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PARCC Test Dates 2016 ✓ MANY Spring Concert, Saturday, May 14, 12 noon, NJPAC

- ✓ Unity in Community Block Party, Saturday, May 14, 11 a.m. 2:00 p.m. (See flyer below)
- ✓ <u>Bike Rodeo</u>, Saturday, May 14, 11 a.m. 2:00 p.m., Cleveland Street School (See flyer below)
- Board of Education Organization Meeting, Monday, May 16,
   6:00, Board of Education
- √ Kindergarten Orientation See below
- ✓ 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)

#### **Mock Trial At Orange Preparatory Academy**

Submitted by Ms. Tara Phipps, Technology Coordinator, Orange Preparatory Academy

This year, Orange Preparatory Academy was again selected for participation in the annual Essex Vicinage Law Day Mock Trial Program. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students were given a fact pattern and four statements of witnesses in advance of the trial. The students then used the statements and prepared opening statements, direct and cross examination of each of the witnesses, and closing statements. The questions were designed to be legally relevant and evidence from the statements was used to support the respective sides of the parties.



Pictured: Group shot of Mock Day Trial participants with Superintendent Lee.

This year's case was State v. Archer and involved a college freshman, Milan Jackson, who fell to her death while trying to join a co-ed college fraternity. The defendant, Chris Archer, was the president of the fraternity, Phi Gamma, and it was he who whispered something to Milan that caused her to climb a 30-foot clock tower to hang the fraternity flag. She fell from the ledge and died as a result of her injuries. Milan, and others who participated in this final pledge event had engaged in underage drinking on the night in question and it was determined that Milan was legally intoxicated when she fell to her death. The

State alleged that Archer was criminally responsible for Milan's death and charged him with involuntary manslaughter and a violation of the state's anti-hazing laws.



Pictured: Scenes for the Mock Trial - State vs. Archer, including defendant, cross examination, and jury delibration.

On Friday, May 6, the jury trial was held at Orange Prep. The Honorable Ned Rosenberg, a Superior Court judge from Essex County, presided over the trial. Representing the State was 8<sup>th</sup> grade student Ashley Laveriano, who was assisted at the trial by Mrs. Jenny Barry, an attorney in the State of New Jersey. Yse Wrantz Lubin and Miphilove Milord were the students who represented the defendant. Mr. Richard L. Brand, an assistant prosecutor in Essex County, assisted them at the trial. Both attorneys met the students on the day of the trial and reviewed the work the students prepared for trial. Joseph Barbu played the role of Chris Archer and the other witnesses were Tashana Noel (Pat Smith), Slomit Ortega (Skylar Johnson), and Katiana Issac (Dean Jesse Thomas). After the testimony concluded, the jury deliberated and reached a unanimous verdict of guilty on both counts.

Each year, the Superior Court of New Jersey - Essex Vicinage organizes its annual Law Day Celebration. This annual celebration, started in 1997, usually takes place during the first week in May. The Law Day program was developed and implemented by the Essex Law Day Committee composed of judges and staff, as well as representatives from the New Jersey State Bar Foundation and the Essex County Bar Association.

#### The Prep Presents an Evening of Poetry and Prose



On April 28, the English Language Arts (ELA) "Dream Team" sponsored *The Prep Presents an Evening of Poetry and Prose* at Orange Preparatory Academy. Ms. Grace Anderson, Grade 9 ELA teacher, hosted the event attended by 250 guests. The evening included a catered dinner, a gallery of writing samples highlighting a variety of genres, completed by students, and

culminated with and "Open Mic" session with students reading a range of poetry, prose and original compositions. They expressed an array of emotions (love, fear, determination), their individual personalities (funny, political, academic) and their preferences (poetry, Japanese authors, speech, essay).

Staff members, including Co-Principal, Ms. Aretha Malloy, Media Specialist, Ms. Julie Price, staff member, Ms. Charlene Gilliam and ELA teacher, Ms. Jewell Pollard, recited Maya Angelou's *Phenomenal Woman*, in a tribute to the renowned author.

The cafeteria, where the forum was held, was packed with 250 students and their families along with district administration including Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Paula Howard, Directors, Dr. Terri Russo and Ms. Kathryn Carter, along with supervisors and other staff members. Also supporting the event were city officials including the Honorable Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq.



Pictured: Scenes from The Prep Presents and Evening of Poetry and Prose.

The participating students were (two presenters are pictured below):

Nadia Alexandre Imoya Brooks Alrick Codner Tanya DaZulma Esther Ekeh Neisha Florestal Katiana Isaac Takia Head



Selena Jean-Pierre Guillaume Edwin Michel Demetrius Roberts Amanda Sherwood Quadir Smith Trey Taylor Kimauri Walker



The event gave students an opportunity to demonstrate their writing skills and progress and was a forum for self-expression and public speaking. It was a wonderful display of student and staff accomplishment in English Language Arts. Co-Principal Malloy stated, "This event celebrated the literary achievement of our scholars."



Pictured: Hostess, Ms. Anderson (left) and Ms. Malloy, Ms. Gilliam and Ms. Pollard.

## Orange High School and Orange Preparatory Students Visit Microsoft's Flagship Store

Submitted by Mr. Glenn M. Gamble, Business/Technology Teacher, Orange Preparatory Academy



On a brisk Saturday morning, three Orange students were treated to a VIP experience at Microsoft's Flagship store on Fifth Avenue that opened in October 2015. Leodson Jean Baptiste and Nathan Rene Shockley of Orange Preparatory Academy and Angelo Cullampe Gomez of Orange High School (OHS) (pictured left) had a three-hour back stage and front row experience of the premier facility on May 7. These students arrived at the OHS early Saturday morning to make the 8:00 a.m. departure and journey into the center of Manhattan

for an up close and personal experience of the three level store. The first level featured all the devices that Microsoft manufactures and supports, the second level, which was designed to have the feeling of a floating floor, was filled with game applications and walls of digital media, the third level housed the Dell components and a HoloLens demonstration. The experience at Microsoft was a prize awarded to these three fine young men for their stellar representation of the Orange School District at a Microsoft event last March. Mr. Max Nixon of OHS and Mr. Glenn Gamble of Orange Prep, who escorted the students, commended them for their efforts and hope to see them enter the world of computer science as their choice career.







Pictured: Scenes from OHS and Orange Prep's trip to the Microsoft Flagship Store.

#### Rockefeller Center Tour

Submitted by Mr. Max Nixon, SmartLab Facilitator, Orange High School

Accompanying the three winners of the Microsoft tour were seven students from Mr. Nixon's Introduction to Engineering class and a top-performing student from Mr. Gamble's class. They visited the Microsoft store, reviewing Microsoft technologies, before they began the exploration of select New York City sites. The students had the chance to see:

- St. Patrick's Cathedral
- Van Gogh's Ear Sculpture displayed in the Channel Gardens of Rockefeller Center
- Saks Fifth Avenue
- Statue of Atlas
- Madison and Fifth Avenue corridors
- The Shops at Rockefeller Center
- Nintendo World Flagship Store
- TODAY Show & NBC Experience Stores







Pictured (left to right): Students at the NBC store; Van Gogh's Ear sculpture; Statue of Atlas.

The group enjoyed pizza at Harry's Italian Pizza Parlor, located in the Concourse of Rockefeller Center, before heading back to the Microsoft Flagship Store. Although the group did not make it to the "Top of the Rock," this NYC trip is a must do for anyone who visits Manhattan. It affirms that the sky is the limit for what our students can and do achieve.

#### Voices in Harmony Wins in Williamsburg, VA

Submitted by Ms. Donna Sinisgalli, Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts/Mr. David Milnes, Choral Director, Orange High School

The Voices in Harmony (ViH) singing ensemble traveled to Williamsburg, VA, April 27 - 30, along with the women's choir, called Legato Ladies, to compete in the prestigious International Heritage World Stride Music Festival. Along with high scores, the two groups swept the "Maestro Award" given to outstanding soloists. The solo awards went to senior, Clinton Obi, and junior, Abigail Charles, for their duet in the New York Voices arrangement of "For All We Know." The piano accompaniment for that song was played by sophomore, Ryan Hinton, who was awarded Orange's first ever student accompaniment award. Danae Green was also awarded a solo award for her performance in the Legato Ladies song "When I Fall in Love".

In addition to the soloist awards, Orange received another prestigious recognition, the "Ovation Award," which is given to a student, nominated by their director, who exemplifies the best of the group. Adjudicators then vote on the recipient. This award is the "MVP" of the entire competition and open to a band, strings or choral students. Orange is proud to announce that the award was given to Orange High School senior, Marlena Browne!

After their performances, the groups enjoyed clinics provided by college music professors from Temple University, Randolph-Macon College, and the Minister of Music from Derbyshire Baptist Church in Richmond Virginia.

The ceremony and festivities were held at Bush Gardens, and the students also had the opportunity to visit Colonial Williamsburg.

ViH would like to thank everyone who made donations and helped to make this trip a success, including music instructors, Mr. Terrence Thornhill and Mr. Thaddeus Hammond, who accompanied the group as chaperones.

The Orange Public School District Congratulates *ViH*, *Legato Ladies* and their director, Mr. Milnes, for their achievement.



Pictured: Voices in Harmony with Mr. Milnes (center).



Pictured: The Legato Ladies.

#### **National French Contest 2016**





Orange High School French students participated in the 2016 National French Contest/Le Grand Concours, during the testing period, February 21 - March 21. The contest is an annual competition organized by the American Association of Teachers of French (AATF) for schools nationwide. Over 85,000 students took part in the contest by taking written and oral tests. Orange High School students have participated since 2011, and have consistently achieved winning status. This year's award winners are:

For Gold Medal	For Silver Medal
Elissaint Eureka	Sophia Philippe
Zero Meril	Saika Sime
	Mislie Mazama
	Cindy Metor
	Frenise Philemon
	Claude Alain Dusape
	Giselle Mwadjuma
	Laika Pierre
	Eunika Elissaint

Students receiving a Gold award scored in the 95th percentile at their level and those receiving a Silver award scored in the 90th or 85th percentile at the level tested. The French language students are congratulated for their achievement!

#### The Fifth Annual Orange Dance Festival

The Orange Dance Conservatory held its Fifth Annual Dance Festival on April 24, at Lincoln Avenue School. The daylong festival, made possible by the Orange Public School District and the Orange Education Association, included Master Dance classes in ballet, tap, Jazz, hip-hop, Zumba, Flamenco, and more. Participants, ranging in age from five to adult, from the novice to the more experienced dance student, came for a day of lessons that also encompassed classes in acting, musical theatre, make-up and mock auditions.

The festival featured actress, Vivian Nixon, accomplished Broadway performer and daughter of dancer/choreographer/actress, Debbie Allen and former NBA player Norm Nixon. She taught classes in musical theatre. Also there were renowned dance professionals from the Broadway Dance Center, The Ailey School, Ballet Hispanico, New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Goucher College and Temple University. Ashley Rich, a season eight finalist in the television show "So You Think You Can Dance," taught contemporary and jazzfusion.

Also there to instruct dancers were members of the Orange school's staff.







Pictured: Scenes from the 5th Annual Dance Festival.

Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, Ms. Donna Sinisgalli and representatives of the Orange Education Association were present at the festival. They complimented the work of the event organizer, Mrs. Deborah Rembert, dance teacher at Park Avenue School and Director of the Orange Dance Conservatory, and the staff members and parents who assisted her.



Pictured (left to right): Mrs. Rembert with Mr. Lee; Mrs. Rembert with Vivian Nixon.



Pictured: Vivian Nixon with students and with Mrs. Rembert (photos by C. Sykes)



Pictured: Scene from the 5th Annual Dance Festival.



Pictured (left to right): Dance instructors Jared Jenkins and Ashley Rich.



Pictured: Ballet instructor Dorrit Koppel with Dance Conservatory students.

#### Community Health Fair

The annual Orange Public School District's Community Health Fair took place on May 7, at Lincoln Avenue School. The event, organized by Ms. Saundra Gray, Supervisor of Health and Physical Education, was well attended, in spite of the threatening weather.

In the school's gymnasium, visitors were exposed to a variety of community resources, received free health screenings (blood pressure, glucose testing) from Clara Mass Medical Center/Barnabas Health and collected a wealth of information about health and safety from such providers as St. Michael's Medical Center and University Hospital.

There were also many organizations present, such as the Boy Scouts (Pack 49, St. Matthew A.M.E. Church), the Orange Police Department, the Orange School District's Early Childhood Department, author of *Summertime with Lizzie B. Hayes*, KP Carter, Orange Prep's female mentoring group Berry's Butterflies, the Heywood Avenue School PTA (handing out toothpaste, as a community service activity), and vendors selling an assortment of gift items for Mother's Day.



Pictured: Scenes from the Community Health Fair.

Children enjoyed and games in the school's cafeteria, the bouncy houses and a chance to win prizes in the outdoor play area at Lincoln Avenue School. They also enjoyed arts and crafts.



Pictured: Scenes from the Community Health Fair.



Pictured: Scenes from the Community Health Fair, including Ms. Gray and OHS student helpers (left).

Board of Education members, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, district administrators, other staff members and their families, City of Orange officials, including Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq., and Councilmembers were present to lend their support and enjoy the fair.

#### Coming Soon . . . Articles in Upcoming Issues:

• School Spelling Bees

## FYI

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 May	2	3	Park Board Lobby Art Show 6:00 <sup>PM</sup> Board Office	5	6	Community Health Fair, 10:00 <sup>™</sup> to 3:00 <sup>™</sup> , Lincoln Avenue School
Happy Mother's Day	9	10	11	<b>12</b> Rescheduled - Monthly Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 <sup>PM</sup> at OPA	13	Unity in Community Block Party, 11:00 <sup>M</sup> to 2:00 <sup>PM</sup> , Rosa Parks Community School
15	16 Board of Education Organization Meeting, 6:00 <sup>PM</sup> at Board Office	17	18	Heywood Avenue School Kindergarten Orientation, 9:30 <sup>AM</sup>	20	21
22	23	District-Wide Spelling Bee, 9:00 <sup>AM</sup> to 2:00 <sup>PM</sup> Orange Preparatory Academy	Rosa Parks Community School Kindergarten Orientation, 9:00 <sup>AM</sup>	26	Park Avenue School/Forest Street School Kindergarten Orientation, 9:00 <sup>AM</sup>	28
29	DAY District Closed	31 Happy (Ing.) Snow Day Make Up District Closed				

See flyers below for additional events and activities!

## Orange Board of Education PARCC Testing

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30 Memorial Day	31	Notes:				

#### Orange Board of Education PARCC Testing

BMJy 2016 June 2016 July 2						
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 Solutice	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	Notes:	



DATE: Saturday May 14

FECHA: Sábado 14 de Mayo RAIN DATE: Saturday May 21

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LA LLUVIA: Sábado 21 de Mayo



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



# Cleveland Street School Bilke Rodeo

A Bike Rodeo teaches children basic skills needed to safely ride their bikes. Children learn and practice on-bike drills within fun and challenging course!

## Saturday, May 14, 2016 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Cleveland Street School 355 Cleveland Street, Orange, NJ 07050

- Start Time for the Bike Rodeo activity will be announced at the event
- Bicycles or Scooters welcome
- Helmets must be worn during the activity
- Helmets will be available in limited quantity courtesy of Meadowlink

Parent/guardian permission is required

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## ORANGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY



Come join us for an evening of fun at our Family STEM Night as we discover, explore, and enjoy the marvelous world of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math with hands on activities and challenges for the whole family!



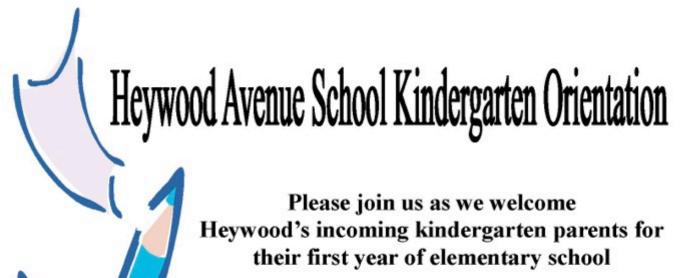
Date: Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Time: 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Place: Orange Preparatory Academy Cafeteria and Smartlab

Light Refreshments will be served

PRIZES WILL BE RAFFLED



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)



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 Prepatory Academy 400 Central Avenue

Orange, NJ 07050

Sponsored by: ELA Department



## Learn How to Start or Grow a Successful Business



CHRISHAN WRIGHT CEO, Propel Media Group Rising Tide Entrepreneur



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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