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- Sonic Explorations at Fiddle Fa La La Festival, Saturday, May 21, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m., at NJPAC
- ✓ <u>District-Wide Spelling Bee</u>, Tuesday, May 24, 9 a.m. 2:00 p.m., Orange Preparatory Academy
- Jeans for Troops (Dress Down Day), Thursday, May 26, (See flyer below)
- ✓ Kindergarten Orientation See below
- √ Memorial Day, May 30, and May 31 District Closed
- ✓ PARCC Testing, High School (Spring Block), Monday, April 25 Friday, June 3 (See PARCC Calendar Below, for Individual School Test Dates)

### Unity in the Community Block Party

Submitted by Barry R. Devone III, Community School Coordinator, Rosa Parks Community School

On Saturday, May 14, Rosa Parks Community School (RPCS), in collaboration with the Valley Arts Organization and the City of Orange, sponsored the first *Unity in the Community Block Party.* The event was held on Main St. between South Essex and Cleveland Streets. Over 30 community-based organizations participated in the event, including Montclair State University (Center for Community Engagement), Oakwood Avenue Community School Health Clinic, Luna Stage, World Wide Orphans Foundation, several Orange Early Childhood schools, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and the Orange Fire Department (OFD). The AmeriCorps Members, serving in the district, provided assistance with set-up, cleanup and facilitation of various activities during the day.









RPCS principal, Ms. Debra Joseph-Charles, opened the event with a warm welcome and information about the donation drive the school is sponsoring for the people affected by the recent earthquake in Ecuador. Superintendent Ronald C. Lee and Orange Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq. encouraged the attendees to participate in the many activities that were available during the day and thanked the organizations contributing to the Block Party.

Children who attended the event were able to play in a Bounce House, paint a mural, and engage in Arts & Craft activities including Face Painting and Henna. Artwork from the students enrolled in the RPCS 21st Century After-School Program was displayed throughout the Block Party. The Oakwood Avenue Community School Health Clinic provided a bike in which students were able to get some exercise and make smoothies at the same time! There also was an OFD fire truck on display for families to explore and all of the participating organizations had information available about the services they provide to the community. To the delight of many at the event, Deejay Levar Nelson provided the sounds that kept them dancing throughout the day.

The highlights of the day were the performances by the Mara Fanyi organization and the RPCS Dance Team and Choir. Mara Fanyi kicked off the show with an excellent exhibition on African Drums and Dance. A "Flash Mob" of RPCS students, dancing to the song Biker's Shuffle, followed. Ms. Sonja Tynes, 4th-5th grade math teacher, dedicated time to teach the students the dance. Ms. Mariel Johnson, vocal music teacher, instructed the choir as they performed a beautiful rendition of Power in Me. Ms. Nadiyah McCoy, dance teacher, prepared the dance team for two performances including an Afro Jazz routine and a traditional African dance.

### **Humanitarian Drive Continues at RPCS**

During the week of May 23-27, 2016, a bin located by the security desks is available to anyone interested in contributing to the initiative for the people affected by the earthquake in Ecuador. Donations will be accepted in the lobbies of both entrances to RPCS. The only donations being accepted are: Canned Goods, Batteries, and Hygiene Supplies.











Pictured: Scenes from Unity in the Community Block Party, including RPCS performers.

### **School Spelling Bee Competitions**

#### Lincoln Avenue School

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

Lincoln Avenue School's Spelling Bee, for grades 3-5, was held on May 5. Listed below are the first, second and third place winners for each grade. The students completed up to round 8 (fifth grade words). The first and second graders, who competed two days earlier, completed up to round 15 (third grade words).

Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
lst - Ariana Louis	lst - Dakuri Pickney	lst - Tamara Augeste
2nd - Joshua Garcia	2nd - Alika Green	2nd - Myaa Rendon
3rd - Wadner Luberisse	3rd - Diana Paul	3rd - Ashton Rodriguez

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





Pictured: Lincoln Avenue School's 5 - 6 grade winners and scene from the competition.

The Spelling Bee for grades 6 - 7 took place on May 10. The first, second and third place winners are as follows:

Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 5
1st - Keshima Smith	1st - Callens Desrameaux	1st - Tamara Augeste
2nd - Jeremiah St. Jean	2nd - Alvin Juene	2nd - Myaa Rendon
3rd - Stephane Durang	3rd - Irica Grisby	3rd - Ashton Rodriguez

The Judges were Ms. Kathleen Feely and Ms. Audrene Rowe and the announcer was Ms. Yashmine Cooper.

The 1st Place Winners who will represent Lincoln Avenue School at the District-Wide Spelling Bee Competition, *To Bee or Not to Bee* are:

- Grade 1 Jefferson Reyes
- Grade 2 Abraham Cisse
- Grade 3 Ariana Louis
- Grade 4 Dakuri Pickney
- Grade 5 Tamara Augeste
- Grade 6 Keshima Smith
- Grade 7 Callens Desramauex

In preparation for the District-Wide Spelling Bee, each school completed their school competitions. The District-Wide Spelling Bee will be held on Tuesday, May 24, at Orange Preparatory Academy, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.





Pictured: Scenes from Park Avenue School's Spelling Bee on May 6.







Pictured: Scenes from Forest Street School's Spelling Bee on May 11.







Pictured: Scenes from Cleveland Street School's Spelling Bee on May 12.

### Park Avenue Artwork Displayed at the Board of Education

The May monthly art exhibit at the Board of Education Building features the work of Park Avenue students, under the direction of art teacher, Mrs. Benay Lipstein. At the exhibit opening, Mrs. Lipstein created a serene atmosphere, with refreshments and music provided by her husband on the clarinet (pictured right). The work displayed is varied and demonstrates the NJ Core Curriculum Content Standards used in instructing the students. There is also an "art installation piece" in the corner of the lobby. Mrs. Lipstein explained that the art form represents a temporary state and changes as the individuals move in, out and around the piece.



Mrs. Lipstein also explained the lesson she included on spheres. Students studied famous athletes and drew basketballs and baseballs to illustrate the shape, adding their own creative touches. As the end to the unit, the Grade 5 - 7 artists got an opportunity to attend a Seton Hall basketball game, to the delight of the students. Technology is also highlighted in the exhibit. Students in Grade 4 created artwork to represent top "Apps" that are displayed on paper phones.

There are also drawings of roosters, maps illustrated on work gloves, elephants made out of paper bags and more. The work is a wonderful display of student talent. Artists received a certificate for their work. Present to congratulate them were Principal Dr. Myron Hackett, Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, Donna Sinisgalli, Superintendent Ronald Lee and a host of Park Avenue families and staff members.

















Pictured (above and left): Artwork and artist at the Park Avenue Art Show.



Pictured: Student receives certificate at the Park Avenue Art Show.



Pictured: Group photo at the Park Avenue Art Show.

### **Monthly Board of Education Meeting**

Park Avenue School hosted the Monthly
Board of Education Meeting on May 12. The
Park Avenue Dance Ensemble, led by Mrs.
Deborah Rembert, made the evening's
presentation. Dance student, Tamyra
Rumble, gave a preamble to their dance
performance, which honored Multicultural
Month. During the month, students will be
creating flags representing various
countries and cultures. She then introduced
the selected dance, which celebrated the
West African culture. Principal, Dr. Myron
Hackett, closed with thanks to the Park
Avenue families and staff for their support.



Pictured: Park dance student announces presentation.





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



Also performing was Orange High School's Voices in Harmony. They sang one of the songs that won them the "Maestro Award" given to outstanding soloists at the recent International Heritage World Stride Music Festival, For All We Know. The solo was performed by senior, Clinton Obi, and junior, Abigail Charles, (pictured left) with piano accompaniment by sophomore, Ryan Hinton, who was

awarded Orange's first ever student accompaniment award.

#### 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 SOTM are:

Name	School
Lounie Germain	Orange High School
De'Jon Rankin	Career and Innovation Academy of Orange
Jasmaira Cordova	Orange Preparatory Academy
Sadie-Anne	
Dusape	Cleveland Street School
Easton Hyatt Jr.	Rosa Parks Community School
Deneiah Gordon	Park Avenue School
Austin Pinnock	Heywood Avenue School
Anai Gass	Forest Street School
Blossom Bohler	Oakwood Avenue Community School
Chisom Eze	Lincoln Avenue School



Pictured: OHS SOTM with Assistant Principal, Mohammed Abdelaziz, Board President Mateo and Superintendent Lee.



Pictured: SOTM with their families, principals and Board President Mateo and Superintendent Lee.



Pictured: SOTM with their families, principals and Board President Mateo and Superintendent Lee. Pictured right is Ms. Rumble, accepting Parent of the Month certificate for Ms. Taylor.

Several parents and students commented on the awards during the presentation, complimenting the school, staff and district and thanking them for the honor.

#### Parent of the Month

Ms. Melissa Taylor was selected Parent of the Month because she is very involved in the education of her child at Park Avenue School. She volunteers to chaperone school trips, attends all evening events and goes "above and beyond," at all times, offering her assistance to the school. She has a very positive attitude, which demonstrates her support, and is encouraging to others. She consistently informs Park Avenue staff that she brags about the Orange School District and how proud she is of the education her child is receiving. Ms. Taylor is a valued parent and is thanked by the administration and staff at Park Avenue School.

### New Jersey Department of Education 2015-2016 Governor's Educator of the Year Program

Three of Orange's teachers were presented with a *Certificate of Recognition* from the New Jersey Department of Education for the *2015-2016 Governor's Educator of the Year Program*. The three teachers were Tashaun Jefferson, paraprofessional at Lincoln Avenue School, Erin-Leigh VanOrdin, music instructor at Heywood Avenue School and Nina Hefter, ESL teacher at Lincoln Avenue School. The certificate was awarded "To honor the contributions of being an outstanding education in a New Jersey public school." The Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education President congratulated them for being outstanding educators.





Pictured (left to right with Superintendent Lee and Board President Mateo): Ms. VanOrdin; Ms. Hefter.

### WIPRO Science Education Fellowship

Ms. Mika Munakata, from the Department of Mathematical Sciences at Montclair State University, presented Orange district teachers, participating in the Wipro Science Education Fellowship, with plaques for their achievement in the program. The fellowship is funded by Wipro Technologies, a leading global IT company based in Bangalore India, and includes five local school districts (Clifton, Kearny, Montclair, Orange and Paramus). The Wipro Science Education Fellowship is a teacher-leadership program that supports experienced K to 12 science teachers to strengthen their practice while keeping them in the classroom. It is a two-year program dedicated to improving teacher quality and student achievement. The teachers acknowledged have participated in three cohort groups. Plaques were also presented to the Director of Mathematics and Science, Dr. Tina Powell and Supervisor of Science, Ms. Erika Hackett, along with Superintendent of Schools, Ronald C. Lee for their support. Orange has participated in the program for the past 4 years.

### The Orange Wipro teachers:

Maria Beaghan	Park Avenue School
Patricia Reid	Heywood Avenue
Felicia Bateman	Cleveland Street School
Jayashree Nair	Orange High School
Latha Nair	Orange High School
Jennifer Brown	Orange Preparatory Academy
Iesha Fennell	Cleveland Street School
Nicole Bruntz	Forest Street School
Jamilah Rawls	Heywood Avenue School
Cylde Griffith	Career and Innovation Academy of Orange



Pictured (Left to Right): Erika Hackett, Tina Powell, Maria Beaghan, Patricia Reid, Felicia Bateman, Jayashree, Latha Nair, Jennifer Brown, Cristina Mateo, Board President, Mika Munakata, Ronald Lee, Superintendent of Schools.

#### **Board of Education Re-Certification**

President Cristina Mateo announced that the New Jersey School Boards Association recertified the Orange Board of Education. Vice President E. Lydell Carter read the plaque presented to the Board at the Essex County School Boards Association spring meeting on May 11. Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, proudly added that the Orange Public School District's Board of Education was one of three districts in Essex County to receive recertification and that this was a "testament to the Board's dedication," and commended the board members for their hard work and commitment to the students of Orange.

### Orange Board of Education.

Having successfully completed requirements prescribed by the NJSBA Board Member Academy, and having demonstrated a high regard for effective board governance and able guardianship of its students' education, is hereby recognized for achieving

Board Re-Certification

May 2016





Pictured (left): Mr. Shane Berger, President of the Essex County School Boards Association Superintendent Lee; board members Mr. Jarteau Israel, Ms. Gloria Fisher, Ms. Cristina Mateo (president), Mr. Adkunle James, Board Secretary/Business Administrator and Mr. Jason A. Jones, V.P. Legislation and Resolution. Pictured (right): board members Mr. E. Lydell Carter. Mr. Abdul Shabazz Ashanti, Board President Mateo and board member Mr. Jeffrey Wingfield.

### **Board of Education Annual Organization Meeting - Welcomes New Board Member**

On May 16, the Orange Board of Education held its annual Organization Meeting. At the meeting, a new board member was introduced. Ms. Kyleesha Hill (pictured right) will serve on the board for two years, replacing Mrs. Paula Desormes. Ms. Hill is a graduate of Orange High School, who attended both Cleveland and Oakwood Avenue Schools and Orange Preparatory Academy. Ms. Hill stated it was a "pleasure and an honor" to serve on the board and that she "loves this city and I will do right by you." The Board members duly welcomed her.

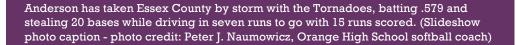


Also, during the Organization Meeting, the board members nominated and voted that the Board President and Vice President would remain, Ms. Cristina Mateo and Mr. E. Lydell Carter, respectively.

### NJ.Com Article Names Orange Prep Student as a Freshman Phenom

In an article posted May 16 on nj.com, titled *Freshman phenoms: A look at the best first-year softball players in N.J.*, Orange Preparatory Academy student, Amanda Anderson *(pictured below)* was among the freshman softball players considered rising stars. Amanda plays 2nd, short, 3rd and the outfield positions for the Tornadoes. The team has 7 total wins for the season.

It's been a wild season in New Jersey softball, and that has included incredible performances from freshman players throughout the Garden State. From big bats in the heart of lineups to aces in the circle, neophytes have been shining all season long. Jeremy Schneider | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com





### Teach Fleet Lego Ship Models For Education - STEM, History, and Diversity

Submitted by Ms. Marian Martin, Technology C/oordinator, Cleveland Street School

On May 10, students from Cleveland Street School went on a field trip to Port Newark, NJ, to experience the Teach Fleet Lego Model Ships exhibit. Teach Fleet is a spectacular collection of 200 Lego ships, built by Commodore Wilbur McKinley. He is a former naval architect and founder of the Teach Fleet program. The collection consists of ships that serve different functions, including battleships, aircraft carriers, submarines, supertankers, and cargo ships.







Pictured: Scenes from Teach Fleet field trip.

The goal of Teach Fleet is to promote careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) and to encourage environmental awareness and stewardship. The collection also highlights Maritime history and diversity by recognizing prominent women and minorities who made significant contributions to STEM and Maritime. Each ship is named after a female or minority scientist, physician, engineer, mathematician, military officer or explorer. A placard featuring the portrait and biography of its namesake was next to each ship.

Upon arrival at the Seamen's Church Institute, the children were divided into small groups for a circuit of activities that included a slide presentation, the Lego ships exhibit, hands-on building stations and a tour of the seaport. During the tour, students saw scrap steel loaded directly into giant "break-bulk" ships, cement dumped into concrete trucks from huge silos, stones from Madagascar, rock salt piles, an orange juice tanker and a container ship dispersing cooking oils. Port Newark is the largest port on the East Coast and the third largest in the country. Maritime commerce is a trillion dollar industry, transporting 90% of the goods and essentials we use in our daily lives.





Pictured: Scenes from Teach Fleet field trip.

At the hands-on building stations, students built model ships and learned about their functions. They also learned about the men and women who work in the industry. The majority are seafarers and mariners. One of the presenters was a local harbor pilot. Captain John DeCruz, the first African American President of the NY Sandy Hook Pilots Assoc., said that it is the harbor pilots who steer the ships and tankers into port - and not the ship's captain. The average salary of harbor pilots nationwide is more than \$400,000.







Pictured: Scenes from Teach Fleet field trip.

To learn more about McKinley and the TEACH FLEET program, go to <a href="http://teachfleet.com/\_the\_fleet">http://teachfleet.com/\_the\_fleet</a>. Special thanks to Stephen Lyman, Director of the Seamen's Church Institute and his staff for their educational and financial contributions. Students posted their comments on Cleveland's Student Blogs, 355cleveland.edublogs.org.

### **FYI**

### Former OHS Student Graduates from Medical School

Submitted by Ms. Barbara Clark, Treasurer of the Orange Education Foundation

Richard P. Moses, Orange High School Class of 2008, graduated from Penn State University College of Medicine, Sunday, May 15, 2016. He, along with two other graduates, was on the program of the 46th Commencement, to sing the National Anthem. Richard, a very talented young man, participated in plays and the arts at Orange High School. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Rutgers University and completed his Residency at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

Richard persevered to achieve his goals and has made the Orange Community and the school district very proud. Congratulations Dr. Moses!







Pictured: Dr. Richard P. Moses with former and current Orange staff members; Dr. Moses poses with degree.

### 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>AM</sup> to 3:00 <sup>FM</sup> , Lincoln Avenue School
Hoppy Mother's Day	9	10	11	Rescheduled - Monthly Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 <sup>PM</sup> at OPA	13	Unity in Community Block Party, 11:00 <sup>5M</sup> to 2:00 <sup>5M</sup> , Rosa Parks Community School
15	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. Weekend! Snow Day Make Up District Closed				

See flyers below for additional events and activities!

### **Orange Board of Education PARCC Testing**

BMAY 2016 June 2016 Juny 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 Solution	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	Notes:	

### 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



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