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## For the Month of November:



- ✓ **Orange Prep After School Program, Begins November 3, 2:45 - 4:10 p.m.**
- ✓ **Scholars Academy Open House, November 3 at 6:30 p.m.**
- ✓ **NJEA Convention, November 5 & 6 - District Closed**
- ✓ **Monthly Board of Education Meeting, November 10 at 7:30 p.m.**
- ✓ **Heywood Avenue School Board Lobby Art Show, November 11 at 6 p.m.**
- ✓ **Cleveland Street School Military Care Package Drive, November 15**
- ✓ **Teen Summit, November 13, 6-10 p.m. and November 14, 8 - 5:30 p.m.**
- ✓ **Thanksgiving Recess, November 25 - 12:30 p.m. Dismissal**
- ✓ **Thanksgiving Recess, November 26 & 27 - District Closed**

## Check Presentation to the American Cancer Society



At the Annual Pink Out football game on October 24, the Orange Public School District presented a check for \$4,000 to the American Cancer Society. The donation was made possible through the district's annual fundraising effort, coordinated by the Orange Athletics Department, under the direction of Assistant Principal, Mr. Mohammed Abdelaziz. The check, which may be increased after final tallies, to include

proceeds from the game, was presented to representatives of the American Cancer Society by Superintendent of Schools, Ronald C. Lee, Assistant Principal, Mohammed Abdelaziz and OHS Co-Principal, Dr. Kalisha Morgan, along with the Honorable Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq. and the Honorable Councilperson Jamie Summers-Johnson (*pictured above*).



**Pictured: Representatives from the American Cancer Society are flanked by the OHS Dancers and Cheerleaders and mascot after receiving a check from the Orange Public School District; present were the Honorable Councilperson Jamie Summers-Johnson, Co Principal, Dr. Kalisha Morgan Superintendent of Schools, Ronald C. Lee, Assistant Principal, Mohammed Abdelaziz and the Honorable Mayor Dwayne D. Warren.**



**Pictured: Scenes from the Pink Out football game featuring the Mighty Marching Tornados and Twirlers and the Orange High School Dancers and Cheerleaders.**

## **The Norfolk State University Choir Sings for District Students**



On October 23 the Norfolk State University (NSU) Concert Choir visited Orange Preparatory Academy (OPA) to perform a diverse repertoire of choral music for Visual and Performing Arts students from several of Orange's schools, including Orange High School's Voices in Harmony (ViH) chorus and band students.

The NSC Concert Choir, under the leadership of Dr. Carl W. Haywood, Director of Choral Activities for Norfolk State University, sang a variety of songs including several gospels and a popular tune, "Cheerleader" by OMI. The 50 plus voices filled the Orange Preparatory Academy Auditorium with beautiful vocal sounds, accompanied on piano by Mr. Terry W. Butler, Assistant Director of Choral Activities and members of the choir.

The Norfolk State Concert Choir has previously performed in Orange, through arrangements made by Mrs. Belinda Scott Smiley, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent for Operations and Human Resources. "I always enjoy them coming to Orange," said Mrs. Smiley, "The choir is very disciplined and well versed in all genres of music and they are role models for our students."

Before the NSU Choir finished their performance, Dr. Haywood and choir members entertained questions from the audience. Students and teachers asked thought provoking questions about rehearsals, college and performance schedules and how it feels to sing for a large audience. Interested high school students were also encouraged to fill out applications for Norfolk State University and several instrumental and vocal music students completed auditions after the program ended.

Orange High School's select choir, Voices in Harmony, presented the NSU Choir with a song. Director David Milnes, introduced the group, explaining that they had just finished auditions and the selected members have rehearsed for only a few days. They sang "America the Beautiful" and received a standing ovation from a gracious NSU Choir.

Mrs. Smiley made closing remarks. She thanked the choir, on behalf of the district and Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, for again visiting Orange. Mrs. Smiley then introduced Ms. Donna Sinisgalli, the Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, to address the audience. Ms. Sinisgalli was also thankful to the choir for the wonderful exposure they provided the students. She also complimented ViH for how well they performed.



**Pictured (above): NSU Concert Choir perform at Orange Preparatory Academy.**



**Pictured (left to right): NSU Concert Choir; Dr. Carl Haywood; Mrs. Belinda Scott Smiley; Ms. Donna Sinisgalli.**



**Pictured (left to right): Mr. David Milnes, OHS music instructor directs Voices in Harmony; Group picture of the Norfolk University Concert Choir, Voices in Harmony, Dr. Haywood, Mr. Milnes and Mr. Butler.**

The Norfolk State University Concert Choir was treated to a luncheon at Scholars Academy after the program ended. The food was prepared and served by students participating in the culinary program at Career Innovations Academy of Orange, under the direction of Chef Pedro Fortun. Following introductions by Mrs. Smiley, the Principal of Scholars Academy, Mrs. Karen Machuca, welcomed the choir to her school, Dr. Erica Stewart, whose students prepared the meal, also gave remarks, thanking the choir for their performance and introduced Chef Fortun who explained the menu. The choir members sang the blessings before the meal and thanked their hosts with a special “thank you” chorus for Mrs. Smiley, who was moved to tears by their expression of appreciation.



**Pictured (left to right): CIAO Culinary Arts students; Singing before the meal; Lunch is served at Scholars Academy.**



**Pictured (left to right): Principal Karen Machuca, Mrs. Smiley, Principal Dr. Erica Stewart; A “Thank you” song for Mrs. Smiley.**

## Orange Preparatory Academy Begins After School Program



In a note to parents and guardians, Orange Preparatory Academy's School Counselor, Mr. Darryl Smith, stated, "Please be advised that on Tuesday, November 3, Orange Preparatory Academy will start its After School Program." The program is scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 2:45 p.m. to 4:10 p.m., and will run through May 3, 2016. Applications were sent home, via mail and/or with students who require support in Mathematics or English. Parents and

guardians are encouraged to register their child for the program if their child is having difficulty in any subject.

Registration can be done in person, at the school, or applications can be downloaded from the Orange Preparatory Academy's website and sent to school with the student. The website is: <http://www.orange.k12.nj.us/Domain/374>.

## Red Ribbon Week

Orange Schools participated in National Red Ribbon Week to promote drug awareness. Sponsored by the National Family Partnership, schools nationwide participate in a variety of activities to support substance awareness for students.



"Heywood Avenue School knows how to KICK OFF Red Ribbon week with excitement and enthusiasm," says Radalia Dixon, staff member who organized the Red Ribbon event. Together with Mr. Jacob Martin, Student Assistant Coordinator at Orange High School (OHS), Zair Childs, OHS student volunteer, Chelsea Reed, school volunteer, they spoke to young children and gave out red ribbons, to symbolize drug prevention. "Red Ribbon week was a success!"

At Cleveland Street School the students enjoyed a variety of daily activities such as, "Sock it to drugs," on silly sock day, or on "My job is to stay drug free!" day, students dressed up in "business" clothes to show the type of job they can have if they stay drug free. Students who participated in each day's dress-up activity received a ticket for a raffle at the end of the week. Mr. Dan Turk, school Social Worker helped to organize the activities.

Students were further encouraged with the following:

I pledge to grow up safe, healthy and drug free by -

- Understanding the dangers of drug use and abuse.
- Respecting myself and being drug free.
- Spreading the word to family and friends about the importance of being healthy and drug free.

## More Trophies for Orange's Gifted and Talented Students

*Submitted by Shannon Keogh, Mathematics teacher, Scholars Academy*



**Pictured: Park Avenue students with Ms. Keogh.**

A team of six students from Scholars Academy competed in a Problem Solving Convocation at Essex Fells Elementary School on Wednesday, October 28, 2015. The competition was sponsored by the Essex County Steering Committee for Gifted and Talented Education. The competition was made of up students from 8 Essex County towns including Millburn-Short Hills, Fairfield, Caldwell, Livingston, Newark, Roseland, Essex Fells and Orange.

The students competed in teams to answer high-level problem solving challenges in all

content areas. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards were given out to the three highest scoring teams. Autumn Tarver brought home a 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy and Jada Howell brought home a 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophy. Math teacher, Ms. Shannon Keogh exclaimed, "We are so proud of our Scholars Academy team!"

Representing Orange Public Schools were students from Park Avenue School:

Jada Howell	Grade 5
Autumn Tarver	Grade 5
Tamyra Rumble	Grade 5
Jonathan Tarver	Grade 6
Momo Sacko	Grade 5
Caleb Osorio	Grade 5

## Rosa Parks Community School Students' Trip to the UN Highlighted in the Record Transcript Newspaper

As reported in the Record Transcript, Rosa Parks Community School students took part in the *International Day of Peace*, along with 150 organizations, at the United Nations on Monday, September 21.

The story details the trip organized by Gnanaseharan Selliah, English as a second language teacher, grades five through seven, after he learned of the event through the Educational Outreach Division of the United Nations. He helped to make the trip possible for 18 select RPCS students. In preparation for the trip, the students, per the article, created a PowerPoint presentation with a STEM focus. Teachers Anthony Van Valkenburg Trondell Dupree, Chelsey Lepinski and Mariel Johnson, along with Mr. Selliah, accompanied the students.



**Pictured: RPCS students and teachers at the UN (Photos by Mr. G. Selliah, ESL teacher at RPCS).**

The theme for the *International Day of Peace*, which celebrated its 70th year, was “Partnerships for Peace – Dignity for All.” The students were exposed to projects and clubs created by other students participating in the event to promote peace in their communities. They saw a video presentation from a school in Beirut, Lebanon and some were selected to participate in a Tae Kwon Do demonstration. They also heard from the Secretary General of the United Nations, Ban Ki-Moon and guest speakers Jane Goodall, Michael Douglas and Herbie Hancock, along with a performance from Yo-Yo Ma.

To read more from the Record Transcript, visit the *Essex News Daily* at: <http://essexnewsdaily.com/news/orange/66002>.



**Pictured: Scenes from The International Peace Day at the UN, as provided by Mr. G. Selliah, ESL teacher at Rosa Parks Community School.**

## Family Assistance Resource Center Offers Clothing to Residents



On October 10, the Family Assistance Resource Center (FARC) operated a boutique at Orange High School, to distribute, free of charge, business attire and other clothing to needy families. The event was organized, with volunteers from local Target retail stores, the Orange Fire Department and FARC members.

FARC is a non profit organization. Its mission is:

"To provide emergency, economic and material resources, as well as, educational, vocational and career assistance to individuals and families (especially those in crisis) to strengthen and empower them to live sustainable independent lives."

The boutique featured a display of fashionable clothing, accessories and shoes. "It went very well and we will be doing more in the future," said FARC member, Don Parrott. He announced that the next boutique will be held at Rosa Parks Community School on December 12.



**Pictured: Scenes from the FARC boutique.**

# FYI

## Get Ready for the Teen Summit 2015 - 2016

The 6th Annual Orange Teen Summit will take place in two parts this school year. The first part is scheduled for Friday, November 13 and Saturday, November 14. The theme of the event is *Get it Together!* The summit will focus on creating healthier lives. It is for Orange Public School students in grades 6 - 12 and their parents, guardians and mentors.

The second part will take place on Saturday, April 2, 2016.

The event is free of charge and includes informative workshops, panel discussions, prizes, entertainment and food, however, online registration is required! Register at: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/orange-teen-summit-2015-registration-19138046412>

This year's opening night will feature "Let Our Voices Be Heard," a student panel discussion.

Email questions to [BigOTeenSummit@gmail.com](mailto:BigOTeenSummit@gmail.com) or call Mrs. Laura Sacks, School Nurse, at 973-677-4144.

See postcard flyer (front and back) below.



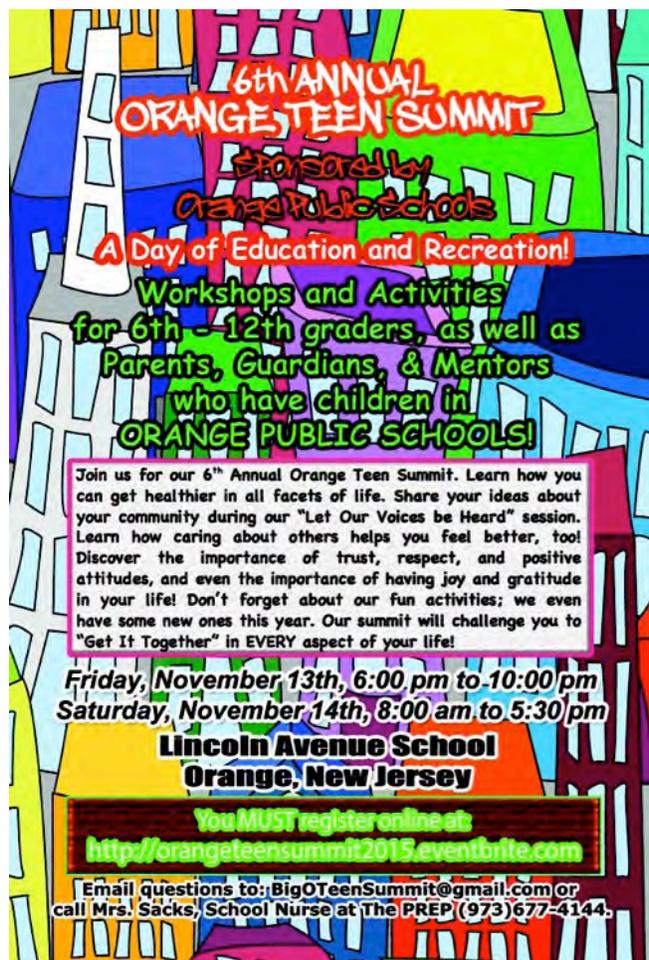
<https://www.facebook.com/OrangeTeenSummit>

# November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3	4	5 NJEA Convention – District closed 	6 NJEA Convention – District Closed	7
8	9	10 Monthly Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 <sup>PM</sup> at OPA	11  Heywood Lobby Art Show 6:00 <sup>PM</sup> Board Office	12	13 Teen Summit Lincoln Avenue School 6:00 <sup>PM</sup> -10:00 <sup>PM</sup> <i>Teen Summit</i>	14 Teen Summit Lincoln Avenue School 8:00 <sup>AM</sup> -5:30 <sup>PM</sup>
15	16	17	18 Professional Development 12:30 <sup>PM</sup> Dismissal for Students	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Recess 12:30 <sup>PM</sup> Dismissal	26 Thanksgiving Day Thanksgiving Recess District Closed	27 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> Thanksgiving Recess District Closed	28
29	30					



**Teen Summit 2015**  
 For all 6th - 12th Graders, Parents and Mentors in Orange  
 Networking Opportunities  
 Interactive Workshops  
 Panel Discussions  
 Fun Activities  
 GREAT PRIZES  
 November 13th (6PM - 10PM)  
 November 14th (8AM - 5:30PM)  
 Lincoln Avenue School  
 Entrance on Jackson Street  
 216 Lincoln Avenue  
 Orange, NJ 07050  
 FREE FOOD!  
 Free T-shirts SATURDAY ONLY!  
 Get It Together!  
 Change Your Ways, Change your Life!  
 HTTP://Facebook.com/OrangeTeenSummit



**6th ANNUAL ORANGE TEEN SUMMIT**  
 Sponsored by Orange Public Schools  
 A Day of Education and Recreation!  
 Workshops and Activities for 6th - 12th graders, as well as Parents, Guardians, & Mentors who have children in ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS!  
 Join us for our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Orange Teen Summit. Learn how you can get healthier in all facets of life. Share your ideas about your community during our "Let Our Voices be Heard" session. Learn how caring about others helps you feel better, too! Discover the importance of trust, respect, and positive attitudes, and even the importance of having joy and gratitude in your life! Don't forget about our fun activities; we even have some new ones this year. Our summit will challenge you to "Get It Together" in EVERY aspect of your life!  
 Friday, November 13th, 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm  
 Saturday, November 14th, 8:00 am to 5:30 pm  
 Lincoln Avenue School  
 Orange, New Jersey  
 You MUST register online at  
<http://orangeteensummit2015.eventbrite.com>  
 Email questions to: BigOTeenSummit@gmail.com or call Mrs. Sacks, School Nurse at The PREP (973) 677-4144.



# **SCHOLARS ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE**

Scholars Academy Students  
Grades 1-8

November 3, 2015  
OASIS café  
6:30-7:30 pm

268 Capuchin Way  
Freeway Drive East



## **Cleveland Street School PTO Military Care Package Drive**

Join us as we prepare care packages for  
5 individuals currently serving overseas  
in the military.

### **We are collecting the following:**

Sunflower seeds, Peanuts, DVD Movies, Video Games, Body Wash, Lip Balm, Baby Wipes, Beef Jerky, Turkey Jerky, Sunscreen, hand written letters, flavored drink packets, Vicks Vapor Rub, Razors, Energy Drinks, Candy (not chocolate),

**NO PORK ITEMS**

Donations can be dropped off at 355 Cleveland Street Orange,  
NJ 07050 by 11/15/2015

Please contact Ms. Samira Sewell, PTO President 973-752-8976