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Contact Information:
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- ✓ **Oakwood Avenue Community School Car Wash, Saturday, June 18, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., 135 Oakwood Avenue (see flyer below)**
- ✓ **Orange Dance Conservatory Spring Concert, Monday, June 20, 7:00 p.m., Orange Preparatory Academy Auditorium**
- ✓ **12:30 PM Dismissal for Students, Tuesday - Thursday, June 21 - 23**
- ✓ **Last Day of School for Students, Thursday, June 23**
- ✓ **12:30 PM Dismissal/Last Day of School for 10 Month Staff, Friday, June 24**
- ✓ **Orange High School Graduation Ceremony, Friday, June, 24, 6:00 p.m. at Cody Arena, West Orange**

Literacy Block Party

The Orange Public Schools English Language Arts Department sponsored a Literacy Block Party for the entire school community, on June 2. The Literacy Block Party was held at Lincoln Avenue School, outside in the play area and in the gymnasium. Outside, students were able to participate in literacy activities and earn tickets to redeem for face painting, popcorn, popsicles, and playtime on the playground. Students also received free books to take home.

The Literacy activities included:

- Book Making
- Literacy Bingo
- Literacy Board Games
- Reader's Theater/Open Theatre
- Mad Libs
- Reading Detectives
- Walking Word Wall
- Hopscotch
- Beach Balls



Pictured: Book Making and Literacy Bingo stations.

After they earned 3 tickets for visiting the various activity stations, students were able to participate in the following activities:

- Face Painting
- Jump Ropes
- Bubbles
- Hula Hoops
- Air Hockey Table



Pictured: Reader's Theatre and Walking Word Wall.

Inside the gym, families saw a display of the district's Poetry Contest winners and were treated to a stage presentation, *Poetry in Motion*, led by Ms. Amina Mateen, Supervisor of ELA Intervention. The presentation was a fusion of poetry with dance and visual art. Orange Prep and Orange High School (OHS) students, along with Ms. Mateen, were supported by OHS dance students, under the direction of Ms. Tosha Brown, dance instructor at OHS. The poetry readers were also supported by OHS art students who made drawings inspired by the poems recited.



Pictured: Scenes from the Literacy Block Party.

The Literacy Block Party was a free community event that immersed attendees in literacy activities for children in grades K-12. Students were fully engaged; they wrote detailed stories at the *Reading Detective* station, saw a puppet show at the *Orange Puppet Theater* (the station was constructed by students at the Career and Innovation Academy of Orange), played *Literacy Bingo*, listened to books being read and participated in numerous other games and activities. All were treated to food.

The event was well attended and included a presentation of flowers to the Director of English Language Arts, Ms. Kathryn Carter. She was thanked by her staff for her leadership and congratulated on her upcoming retirement at the end of the school year.



Pictured: Scenes from the Literacy Block Party.



Pictured: Scenes from the Literacy Block Party. (Right) Ms. Carter with Ms. Mateen).

The ELA Department and supporting teachers, from each of the district's schools, are applauded for a well coordinated, well attended and successful event. The ELA Department includes:

- Ms. Kathryn Carter, Director, English Language Arts
- Ms. Adriana Hernandez, Supervisor of English Language Arts: Grades K-2
- Ms. Terry Jefferson, Supervisor of English Language Arts: Grades 8-12
- Ms. Rosa Lazzizzera, Supervisor of English Language Arts: Grades 6-7 and Library Media Specialists
- Ms. Amina Mateen, Supervisor of ELA Intervention
- Ms. April Stokes, Supervisor of English Language Arts: Grades 3-5

STEM Family Night at Orange Preparatory Academy

Orange Preparatory Academy held a S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Family Night on May 18. Attendees were able to explore and enjoy various STEM related activities, including Robotics, unique math problem solving stations, a survey designed by students in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, and student science projects, such as bridge designs and an Eco Traffic Light.

Families registered before enjoying the STEM activities and were given raffle tickets for prizes. The science, math, technology and SmartLab teachers were all instrumental in organizing the various projects and displays. The evening was supported by district administrators including the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee.



Pictured: Scenes from STEM Night at Orange Preparatory Academy.



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Lincoln Avenue School is Powered by *STEAM*

On May 19, Lincoln Avenue School held a *STEAM* event for its school community. Added to the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math was the component of Art. At the event, students had to collect stickers for each *STEAM* activity visited. After they had collected 10 stickers, students were eligible for raffle tickets to win prizes.

The *STEAM* activities included, *Angry Birds*, the *Star Lab* inflatable planetarium, *Germ Illustration*, *Pentominoes*, *Balancing Robots* and more. There was also a display of science projects.

Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, attended the event to lend support and enjoy some of the student activities. The *STEAM* organizers thanked the school's administration and staff, the PTO and Student Council for their support of the event. They offered special thanks to Ms. Genora Jenkins and Assistant Principal, Mr. Patrick Yearwood, along with *STEAM* Committee Members, Ms. Elaine Meredith and Ms. Jennifer Spatz-Grant for their role in providing a fun, educational evening for the Lincoln Avenue School family.



Pictured: Scenes from the *STEAM* event at Lincoln Avenue School.

Literacy Night at the Castle of Rosa Parks Community School



The Medieval themed *Literacy Night*, held on May 25 at Rosa Parks Community School (RPCS), was an invitation, by “royal decree,” for the school community to meet the school’s Literacy Knights at a fun and interactive event. The event featured *Storytime*, *The Knights Test*, *Mead, Meat and be Merry*, refreshment area, and *History of the Realm*. Families registered before entering the gymnasium and cafeteria where the various stations were arranged. Students circulated by grade level groups. Each group had a different start and end location.

Also present at the Literacy Night was a book giveaway table and the English as a Second Language table, headed by Mrs. Caroline Onyesonwu, Supervisor of ESL/Bilingual and World Languages, that offered books in Spanish and Haitian Creole. Additionally, attendees had the opportunity to be photographed on a *new* \$20 bill.

The RPCS ELA staff and school administration are commended for a festive event that promoted literacy. The Community School Coordinator, AmeriCorps Family Liaison and AmeriCorps Members are commended, as well.



Pictured (above and left): Scenes from Literacy Night at Rosa Parks Community School.



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Orange High School Teen Job and Career Fair

On May 19, The Orange PRIDE Youth Job Readiness Program, directed by Ms. Linda Siddiq, Structured Learning Experience Coordinator at Orange High School, presented a *Teen Job and Career Fair*. The program was funded by NJEA Pride and provided information on the *Youth Resource Center Program* of Essex County, job training classes, such as *Supply Chain Management*, offered by Essex County College, and opportunities with the military. Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee visited with the various *Career Fair* participants.



Pictured: Scenes from the *Teen Job and Career Fair* (bottom left) Ms. Siddiq with military recruiters.

FYI

July Preschool Registration



Please see flyers below for the 2016-2017 Preschool Registration schedule for the month of July.

Reminders:

Memo from Superintendent Lee

Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, has shared a memo with the Orange school community, to facilitate the New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) request for input into the kind of public school information that the community would like reported annually in the School Performance Reports (formerly called the School Report Cards). The NJDOE has asked members of school communities to complete an online survey to gain further insight about how they can improve its public reporting about schools.

Please see the memo below more information and the link for the online survey.

Orange Dance Conservatory - Summer Performing Arts Camp



The Orange Dance Conservatory is offering a summer Performing Arts Camp at Park Avenue School. The camp is for students, ages 6 – 14, and includes dance, drama, costume and set design, field trips, a culminating performance and more. The Summer Performing Arts Camp is offered July 5 through August 9, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at a cost of \$425. The cost includes a non-refundable registration fee of \$100. Registration packets are available now at your home school. For more information, call 973-677-4124.

See flyer below.

Look for The Following Articles, in an Upcoming Issue of the Weekly Email Blast:

- *Sewing Club Open House*
- *Monthly Board of Education Meeting*
- *RPCS Art Opening at the Board of Education*
- *Geography Bee*
- *Staff Recognition Event*
- *OHS Academic Awards Night*
- *OHS STEM Fair*
- *Spring Concerts*

June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 OACS Spring Concert 6:00 ^{PM}	2 Heywood Spring Concert 6:30 ^{PM}	3 OPA/OHS Drama Showcase 7:00 ^{PM}	4
5	6  District Closed Unused Snow Day	7 Park Spring Art Show 5:30 ^{PM} / Concert 6:30 ^{PM}	8 RPCS Board Lobby Art Show 6:00 ^{PM} Board Office	9 12 th Annual OHS Art Exhibit 6:00 ^{PM} / Music Concert 7:00 ^{PM} Lincoln Spring Concert 6:00 ^{PM} Geography Bee at Park Ave. School 7:00 ^{PM}	10	11
12	13 Cleveland Street Spring Concert 6:00 ^{PM} at Central Auditorium, 33 Cleveland Street	14  Forest Street Spring Art Show 5:00 ^{PM} / Spring Concert 6:00 ^{PM}	15 RPCS Art Show 6:00 ^{PM} /Spring Concert 7:30 ^{PM}	16 OPA Spring Concert 7:00 ^{PM}	17 OPA/OHS Dance Concert 7:00 ^{PM}	18
19 	20  First Day of Summer	21 12:30 ^{PM} Dismissal for Students	22 12:30 ^{PM} Dismissal for Students	23 12:30 ^{PM} Dismissal and Last Day of School for Students	24 12:30 ^{PM} Dismissal and Last Day of School for 10 Month Staff OHS Graduation 	25  have a safe summer
26	27  Summer Camps/Programs	28	29	30		

Orange Dance Conservatory Spring Concert

Monday, June 20, 7:00 p.m. at Orange Preparatory Academy



Saturday, June 18, 2016
135 Oakwood Avenue
10 AM – 3 PM

\$5 for Cars

\$7 for Trucks and SUVs

All proceeds to go support 7th Grade End of the Year Festivities.



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: JULY 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, and 21

TIME 10:00 a.m. – 1:00p.m.

Last sign in: 12:30 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:

JULIO 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, y 21

10:00 am. - 1:00 pm.

Tiene que firmar ANTES de las 12:30pm

**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.



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Ronald Lee
Superintendent of Schools

DATE: June 7, 2016
TO: Members of School Community
FROM: Ronald C. Lee, Superintendent of Schools *z*
SUBJECT: **Community Input Requested on School Performance Reports**

The New Jersey Department of Education is asking for your input into the kind of public school information that you would like reported annually. This is your opportunity to tell the state exactly what you want to see in the School Performance Reports (formerly called the School Report Cards) to ensure that you have access to information that can help you determine the quality of your local public schools.

You are asked to spend approximately five minutes to complete the survey by way of the link below. The survey is entirely voluntary and anonymous. It will only ask for general demographic and school information so the Department of Education can ensure it is getting a representative sample from all parts of the state.

The survey can be found online at: www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=146435784682.

The survey is one way the Department of Education is reaching out to communities to gain further insight about how New Jersey can continually improve its public reporting about the schools. If you have any questions or comments about this topic, contact the Department of Education at ESSA@doe.state.nj.us.

Thank you for your sharing your insights and suggestions to help improve New Jersey's School Performance Reports.



Orange Public Schools
Ronald Lee, Superintendent of Schools
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SUMMER PERFORMING ARTS CAMP @ Park Avenue School

For Youth Ages 6 to 14

July 5, 2016 – August 9, 2016

Enrollment Begins:

June 1st, 2016

Enrollment Costs:

\$425

Registration Fee: \$100

(Non-Refundable)



Drama



VOCAL MUSIC

Instrumental Music

Camp: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm



Sewing & Costume Making

Set & Prop Creation Classes

Culminating Performance

3 Fun Field Trips



Space is limited! Contact Mrs. Powell at (973)677-4124

or Email: Remberde@orange.k12.nj.us

