of Allen's founding of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, one of the most important institutions in African-American life, and his election and consecration as its first bishop.

USPS.com



**Pictured (above): Scenes from RPCS Celebrates Black History and Culture.**



The remainder of the program included more music, song and dance. The band played *Lean On Me*, and the chorus performed a Motown highlight. Mrs. Smith-McCoy's dancers performed *Dance of the Orisas* from the Broadway musical *Fala*. The grand finale (**pictured left**) was moving, bringing some to tears, as 4th grade students sang the gospel song, *I Need You To Survive*, in honor of Black History Month.

The Visual and Performing Arts Department, including art teachers Ms. Wszolkowski and Ms. Barahona, along with RPCS students, are congratulated for a wonderful program, with special thanks to Ms. Holman, Ms. Tynes, Mr. Selliah, Mrs. Vaughan, Ms. Frazier, Principal Joseph-Charles and Assistant Principals Mr. Agosto and Mr. Chuy.

## Disney Lion King Kids

Rosa Parks Community School staged a 30-minute production of *The Lion King Kids*, written for elementary school students, as the culminating activity of the Disney Musical in Schools program. The performances took place at the school's auditorium on February 11 and 12, to a packed house. The facility was newly painted and deftly decorated for the musical, which provided an exceptional theatre experience

The Disney Musical in Schools program was made possible through a grant awarded to the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC). The grant provided a unique opportunity to five schools in the Newark area.



**Pictured (above and right): Scenes from *The Lion King Kids* provided by Visual and Performing Arts Supervisor, Ms. Donna Sinisgalli.**

The program was as an afterschool activity where the students and staff learned and discovered the joy of creating a musical theater production during a 17-week residency at the school. Working collaboratively with NJPAC Teaching Artists, the students developed self-confidence and strengthened their communication/acting skills to perform before a live audience of family, friends and community members.

The participating RPCS staff members were exposed to the wide spectrum of skills, including set design/scenery; costume and make-up design, sound design and lighting design that are necessary when producing musical theater.





“The entire cast and crew of the Disney in Schools production of *The Lion King Kids* are congratulated for a spectacular job,” said Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee. “I am so very proud of our students and staff for this wonderful, groundbreaking production and thank NJPAC and the Disney in Schools program for this opportunity.”



**Pictured (above and left): Scenes from *The Lion King Kids* provided by Visual and Performing Arts Supervisor, Ms. Donna Sinisgalli.**

Below are members of the Disney *Lion King Kids* team.

#### Production Team:

NJ PAC Teaching Artist/ Disney Musical In Schools Supervisors	Elisa Van Duyne & Josef Wooden
Director/Choreographer/Light Designer	Nadiyah Smith-McCoy
Set &: Costume Design	Agnieszka Wszolkowski
Assistant Set &: Costume Design	Veronica Barahona
Prop Coordinator	Merci Horne & Ms. Ah lea Freeman
Production Manager	Keva Holman
Stage Manger	Sonya Tynes
Musical Director	Mariel Johnson
Producer	Debra Joseph Charles
Sound Coordinator	Scott Clark
Light Operator	Kevin Perry
Media &: Publicity Director Promotion Design	Tamica Miller

#### Art and Stage Crew:

Quailiyyah Bass, Francesca Brasier, Alexandra Rochelin, Yomara Castillo, Brandy Tlacomulco, Sandra Gracia, Joselyn Morocho, Haydee Lema, Kaily Gualpa, Shuliet Lata, Denise Rodriguez, Miriam Arias, Jeannette Gomez, Isauris Martinez

## Cast

Rafiki 1	Yanni Halstead	<b>Villagers, Hyenas, Animals of the Pridelands</b> Dance Ensemble: Keinia Booker, Dylan Brooks, Angela Davis, Amanda Desir, Kevin Jones III, Makayla McDonald, Jayla Tyrell, Mya Williams <b>Villagers, Animals of the Pridelands</b> Vocal Ensemble: Brianna Ajawuihe, Yareliz Azcona, Denise Bustamante, Xochitl Castorena, Joana Chacon, Medge Giraud, Mayra Lalvay, Keanna Marcelin, Anai Pabon, Carla Puello, J'Hnae Radcliffe-Bivins, Sashell Romeus, Helen Vasquez
Rafiki 2	Gloria Noel	
Rafiki 3	Maria Araujo	
Mufasa	Bell Smith	
Sarabi	Samaje Green	
Zazu	Kyla Jones	
Scar	Adeiza Albert	
Young Nala	Ja'Nya Booker	
Shenzi	Raquel Sanchez	
Banzai	Josena Noel	
Ed	Godwin Ekeh	
Timon	Marquise Bariffe	
Pumbaa	Roland Octavious	
Simba	Savior Ayim, Jr.	
Nala	Marenissa Bariffe	

## Special Thanks to:

Oliverto Agosto, Lisette Alvarez, Tammy Baldwin, Amelia Bejarano, Beverly Bowers, Joshua Chuy, Peter Crosta, Nyree Delgado, Kerline Delmas, Barry Devone, Candace Dumas, Carrie Halstead, Bryon Hurst, Nina Ianni, Sue Kasdon, David Milnes, Norcosto (Vicki Myers), Denise Parrish, Tina Powell, Afiesha Ruan, Tyrina Vaughan, Kyle Conner - NJPAC, Jaime Mayer - NJPAC, Daryl Steward - NJPAC, PCI Custodial Staff, RPCS Security Staff, and all the parents and teachers who made *The Lion King Kids* production possible.

## Orange Prep Student Wins Karate Competition

*Submitted by Ms. Aretha Malloy, Co-Principal, Orange Preparatory Academy*



Orange Preparatory Academy is proud to announce that 9th grade student, Demetrius Roberts, won first place Karate Fighting in the Latin American Martial Arts Federation Competition. He has been practicing karate for 6 years and is a brown belt, who will become a black belt in six months. Demetrius' personal motto is, "Always have fun and never give up!" Demetrius traveled to Puerto Rico with his family over the mid-winter break to compete. Congratulations Demetrius!

## Thank You From the Sick Bank Committee

*Submitted by Mrs. Belinda Scott Smiley, Admin. Assistant to the Superintendent for Operations and Human Resources (Sick Bank Committee Chair)*

The Sick Bank Committee would like to thank all Orange Board of Education employees who donated sick days to the General Sick Bank during the Annual Campaign in February. The committee received over one hundred sick days which will help employees who are suffering from a catastrophic illness and have exhausted their personal illness days.

During the remainder of the year, employees may still make contributions to the General Sick Bank or donate to a particular employee who has approved to receive Sick Bank days.

Thank you for having a generous heart!



## F. A. M. E.

*Submitted by Ms. Jacquelyn Blanton, Principal, Orange Early Childhood Center*

The Early Childhood Department hosted its second annual Families and Math Education (FAME) event on March 3, 2016 at Scholars Academy, from 3:15-5:00 p.m. The department was delighted that 159 Preschoolers, their parents and siblings, enjoyed an afternoon of games and activities reinforcing math education. Children and parents had fun as they collected and analyzed data while playing with “conversation hearts,” measured themselves and compared the results, determined the length of their feet using standard and non standard measurement units, and classified a host of items. In addition, participants added and subtracted while determining “Who Took the Cookie from the Cookie Jar” and used “manipulatives” and paint to explore geometry.

Five lucky raffle-winning families received gift bags filled with math games to enjoy at home. Each child, in attendance, received a storybook focused on a math concept, a pencil and an eraser. All enjoyed snacks.

The event could not have been possible without the dedication of 32 staff volunteers, including its creator Ms. Julia Jasper, Preschool Master Teacher and the Committee Chair Person for F.A.M.E.



**Pictured: (left) Community Parent Involvement Specialist Iris Ramos and Preschool Inclusion Teacher Simone Peterson welcome families to FAME. (right) Preschool Teacher Ana Barros works with students and parents as they determine the number of “cookies taken from the cookie jar.”**

## 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.



## Gifted and Talented Awareness Month Celebrated at Scholars Academy

The Orange Public Schools will celebrate *Gifted and Talented Awareness Month* at Scholars Academy, with an Open House, from March 21 - 24, as follows:



See flyer below.

- Monday, March 21: Parents of Grade 7 & 8, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, March 22: All district personnel & Parents of Grade. 5 & 6, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, March 23: Parents of Grade 3 & 4, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
- Thursday, March 24: Parents of Grade K-2, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

# 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 Presents The WIZ 6:00 <sup>PM</sup>  OPA Auditorium	<b>1</b> OHS/OPA Presents The WIZ 6:00 <sup>PM</sup>  OPA Auditorium	<b>2</b> OHS/OPA Presents The WIZ 2:00& 6:00 <sup>PM</sup>  OPA Auditorium



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

# *The Wiz*

Directed by  
Dana Levin

*March 31 & April 1 at 6pm*

*April 2 at 1pm & 6pm*

ADVANCED Tickets \$5

At DOOR PRICE \$7

Orange Prep Auditorium 400 Central Ave, Orange NJ



## Orange Public Schools Recognizes:

### Gifted and Talented Awareness Month!

#### Open House: Week of March 21st –24th

Monday, March 21st: Parents of gr. 7-8th— 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, March 22nd (All district personnel & Parents of gr. 5-6th)  
9:30-11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 23rd: Parents of gr. 3rd-4th— 10:00-11:00 a.m.

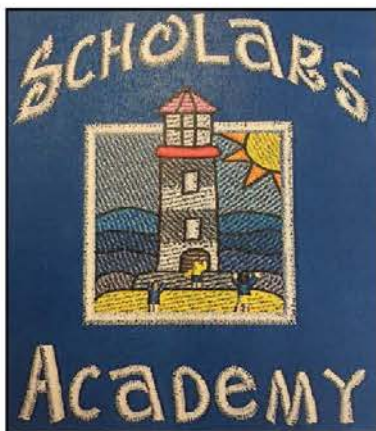
Thursday, March 24th: Parents of gr. K-2nd— 10:00-11:00 a.m.

#### What will you see?

Students in grades K-8 (see specific schedule below) interacting in a variety of hands on, higher order engagements, and activities. The STEM lab will be open, Science experiments and presentations, Math critical thinking skills, and Language Arts poetry creation, productions, and analyzing text., and more!

#### Why Should You Come?

The New Jersey Legislature has designated March as Gifted and Talented Students Month in order to raise public awareness of gifted and talented students. This is an opportunity to visit Scholars' Academy Gifted and Talented program!



#### **Who Should attend?**

Cabinet Members, Elementary Principals, Secondary Principals, Assistant Principals, Scholars' Academy School Liaisons, Parents, & District staff and faculty

***Special note to Parents: Select the day that your child attends to see them in action! 10:00-11:00 a.m.***

Monday: 7th and 8th graders    Tuesday: 5th and 6th graders  
Wednesday: 3rd and 4th graders    Thursday: K, 1st, & 2nd graders





# 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.**