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- ✓ **Good Friday - District Closed, Friday, March 25**
- ✓ **Family Math Night, Wednesday, March 30, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Rosa Parks Community School**
- ✓ **The Wiz, Thursday and Friday, March 31 and April 1, 7:00 p.m. and April 2, 1:00p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at Orange Preparatory Academy**
- ✓ **Grandparents Appreciation Day, Friday, April 1, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m., Orange Preparatory Academy**
- ✓ **Orange Public School District Job Fair, Saturday, April 2, 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. at Lincoln Avenue School**

## PARCC Spring Testing 2016



The regular administration of the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) will begin on April 4. The schedule for the Orange Public School District is as follows:

- Grades 3-8 April 4-May 13, 2016
- High School April 11- May 20, 2016
- High School (Spring Block) April 25 - June 3, 2016

The [2016 testing calendar for schools](#) can be found on the district website at [www.orange.k12.nj.us](http://www.orange.k12.nj.us) (under Curriculum). To learn more about the PARCC assessment visit: <http://www.parcconline.org/>.

## ServSafe Food Handler Certificates Awarded to OHS Students

*Submitted by Nazi Badruddin, Home Economics, Orange High School*



Eight Orange High School (OHS) students took the National Restaurant Association's ServSafe Food Handler course, offered this month. The ServSafe Food Handler Program provides training about food safety. The program covers five key areas:

- Basic Food Safety
- Personal Hygiene
- Cross-contamination & Allergens
- Time & Temperature
- Cleaning & Sanitation

After the completion of course, students took an online exam and had to score 75% or higher to achieve a passing grade. All 8 students, who took the assessment, passed and were awarded a Certificate of Achievement by ServSafe.



**Pictured: OHS ServSafe Food Handler course participants with their certificates.**

Names of the students who participated:

Ashley Matos  
 Malcolm Michael  
 Jonathan Zhinin  
 Demetrius Maxwell

Latrell Wilson  
 Kira Panton  
 Ryazia King  
 Samantha Mathurin

## **Rosa Parks Community School March Activities**

*Submitted by Mr. Barry Devone, Community School Coordinator, Rosa Parks Community School*

On March 18, Rosa Parks Community School (RPCS) sponsored a "Free" dance for Kindergarten to 3rd grade students. Over 150 students danced and enjoyed snacks, while they listened to some of their favorite tunes.



Students enrolled in the Rosa Parks 21st Century After-School

Program, including the Painting, Graphic Arts and Comic Fantasy classes, and created artwork that was used to decorate the cafeteria where the dance was held.

This successful event was a collaboration between RPCS teachers and staff, Valley Arts instructors, AmeriCorps members and most importantly, students!

On March 22, the 7th grade students at Rosa Parks Community School (RPCS) attended a college tour of Montclair State University (MSU). RPCS and the MSU Department of Community Engagement arranged the tour. Through the efforts of RPCS School Counselor Natasha Murphy, RPCS staff and MSU Bonner students, the activities of the day were engaging and interactive. This is the second year RPCS students visited MSU.





**Pictured: RPCS students at dance event.**

Rosa Parks students participated in the following activities during the day:

- A panel discussion with the university "Teaching Athletes Leadership Opportunities Now" Club (T.A.L.O.N) about campus life, admissions, and their experiences as student athletes at MSU
- Students participated in an activity that required them to build a structure as tall as possible with limited supplies. Afterwards, students were engaged in discussions about teamwork and leadership
- Tour of the MSU campus
- Lunch was provided by the Department of Community Engagement

The Bonner Leader Program is part of AmeriCorps, a national service initiative that provides opportunities for participants to engage in community service, in return for a modest stipend and scholarship funds.



**Pictured: RPCS staff and students at MSU.**



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## March Board of Education Meeting

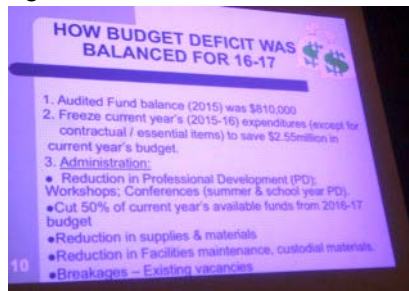
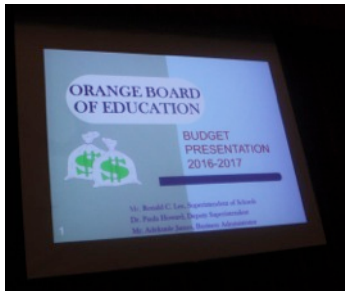
The March Board of Education meeting offered attendees a glimpse of activities at Orange High School (OHS) and the Career and Innovation Academy of Orange (CIAO). Both schools served as hosts for the meeting, which opened with Orange High School student Taiwo Odunowo (**pictured right**) leading the flag salute and introducing the high school's video presentations, including *Career and Technical Education at OHS*, and the work of TV Production/Journalism students. Co-Principals at OHS, Dr. Kalisha Morgan and Mr. Jason Belton also addressed the audience, providing comments about the programs at OHS and thanking staff, family and friends for their attendance and support.



The principal of CIAO, Dr. Erica Stewart, introduced CIAO's presentation, which showed instructors detailing their class work and presenting student reflections. Dr. Stewart gave an insightful speech regarding the efforts of her staff to provide a solid foundation for CIAO students.

Also presenting a video was the Principal of Scholars Academy, Ms. Karen Machuca. Her presentation coincided with Gifted and Talented Awareness Month, which was being promoted in the district, to raise public awareness about the dynamic gifted program offered to Orange students.

The video presentations can be found on the district's website at [www.orange.k12.nj.us](http://www.orange.k12.nj.us) and will be featured on Orange TV Channel 35.



Business Administrator and Board Secretary, Mr. Adekunle James (**pictured above right**), also gave a presentation (**slides show above**) that outlined the district's budget for 2016-2017. He explained a budget deficit for the district and how it was balanced for the upcoming school year. Mr. James has since announced that there will be Board of School Estimates Public Meeting, to present its 2016-2017 School Year Budget, on Monday, March 28, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Administrative Offices at 451 Lincoln Avenue.

### 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.



**Pictured: OHS SOTM parent with Co-Principals and Board President Mateo and Superintendent Lee.**



**Pictured (left to right with Board President Mateo and Superintendent Lee): CIAO SOTM with Principal Dr. E. Stewart; OPA SOTM with family and Co-Principal A. Malloy.**



**Pictured (left to right with Board President Mateo and Superintendent Lee): RPCS SOTM with family and Principal D. Joseph-Charles; Park Avenue SOTM with family and Principal Dr. M. Hackett; Forest Street SOTM with family and OPA Co-Principal A. Malloy.**



**Pictured (left to right with Board President Mateo and Superintendent Lee): OACS SOTM with parent and Principal R. Petti; Lincoln Avenue SOTM with family and Principal D. White.**

### Parent of the Month

The Parent of the Month, representing Orange High School (OHS), is Mrs. Nicole Williams-James. Born, raised, and educated in Orange, she is a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation product of the Orange Public Schools, and the daughter of retired Orange paraprofessional, Ms. Monica Williams.

After graduating from Northeastern University, Mrs. Williams-James returned to Orange,



**Pictured (left to right): Co-Principals Mr. Belton and Dr. Morgan, Mrs. Williams-James, Board President Mateo and Superintendent Lee.**

and followed in the family tradition of community service, paying forward the opportunities bestowed on her. A former School Board member (1999-2005), she is a member of Bethel Baptist Church, the NAACP of the Oranges and Maplewood, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and an Alumni Representative/Recruiter for Northeastern University.

At Orange High School, Mrs. Williams-James continues to give back. She serves on the School Management Team, offering many wonderful ideas on how to enhance the educational experiences for students at OHS. She also participates on the Orange High School PTSO. On the first day of school, Mrs. Williams-James took the day off from work to welcome students, parents, and teachers to school. Once students were in class, she assisted in the halls, guiding new students through their first day at Orange High School.

Mrs. Williams-James is happily married to André James, and is aunt to OHS Class of 2016 senior Tamia Tyree.

## Orange High School Art Opening

The atmosphere at the opening of Orange High School's art exhibit on March 2 was festive, complementing the collection of artwork assembled by art teachers, Shana Flada, Nathaniel Brown, Christopher Cosmillo, and Megan Guerriero. The students' work is sophisticated, colorful and varied, from pencil blend shadings, to cubism self-portraits, to mosaic trivets, caricatures and more. The displayed work was a fine representation of the talents possessed by students taking art as an elective and those planning to become professional artists.

The exhibit opened with introductions from the Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts (V&PA), Ms. Donna Sinisgalli, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee and Co-Principal, Mr. Jason Belton. Students were presented with certificates of participation and congratulated for their work.



**Pictured: Art teachers C. Cosmillo, N. Brown, S. Falda, Co-Principal J. Belton, VP&A Supervisor D. Sinisgalli and Superintendent Lee with OHS students.**





**Pictured (left to right): Art teachers C. Cosmillo, N. Brown, S. Falda and Co-Principal J. Belton**



**Pictured (above): Artwork displayed at Orange High School's Art Exhibit at the Board of Education office.**



**Pictured: Students with artwork displayed at OHS's Art Exhibit at the Board of Education.**

## Trip to Microsoft Flagship Store for Orange Prep Student

*Submitted by Mr. Glen Gamble, Business Technology teacher, Orange Preparatory Academy*

On March 11, OPA 9th grade scholar, Nathan Rene Shockley, was one of 126 students from 30 schools who participated in the Blacks at Microsoft (BAM) annual event at their NYC Times Square office. Due to his enthusiastic participation, he was invited back for a VIP experience at their flagship store in April. Congratulations Nathan!

BAM is committed to the Microsoft mission of helping people realize their full potential. BAM works to align with the Microsoft Corporate Citizenship goals by continuing to build relationships with potential customers and future Microsoft employees.



**Pictured (left to right): Maurice D. Stoute, Microsoft Executive and Nathan Rene Shockley**

## FYI

### Grandparents Appreciation Day

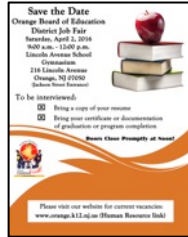


Orange Preparatory Academy (OPA) Grandparents Appreciation Day will take place on Friday, April 1 from 9:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m., to honor grandparents who serve as the primary and secondary caregivers to OPA's students. Grandparents, who are caregivers to Orange students, are invited to attend.

Several agencies, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield, ShopRite, Montclair Acupuncture, and Walgreens will be present, as well as members of the Orange City Council.

### **Orange Public School District Job Fair**

*Submitted by Mrs. Belinda Scott Smiley, Human Resources Administrator*



The Orange Board of Education Human Resources Department will be hosting a District Job Fair to fill vacancies for the 2016-2017 school year, on Saturday, April 2, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, in the Multi-Purpose room at Lincoln Avenue School, 216 Lincoln Avenue.

Current and prospective vacancies are listed on the District website under the Human Resources link and will be periodically updated. Applicants will be required to possess a New Jersey Department of Education issued teaching or educational services certificate or proof of program completion or pending graduation, in order to be interviewed. For more information visit: [www.orange.k12.nj.us](http://www.orange.k12.nj.us). See flyer below.

### **Learn Bridge in a Day at Park Avenue School**



American Contract  
Bridge League

The Orange Education Foundation and the Park Avenue Bridge Club is sponsoring *Learn Bridge in a Day* (LBIAD), on Saturday, April 23, 2016, from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., in the Park Avenue School Library, for \$20 per person. LBIAD is a nationally acclaimed workshop that is a fast, fun way to learn the basics of bridge. The program, intended to expose a wide audience to a challenging, stimulating game, is made possible through a grant from the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) and will be taught by Ms. Patty Tucker, of *Whirlwind Bridge*, developer of the program, who is traveling from Atlanta to New Jersey to personally teach the class.

The ACBL District 3 Youth Bridge Coordinator, Unit 140 Education Liaison and Treasurer of the Orange Education Foundation, Ms. Barbara Clark, has spearheaded the sponsorship of before and after school bridge programs at Park Avenue and Oakwood Avenue Schools, through her organizations. She is the former district Director of Special Services. Ms. Clark says, "Bridge benefits the kids mentally, academically and socially; both Warren Buffett and Bill Gates are avid bridge players." She is hopeful that there will be a big turnout for this program on April 23.

In addition to enjoying a game that stimulates the brain lifelong, contributions will also enable the Park Avenue School Bridge Club to attend the summer nationals in Washington, D.C.

The bridge clubs at Park Avenue School and Oakwood Avenue Community School have participated in Sectional, Regional and National Youth Bridge Championships in Atlanta, Las Vegas and Chicago.

To register for LBIAD, fill out the form shown in the flyer below and mail it, along with payment, to Dr. Denise Harlem, Park Avenue School, 231 Park Avenue, Orange NJ 07050. For more information, contact Dr. Denise Harlem at [harlemde@orange.k12.nj.us](mailto:harlemde@orange.k12.nj.us).



# 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>
<b>20</b> The First Day Of Spring 	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> OHS/OPA Presents The WIZ 7:00 <sup>PM</sup>  OPA Auditorium	<b>1</b> OHS/OPA Presents The WIZ 7:00 <sup>PM</sup>  OPA Auditorium	<b>2</b> OHS/OPA Presents The WIZ 1:00 & 6:00 <sup>PM</sup>  OPA Auditorium

# Come Join Us for a Fun Filled Math Adventure



## **RPCS FAMILY MATH NIGHT**

When: Wednesday, March 30th, 2016  
Where: Rosa Parks Community School  
Gymnasium and Cafeteria  
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Come join the staff of RPCS, and see how much fun math can be!!!



**Games** Fun Fun **Activities** **Crafts**  
**Goodie Bag**

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

Orange Prep Auditorium 400 Central Ave, Orange NJ

ADVANCED Tickets \$5  
At DOOR PRICE \$7

**Note: *The Wiz* will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday.**

# Save the Date

Orange Board of Education

District Job Fair

Saturday, April 2, 2016

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Lincoln Avenue School

Gymnasium

216 Lincoln Avenue

Orange, NJ 07050

(Jackson Street Entrance)



To be interviewed:

- Bring a copy of your resume
- Bring your certificate or documentation of graduation or program completion

**Doors Close Promptly at Noon!**



Please visit our website for current vacancies:  
[www.orange.k12.nj.us](http://www.orange.k12.nj.us) (Human Resource link)



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Bridge League

*Whirlwind Bridge*



## Learn Bridge in a Day

**Saturday, April 23, 2016, from 9:30-3:30  
in Park Avenue's Library**

LBIAD is a fast, fun way to learn the basics of bridge in a day!

National renowned instructor, Patty Tucker, from Atlanta, Georgia, will be personally teaching the class.

Proceeds will be used to help fund Park Avenue's Bridge Club trip to the National Bridge

**\$20 per person** — includes lesson, bridge manual, breakfast, lunch, snacks, and a door prize.

**\$5 per child** babysitting service available for ages 5 and up— includes activities, breakfast and lunch.

Dr. Denise Harlem  
Park Avenue School  
973-677-4000, ext. 4052  
harlemde@orange.k12.nj.us

Make check or money order payable to Park Avenue School and mail to:

Park Avenue School  
Attn: Dr. Denise Harlem, Bridge Instructor  
231 Park Avenue  
Orange, NJ 07050

Ms. Barbara Clark  
District 3  
Youth Bridge Coordinator  
Orange Education Foundation

### Registration Form:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children for babysitting: \_\_\_ x \$5 per child. Age(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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