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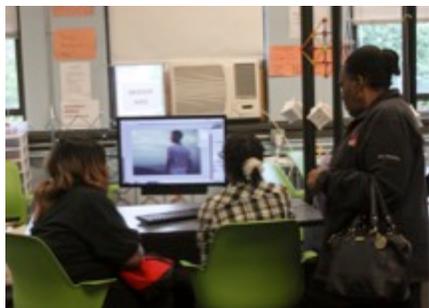
- ✓ **Oakwood Avenue Community School Spring Concert, Wednesday, June 1, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**
- ✓ **Literacy Block Party, Thursday, June 2, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., at Lincoln Avenue School**
- ✓ **Heywood Avenue School Spring Concert, Thursday, June 2, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**
- ✓ **Orange Prep/Orange High School Drama Showcase, Friday, June 3, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., at Orange Preparatory Academy**
- ✓ **Memorial Day, May 30, and Tuesday, May 31 (Unused Snow Day) - District Closed**
- ✓ **Kindergarten Orientation - See below**

- ✓ **PARCC Testing, High School (Spring Block), Monday, April 25 - Friday, June 3 (See PARCC Calendar Below, for Individual School Test Dates)**

1st Annual Gifted and Talented Expo!

On May 19, at the *1st Annual Gifted and Talented Expo*, the students who attend Scholars Academy were in full control, presenting to their families and visitors lessons they have worked on throughout the school year. The students were the leaders in their classroom demonstrations, as instructors let them direct the evening's activities.

Parents were inspired by how well their children handled the projects they completed. In the English Language Arts classes, Mr. Terrence Brooks' grade 3 - 4 students led a talk show called, "Let's Make a Change," where they addressed topical issues and asked questions of the audience, making it an interactive session. The ELA students in grades K-2 displayed poetry books for all to read and enjoy, while the students in grades 5 - 8 presented a video titled, *On the Pulse with Reverse Archaeology*. The students researched artifacts and individuals, regarding the City of Orange before the construction of Interstate 280.



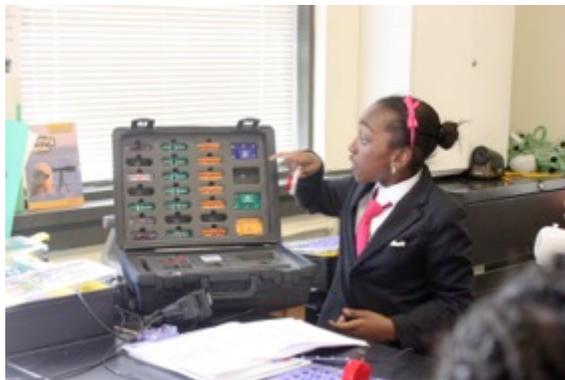
Pictured: Scenes from the 1st Annual Gifted and Talented Expo.

Science Core students, led by instructor Mr. Stephen Baer, exhibited a range of research projects, including electric circuits, animal anatomy, dissections and more. The students were able to communicate findings derived from their in-depth research to their peers and family members.

Mrs. Shannon Keogh's Math Core students showed parents their shape gallery, how to make tessellation, and presented detailed budgets for travel "Adventure Packages."

In the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) class, led by Mrs. Regina Nadbielny, students shared various kits and computer programs that highlight the components of the class. Students presented individual projects, such as an electronic propeller.

Families and visitors, including Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, were fully engaged in the various student activities. Several parents commented to the Superintendent and Principal, Mrs. Karen Machuca that they were impressed with the program and were proud of the work their children displayed.



Pictured (above and left): Scenes from the 1st Annual Gifted and Talented Expo.

Mr. Terrance Brooks Received a *Take the Lead* Award

Submitted by Mrs. Karen Machuca, Principal, Scholars Academy



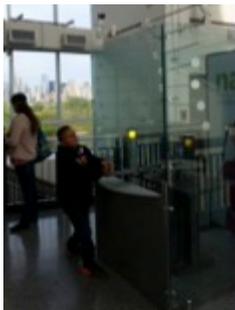
Per the Educational Information and Resource Center's (EIRC) website, "The New Jersey Legislature has designated March as Gifted and Talented Students Month in order to raise public awareness of gifted and talented students. EIRC's Gifted and Talented Services challenge gifted and talented educators in New Jersey to "Take the Lead" to make a difference in promoting and impacting gifted education in NJ. EIRC's Gifted & Talented Services want to recognize those who "Take the Lead" in promoting gifted education." It is with great pleasure to announce that a teacher in the Orange School district was one of two recipients for this award. Mr. Terrance Brooks, ELA GT Teacher at Scholars Academy, (*pictured left with Mrs. Machuca*) received this award for his leadership in an ongoing project called *Our Orange: Discovery of Our Past*. It was a 2-year project involving

Scholars' Academy Gifted and Talented Middle School students to dig into the past of Orange. This was one of the first projects, which had collaborative efforts of community members, to involve research skills, interviewing skills, and writing skills. Congratulations to Mr. Brooks for taking the lead in Gifted and Talented education and highlighting the work and effort of the students in Orange.

Liberty Science Center

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

On May 18, Rosa Parks Community School (RPCS), in partnership with Oakwood Avenue Community School (OACS), sponsored their second annual *Liberty Science Center Field Trip*. Four buses, filled with students, family members and staff, attended the field trip. Montclair State University's (MSU) Center for Community Engagement rented the buses for the trip. AmeriCorps members, who support both schools, served as chaperons. All attendees were provided a sticker with the school logo to identify them as student/family members of RPCS and OACS. They were able to participate in all activities including the IMAX and 3-D movie selections, free of charge.



Pictured: Scenes from Liberty Science Center field trip.



Pictured (left): Scenes for Liberty Science Center field trip.

Students engaged in activities/exhibitions including the following: Touch and Feel Tunnel, Building a Skyscraper, Infinity Climber, Energy Quest (energy choices and earth's resources). The coordination between the Community Schools, teachers, MSU and AmeriCorps was seamless and created a successful event that was enjoyed by all.

Rosa Parks Community School Career Day 2016

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

Rosa Parks Community School held its annual Career Day for students on May 20. The initiative was created to serve as a link between the classroom and the workplace by allowing students to explore various career options so that they can make informed educational and career choices. Professionals representing a diverse array of careers volunteered to present to students, including a Pilot, Physicians, Vice President of Marketing, Firemen, Real Estate Developer and Business Owners.

The volunteers each provided twenty-five minute presentations to four classes. Grades K-7 participated in the event. Seventh grade chaperones escorted the volunteers to the various classrooms and provided them with information about RPCS. The presentations were fun, informative and engaging. An example is the presentation facilitated by Dr. Karma Warren, the first lady of the City of Orange and Mayor Dwayne Warren's wife. She informed students about her experience as an Emergency Physician and entertained questions about 401k plans.

Several of the presenters were dressed in their uniforms which provided students with models of what they could look like in the future if they chose one of the career paths that was discussed during the day.



Pictured: RPCS Career Day sessions.



Pictured: RPCS Career Day Volunteers.



Pictured: Career Day discussion at RPCS.

Sister2Sister

Submitted by Mrs. Charmaine Walker, Advisor, Sister2Sister Mentoring Group, Heywood Avenue School

Sister2Sister is a mentoring program at Heywood Avenue School for young ladies in grades 6 through 7. On May 18, 2016 the members of *Sister2Sister* had the privilege of meeting a few members from Orange Prep Academy's mentoring group called *Berry's Butterflies*. During their visit, *Berry's Butterflies* spoke about their time in the group. Members gave brief introductions about their experiences with the program and how it has helped them overcome personal challenges. Many testimonies presented by members of *Berry's Butterflies* brought tears to some listeners, while giving hope to others. The graduating 7th graders from Heywood were pleased that they had an extension of *Sister2Sister* in *Berry's Butterflies* at Orange Prep. One question asked of *Sister2Sister* members was - Do you have any sisters attending Orange Prep? All *Sister2Sister* members replied, "No." However, a *Berry's Butterfly* said, "Yes you do, you have us!"



Pictured (above and left): Scenes from the *Sister2Sister* meeting with *Berry's Butterflies*.

District-Wide K-2 Poetry Contest

Submitted by

For the month of April, our youngest writers in kindergarten through second grade participated in a district-wide poetry contest. Teachers were asked to submit their top two poetry submissions to be entered for the contest. There was a plethora of poems from all elementary schools. Poetry winners were selected by the district's English Language Arts Department on May 19, 2016.

On Monday, May 23, 2016, the English Language Arts Department visited 4 schools to surprise the winners of the poetry contest. The first place winners received a trophy, a poetry book donated by Barnes and Noble and a certificate of achievement. The second place and third place winners received a journal and a certificate of achievement.



Pictured: Poetry contest winners at Park Avenue School.

Pictured: Poetry contest winners at Rosa Parks Community School.

Poetry Contest Winners:

Student Name	Teacher	Grade	School	Place
Samari Levy	Mrs. Cutugno	Kindergarten	Rosa Parks	1st
Kimberly Tejada	Mrs. Cutugno	Kindergarten	Rosa Parks	2nd
Andrew Alfaro	Mrs. Miola	Kindergarten	Oakwood	3rd
Jennifer Bertrand	Ms. Williams	First	Park Ave	1st
Jordan Jackman	Ms. Adams	First	Rosa Parks	2nd
Joshua Castillo	Ms. Adams	First	Rosa Parks	3rd
Aiden Jay Jackson	Ms. Morrisroe	First	Lincoln	3rd
Anaya Almonte	Ms. West	Second	Park Ave	1st
Markens Agesilas	Ms. Nunez	Second	Rosa Parks	2nd
Alizon Nicole Quito	Ms. Nunez	Second	Rosa Parks	3rd
Lailah Degroot	Ms. Horn	Second	Lincoln	3rd



Pictured: Lincoln Avenue School's Poetry contest winners.



Pictured: ELA Prize Patrol Team, including Supervisor Rosa Lazzizzera, Director Kathy Carter, Supervisors Adriana Hernandez, Gianna Pasceri, and April Stokes.

A Day of Service at Heywood Avenue School

Submitted by Mrs. Nefertitti Scott, School Social Worker, Heywood Avenue School

On May 18, Heywood Avenue Middle School students participated in the school's *Annual Day of Service*.



- 5th grade students participated in a Neighborhood cleanup project. They picked up paper and plastic items on Heywood Avenue, Berkeley Avenue, Tremont Avenue and Lincoln Avenue.
- 6th grade students sponsored a walk for the *World Wide Orphan Foundation*. They collected money from sponsors to help buy art supplies for children in an orphanage. Over \$100 in sponsorships was received and will be donated to this organization.
- 7th grade students volunteered at the Community Food Bank in Hillside, NJ. They packaged food boxes that will be distributed to the homeless and families in need.



Pictured: Heywood Avenue School's Annual Day of Service activities.

Oakwood Avenue Community School Students Perform at NJPAC

Submitted by Mr. Robert Pettit, Principal, Oakwood Avenue Community School



Pictured: Fiddle and Fa La La Fest at NJPAC (images by Donna Sinisgalli, Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts.

On May 21, students of Sonic Explorations, Oakwood's K-3 after-school music program, performed at the NJPAC as a part of the El Sistema NJ Alliance's *Fiddle and Fa La La Fest*. They performed Bob Marley's *Three Little Birds*, Thom Sharp's *Mambo Amabile*, and Katy Perry's *Fireworks* alongside 150 other students from Camden, Newark, Trenton, Paterson, and Union City.



Pictured: Fiddle and Fa La La Fest at NJPAC (images by Donna Sinisgalli, Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts.

Oakwood's students were the youngest group that participated in the orchestra, and were outstanding representatives of Sonic Explorations, their school, their community, and their city.

The	"OACS"	Mobile App
		
<p>DOWNLAOD IT TODAY!!!</p>		

Orange High School and Orange Preparatory Academy Students Visit Junior Achievement's (JA) Finance Park

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

On May 23, thirty students from Orange High School (OHS) and Orange Preparatory Academy boarded a bus and traveled to Junior Achievement's (JA) Finance Park at Raritan Center in Edison, NJ with Ms. Ninivaggi from OHS, Mrs. Berry and Mr. Gamble from Orange Prep. The goal of Junior Achievement is to provide career readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy; their motto: "Empowering Young People to Own Their Economic Success."



Pictured: Orange Prep and OHS students at Junior Achievement's Financial Park.

When the students arrived they joined fifty other teens from two high schools. Orange's students collaborated with students from Newmark HS in Scotch Plain, NJ (a private school for students with autism and other developmental disabilities) and STEMCivics HS, Trenton, NJ (a charter school in their second year). The teens were assigned by groups of three to six and paired with volunteers from PSEG to assist them with their simulation. Each student received an iPad, logged into the application, selected an Avatar and discovered who they would be for the day.

Random careers, incomes and lifestyles were assigned to each teen. Careers for the day include: Brokerage Clerk, Quality Control Inspector, Senior Trader, Insurance Agent, Manufacturer, Plumber, Grounds Maintenance Worker, Optician, General Store Manager, Credit Analyst, Account Manager, Human Resource Manager, Delivery Driver, Payroll Clerk, Food Service Manager, Dining Room Manager and Machinist. After the randomly assigned careers, students were informed their age in the simulation (27-33), if they were married, married with children, single or single with children and given annual salaries which ranged from \$27,000 to \$121,000. Students had to visit a kiosk for typical monthly expenses that included: CapitalOne Bank, Walmart, Allstate, Verizon, PSEG, Groceries, Childcare, Healthcare, and Educational Costs. At these kiosks, they would sync their iPads to establish their household budgets, apply for auto and housing loans (which were approved or denied based on their credit scores), and hopefully finish the simulation with savings and not a deficit.



Pictured: Orange Prep and OHS students at Junior Achievement's Financial Park.

During the four-hour experience, students collaborated with peers from across the state, received advice from industry experts and had the opportunity to experience what "life" might present them in the near future.

Orange High School Teacher to Attend Weekend Colloquia

Submitted by Ms. Linda Epps, Supervisor of History/Social Studies and Technology



Mrs. Jean Jackson, History teacher at Orange High School, was selected to participate in **Teaching American History Weekend Colloquia: James Madison: The Father of the Constitution** in Montpelier, Virginia. Her acceptance was based on a competitive application process. Participants will read a set of primary source documents (150-200 pages), travel to a relevant historic site, and engage in conversation with up to 20 colleagues over the course of a weekend.

James Madison contributed more to the constitutional mind of America than any other individual. Through his contributions to the U.S. Constitution at the Federal Convention in 1787, Madison shaped a republican form of government meant to strengthen the Union and better protect the rights and liberties of citizens. This colloquium examines Madison's constitutional vision and his lifelong defense of liberty and constitutional self-government.
teachingamericanhistory.org

Congratulations to Mrs. Jackson, on her achievement,

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
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.

Pre-K June Registration Dates

Please see flyers below for the 2016-2017 Pre-K registration schedule for the month of June.

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  MEMORIAL DAY District Closed	31  Happy Long Weekend! Snow Day Make Up District Closed				

See flyers below for additional events and activities!

Orange Board of Education PARCC Testing

June 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 NJASK SCIENCE GRADES 4 & 8 (Make-up) NUJCT (Make-up)	2 NUJCT (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:	

Oakwood Avenue Community School
Performing Arts Students
Present
SPRING CONCERT and ART SHOW 2016

At the Bandstand!
A Rock 'n' Roll Review



Wednesday, June 1st 6:00 PM
Oakwood Avenue Community School
Multi-Purpose Room - Concert
Common Area - Art Show

Mr. Robert Pettit, Principal
Ms. Helen Kwon - Visual Arts
Mrs. Annmarie Guenther, Vocal/Instrumental Music
Mrs. Britt Keshner, Drama
Mr. Terrence Thornhill, Strings

The Orange Public Schools English Language Arts Department
sponsored



LITERACY BLOCK PARTY



June 2, 2016 • 5:30-7:30

is hosted at Lincoln Avenue School.



Spring Arts Festival

June 7, 2016

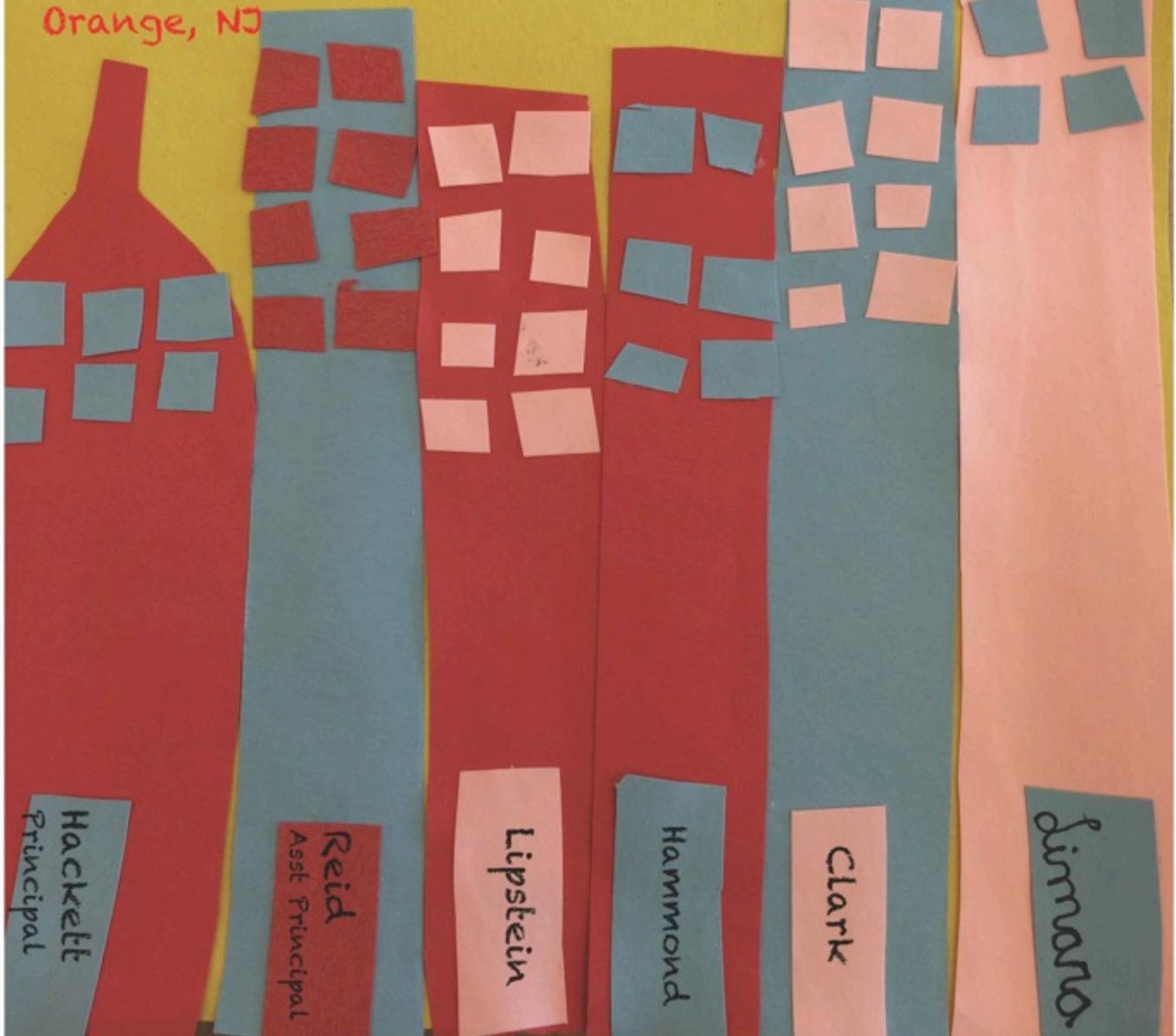
5:30 Art Show

6:00 Concert

Park Avenue School

231 Park Avenue

Orange, NJ





ORANGE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS EARLY CHILDHOOD DEPARTMENT

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.

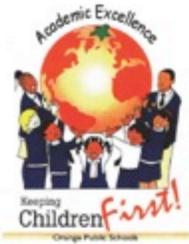
DATES: JUNE 9th, and 14th

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
973-677-4000 ext. 1904 or 1918***

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:

JUNIO 9 y 14.

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) 677-4000 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.

Lincoln Avenue School's

Spring Concert

Thursday, June 9, 2016 at 6pm in the LAS Gym

Admission: Adults \$2.00, Children \$1.00

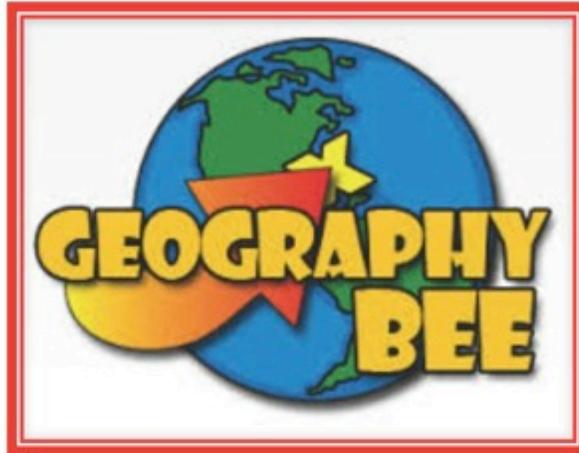
Funds go towards student performance activities.

Performing Arts Team

Sem Etienne
Wendy Mir
Michelle Paradise

Denise White, Principal
Isabel Colon, Assistant Principal
Patrick Yearwood, Assistant Principal

LOCATION CHANGE



Orange School District

Presents

1st Annual Geography Bee

June 9, 2016

Park Avenue School

7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE

OBE, OEA, OASA

STAFF RETIREMENT and RECOGNITION PARTY

Wednesday, JUNE 15, 2016

4:00 PM-8:00 PM

Libretti's

554 Nassau Street, Orange, NJ

HONORING ALL 2015-2016 RETIREES

and

TWENTY-FIVE YEAR EMPLOYEES

\$30.00 Per Person

RETIREES TO DATE

Rosa Parks- Cindy Pagano

Cleveland Street- Enid Shapiro Unger

Heywood Avenue- Dr. Walter Campbell

Lincoln Avenue- Georges Austin, Glenda Ford, Hassan A. Shaheed

Park Avenue- Eleanor Dixon

Orange Preparatory Academy- Dorcas Robinson

Orange High School- Alexandra Protopapas, Minette Salomon

Curriculum & Testing- Katheryn Carter

TWENTY-FIVE YEAR EMPLOYEES TO DATE

Tammy Baldwin, *Orange Preparatory Academy*

Joycelyne Laurore- *Heywood Avenue*

Tickets available from Linda Siddiq (Ext. 5077)

Make check(s) payable to OBE Teacher Recognition Acct.

05-20-16