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- ✓ **The Community Health Fair, Saturday, May 7, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Lincoln Avenue School (See flyer below)**
- ✓ **Monthly Board of Education Meeting, (Rescheduled) Thursday, May 12, 7:30 p.m., Orange Preparatory Academy**

- ✓ **PARCC Testing Grades 3-8, Monday, April 4 - Friday, May 13**
- ✓ **PARCC Testing, High School, Monday, April 11 - Friday, May 20,**
- ✓ **PARCC Testing, High School (Spring Block), Monday, April 25 - Friday, June 3 (See PARCC Calendar Below, for Individual School Test Dates)**

Recognizing Teachers During National Teacher Appreciation Week

There were many expressions of thanks shared on May 3, Teacher Appreciation Day and during the week of recognition. Superintendent Ronald C. Lee shared a note, with heartfelt thanks to teachers. "I want to thank all teachers for the incredible work you do here in Orange." He thanked the devoted teachers of Orange for "the great work you do all year round for our students," and emphasized, "Your commitment and dedication to our students does not go unnoticed."

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Paula Howard shared a poem with teachers:

A Teacher for All Seasons



A teacher is like Spring,
Who nurtures new green sprouts,
Encourages and leads them,
Whenever they have doubts.

A teacher is like Summer,
Whose sunny temperament
Makes studying a pleasure,
Preventing discontent.



A teacher is like Fall,
With methods crisp and clear,
Lessons of bright colors
And a happy atmosphere.



A teacher is like Winter,
While it's snowing hard outside,
Keeping students comfortable,
As a warm and helpful guide.

Teacher, you do all these things,
With a pleasant attitude;
You're a teacher for all seasons,
And you have my gratitude!



By Joanna Fuchs

STEM Club Students Solve An OUTBREAK!

Submitted by Ms. Jennifer Brown, Science teacher and STEM Club Advisor, Orange Preparatory Academy



Pictured: STEM Club students pose in front of the Rutgers Science Explorer.

The Rutgers Science Explorer (RSE) visited Orange Preparatory Academy on March 22. The RSE, a 40-foot custom-designed, fully equipped state-of-the-art mobile laboratory, promotes hands-on activities in the STEM disciplines to middle school students around NJ. The students played the role of Center for Disease Control (CDC) researchers under the

overall direction of STEM club advisor, Ms. Jennifer Brown, and the Rutgers Science Explorer Bus. The task of the RSE visit is described on the <https://rlc.rutgers.edu/science-outreach/schedule-a-bus-visit>, as follows:

Students take on the role of a researcher at the Center for Disease Control to identify the unknown microbe that is causing a fictitious outbreak. As they create a list of potential culprits, they learn all about the many, many microbes, both good and bad that are in our lives. Using a series of simulated tests just like the professional do, students eliminate the possible causes one by one, learning about each microbe as they go. They discover the reason for the outbreak just in the nick of time!



Pictured: Scenes from the Orange Prep's STEM Club students working to solve an "outbreak."

Orange High School Selected as a 2015-2016 U Got Brains Champion School

Submitted by Mrs. Denise DePalma, SHRP Instructor of Health Science and HOSA Advisor, Orange High School



The *Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey (BIANJ)* is pleased to announce that Orange High School has been selected as a 2015-2016 *U Got Brains Champion School*. The BIANJ sponsored program works to reduce teen driving injuries and fatalities through a peer-to-peer school based initiative. The district was awarded \$750 to cover the cost of transportation to the alliance's statewide showcase and to purchase materials to promote the campaign. Members of the Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA), along with their adviser, Mrs. Denise DePalma (*pictured above*), worked on this endeavor to bring in guest speakers and create PSA's for the morning announcements to educate all on the dangers of distracted driving, walking and riding. The students continue to meet every other week to create educational material and a PowerPoint that they will share at the 6th Annual *U Got Brains Champion Schools Program Awards Showcase* with all Champion Schools later this month in Jackson, N.J. The student participants will also be rewarded with entry to Six Flags Great Adventure, following the showcase.

Checking in With The Visual and Performing Arts Department

Submitted by Ms. Donna Sinisgalli, Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts

The Mighty Marching Tornadoes

The Orange High School Mighty Marching Tornado Band performed in the City of Orange Italian Heritage Parade, on April 30, which included the Mount Carmel Church neighborhood. Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, Ms. Donna Sinisgalli, said, "It was great to hear all the new instruments and see community members come out and support our marching band." Dr. Steven Reeves, Director of the Mighty Marching Tornadoes was complimented for his dedication and commitment to the band; the students were the highlight of the parade!



Pictured: The OHS Mighty Marching Tornadoes.

[Dancers Tour University of the Arts in Philadelphia](#)

Ms. Tosha Brown, Orange High School dance instructor and Mr. Alonzo Hall, dance teacher at Orange Preparatory Academy, took their ensemble students to the University of the Arts (UOA) Dance Festival on April 30. The students attended numerous dance performances by the University of the Arts college students and professors. In addition, former Orange High School student, Marco Figeroni, who won a full scholarship to UOA, gave our students a private tour of the campus.



Pictured: Ms. Brown and Mr. Alonzo (Right front) pose with students, in Philadelphia.

10th Congressional Art Competition

An awards reception was held on May 2, at the Newark Museum, for the 10th Congressional District Art Competition, in Newark. Art teacher, Mr. Nate Brown, and the Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, Ms. Donna Sinisgalli attended, along with three Orange High School students with artwork on display. The students in attendance were: Ricardy Jean Louis, Papouch Demosthenes, and Dane Harry-Samuel. Two other students, not in attendance, who had work on display, were Alexandria English and Lucas Mesa Fernandez.



Pictured (left to right): Orange High School students pose with their artwork at the Newark Museum, and with Mr. Brown.

The competition, entitled *An Artistic Discovery*, is part of a nationwide program to encourage young people to utilize visual arts as a medium for self-expression. All students who participate received certificates and prizes. Congratulations to the five Orange High School artists for their work!



Pictured: Participants in the 10th Congressional District Art Competition pose with Congressman Donald M. Payne, Jr.

Lincoln Avenue School Spelling Bee, Grade 1 - 2

Submitted by Ms. Yashmine Cooper, Second Grade teacher, Lincoln Avenue School

Lincoln Avenue School's Spelling Bee, for grades 1 and 2, was held on May 3. Students watched and listened intently, as the first and second grade students fielded more and more challenging words before winners were selected. Listed below are the first, second and third place winners for grades 1 and 2.

Grade 1	Grade 2
1st - Jefferson Reyes	1st - Abraham Cissce
2nd - Jamie Dominguez	2nd - Ariel Arrington
3rd - Aiden Jackson	3rd - Nigel Tom

The Judges were Ms. Gina Geronimo and Ms. Faye Coward and the announcer was Ms. Yashmine Cooper.



Pictured: Lincoln Avenue 1st and 2nd grade students compete in the school's Spelling Bee



Pictured: Lincoln Avenue Spelling Bee judges and announcer; First, Second and Third Place Spelling Bee Winners for Grades 1 and 2.

Coming Soon . . . Articles in Upcoming Issues:

- The 5th Annual Orange Dance Festival
- An Evening of Poetry and Prose at Orange Preparatory Academy
- School Spelling Bees
- Mock Trial at Orange Preparatory Academy

FYI

Jeans for Troops Day



On Thursday, May 26, 2016, the Orange Public School District will again participate in *Jeans for Troops*, hosted by the *G.I. Go Fund*, in honor of Memorial Day. This is a national dress down day to raise funds to benefit veterans from all generations who are in need of assistance. To learn more about this initiative, visit: <http://gigofund.org/aboutus.html>

Staff members who choose to participate will contribute \$5 and students who choose to participate will contribute \$1, to wear jeans to work/school. See flyer below.

Board of Education Meeting Rescheduled



The Orange Board of Education has re-scheduled its next regularly scheduled Public Board Meeting (originally scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, 2016) to Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Orange Preparatory Academy Auditorium, 400 Central Ave., Orange, NJ.

OHS Graduate Invited to NY Giants Rookie Mini-Camp

Kassan Messiah, a 2012 Orange High School graduate, has been invited to the NY Giants Rookie Mini Camp. In an article in the Star Ledger, on April 27, (online at nj.com), Kassan's football career at the University of Massachusetts is highlighted, along with his hopes of playing for the NY Giants. To view the article, visit nj.com. The picture below is taken from the article.



UMass linebacker Kassan Messiah, a former Orange High star, is hoping to find an NFL home this weekend. (Mark Humphrey | AP Photo)



3 KASSAN MESSIAH

Class: Senior
 Height / Weight: 6-4 / 240
 Hometown: Orange, N.J.
 Position: LB
 High School: Orange HS

Kassan Messiah (*shown left in image from the UMass website*), a former linebacker for the Tornados, received a four-year athletic scholarship to attend the University of Massachusetts. He played with the Tornados for four years and was instrumental in the team's 7-2 record in 2011. Kassan was also a member of the National Honor Society.

2015-2016 School Spelling Bees Scheduled



The Orange School District's English Language Arts Department has announced the schedule for School Spelling Bees.

The remaining School Bees are as follows:

SPELLING BEE 2015-2016	
School	Date-Time
OAKWOOD	Week of May 9th (Time and Date TBD)
LINCOLN	Tuesday, May 10, 9:00 a.m. (Grades 6-7) Grades 1-2 and Grades 3-5 Completed
FOREST	Wednesday, May 11, 2:00 p.m.
CLEVELAND	Thursday, May 12, 9:00 a.m. (Grades 4-7); 1:00 p.m. (Grades 1-3)
HEYWOOD	School Bee Completed
PARK	School Bee Completed
RPCS	School Bee Completed

The *District-wide Spelling Bee*, for grades 1 - 7, will be held on Tuesday, May 24, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., at Orange Preparatory Academy. See flyer below.



Save the Date for Kindergarten Orientation



Mark these dates on your calendar, if you have a pre-school student entering Kindergarten next school year:

Kindergarten Orientation Sessions		
School	Date	Time
Heywood Avenue School	Thursday, May 19	9:30 a.m.
Rosa Parks Community School	Wednesday, May 25	9:00 a.m.
Park Avenue School	Friday, May 27	9:00 a.m.
Forest Street School	Friday, May 27	9:00 a.m.
Oakwood Avenue Community School	Thursday, June 2	10:00 a.m.
Cleveland Street School	Friday, June 3	9:00 a.m.
Lincoln Avenue School	Friday, June 17	9:30 a.m.

May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3	4 Park Board Lobby Art Show 6:00 ^{PM} Board Office	5 	6	7  Community Health Fair, 10:00 ^{AM} to 3:00 ^{PM} , Lincoln Avenue School
8 	9	10	11	12 Rescheduled - Monthly Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 ^{PM} at OPA	13	14  Unity in Community Block Party, 11:00 ^{AM} to 2:00 ^{PM} , Rosa Parks Community School
15	16 Board of Education Organization Meeting, 6:00 ^{PM} at Board Office	17	18	19  Heywood Avenue School Kindergarten Orientation, 9:30 ^{AM}	20	21
22	23	24 District-Wide Spelling Bee, 9:00 ^{AM} to 2:00 ^{PM} Orange Preparatory Academy 	25  Rosa Parks Community School Kindergarten Orientation, 9:00 ^{AM}	26	27  Park Avenue School/Forest Street School Kindergarten Orientation, 9:00 ^{AM}	28
29	30  District Closed	31  Snow Day Make Up District Closed				

See flyers below for additional events and activities!

COMMUNITY

HEALTH FAIR

10:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.



Games / Carnival Booths / DJ
Amusement Rides / Mother's Day items for sale

FREE SCREENINGS FOR:

Blood Pressure - Glaucoma - Eye Exam- Glucose Testing
Trigger Point Massage/Rapid Release Pain Management
And Spinal Adjustment

SATURDAY MAY 7, 2016

LINCOLN AVE. GYM & PARKING LOT
216 LINCOLN AVE. ORANGE
Rapid HIV Screening Results

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STD, Drug Abuse, Birth Control, Family Planning,
Foster Care, Child Abuse
...and much more

for more information: (973) 677-4000 ext. 5042

Sponsored by the Orange School District Health, Physical Education Department



Orange Board of Education PARCC Testing

May 2016				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 Cleveland 6-7 Make up Forest Make up Heywood 6 ELA unit 2 Lincoln 5 Math unit 3; 6-7 ELA unit 1 Oakwood 3-5 Math unit 1 Park NT RPCS 3 Math unit 1 OPA 8 OPA 9 Make up OHS ELA 10 & ELA 9 UNIT 1 AP Chemistry (8 am) CIAO NT	3 Cleveland 6-7 ELA unit 1 Forest Make up Heywood 6 ELA unit 3 Lincoln 5 Math unit 4; 6-7 ELA unit 2 Oakwood 3-5 Math unit 2 Park NT RPCS 3 Math unit 2 OPA 8 OPA 9 ELA unit 1 OHS ELA 10 & ELA 9 UNIT 2 AP Spanish Lang. (8 am) AP Physics (12 pm) CIAO NT	4 Cleveland 6-7 ELA unit 2 Forest Make up Heywood Make up Lincoln 6-7 ELA unit 3 Oakwood 3-5 Math unit 3 Park NT RPCS 3 Math unit 3 OPA 8 OPA 9 ELA unit 2 OHS ELA 10 & ELA 9 UNIT 3 AP Eng. Lit. & Com (8am) CIAO NT	5 Cinco De Mayo Cleveland 6-7 ELA unit 3 Forest Make up Heywood Make up Lincoln 6-7 Math unit 1 Oakwood 3-5 Math unit 4 Park NT RPCS 3 Math unit 4 OPA 8 OPA 9 ELA unit 3 OHS AP Calculus AB/BC (8 am) CIAO NT	6 Cleveland 6-7 Make up Forest Make up Heywood Make up Lincoln 6-7 Math unit 2 Oakwood Make up Park NT RPCS Make up OPA 8 OPA 9 Make up OHS AP US History (8am) CIAO NT
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23 CIAO Make-up	24 CIAO Make up	25 NJASK SCIENCE GRADES 4 & 8 NJBCT	26 NJBCT	27
30 Memorial Day	31	Notes:		

Orange Board of Education PARCC Testing

June 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 NJASK SCIENCE GRADES 4 & 8 (Make-up) NJBCT (Make-up)	2 NJBCT (Make-up)	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18
19 Father's Day	20 Summer Solstice	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	Notes:	

PRESENTED BY VALLEYARTS, MUNICIPALITY OF ORANGE,
ROSA PARKS COMMUNITY SCHOOL

UNITY IN COMMUNITY
UNIDOS EN LA COMUNIDAD

SATURDAY MAY 14 11AM-2PM

SÁBADO EL 14 DE MAYO 11AM - 2PM

BLOCK PARTY!
FIESTA DE LA CUADRA!

VENGA A UN DÍA DE DIVERSIÓN FAMILIAR CON ENTRETENIMIENTO!

Come for a **day of family fun** with entertainment, bouncy house, music, children's crafts and activities for all. This Community Block Party is attended by 25 community based organizations. **It is a celebration of innovation and vitality in the City of Orange.**

DATE: **Saturday May 14**

FECHA: **Sábado 14 de Mayo**

RAIN DATE: **Saturday May 21**

FECHA DE
LA LLUVIA: **Sábado 21 de Mayo**

LOCATION:
Main Street in front of
Orange Public Library and
Cleveland Street in front of
Rosa Parks Community School

DIRECCIÓN:
Main Street delante de la Biblioteca
Publica de Orange y Cleveland
street delante de Rosa Parks
Community School



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Rosa Parks Community School

Community Humanitarian Aid Drive



Helping those who need

Please give **Can Goods**, **Batteries**, and **Hygiene Supplies** **ONLY**

When: May 14 - 20, 2016

Where: Rosa Parks Front Lobby

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Donations Accepted At Upcoming Block Party

Thank You *Alahala* **Kittos**
Tak **Thanks** *Toda*
Grazie **Gracias** *Merçi*



Heywood Avenue School Kindergarten Orientation

Please join us as we welcome
Heywood's incoming kindergarten parents for
their first year of elementary school

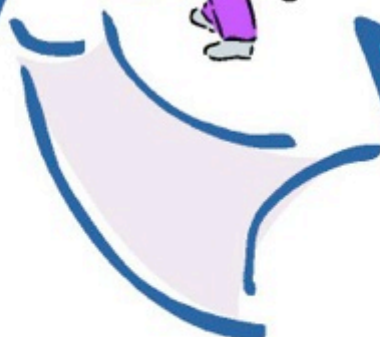
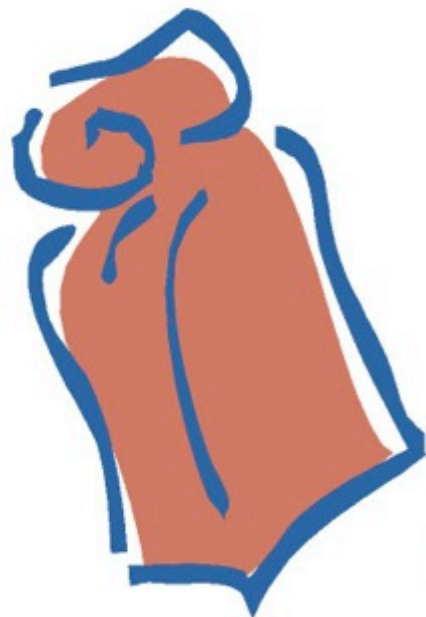
Thursday, May 19, 2016

9:30 AM-10:30 AM

Meet Heywood's Kindergarten staff

View the classrooms

*Become familiar with the academic programs
offered at Heywood Avenue School*





You are invited to our 1st Annual Gifted and Talented Expo!



**This event is going to be held at
Scholars' Academy
268 Capuchin Way
3rd Floor* Gifted & Talented (GT)
Thursday, May 19, 2016**

**GT students must arrive by 5:45 p.m.
Doors open for guests at 6:00 p.m.
The exhibits will be open from 6:00- 7:30 p.m.**



Come see the discoveries
and projects the students
have come up with!

*(Please note there is no elevator access)

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Forest Street Elementary School's Kindergarten Orientation

Please join us as we prepare the incoming
kindergarten parents
for their child's first year of school.

*Friday, May 20, 2016
9:00am to 11:00am*

Forest Street School's Multi-Purpose Room

Sponsored by
The Forest Street School Family

Contact Daneen Collins-Grayson- School Counselor at
973-677-4000 ext 2003
collinda@orange.k12.nj.us

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Orange Public Schools

To Bee Or Not To Bee
SPELLING BEE
COMPETITION



District-Wide Spelling Bee Grades 1-7

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

9am-2pm

Orange Preparatory Academy

400 Central Avenue

Orange, NJ 07050

Sponsored by: ELA Department



RISING TIDE
CAPITAL

Learn How to Start or Grow a Successful Business



CHRISHAN WRIGHT
CEO, Propel Media Group
Rising Tide Entrepreneur



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Register now for **The Community Business Academy**, a 12-week course offering hands-on training in the fundamentals of starting and growing a business. Classes are available in English and Spanish.

Learn more by attending a free information session:



Tuesday, May 24, 2016 from 6:30PM to 8:00PM
Rosa Parks School
369 Main Street, Orange, NJ 07050

To RSVP call 201-432-4316 x 121 or e-mail Milaury@RisingTideCapital.org

All accepted students receive a full tuition waiver. Don't wait, space is limited and classes are filling up!

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JEANS FOR TROOPS

MAY 26, 2016 IN HONOR OF MEMORIAL DAY

Each employee donates \$5 to wear
Jeans to work and help our Troops:

(Students donate \$1 to wear Jeans to school)



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