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- ✓ **Professional Development, Nov. 18, 12:30 p.m. Dismissal for Students**
- ✓ **Thanksgiving Recess, November 25 - 12:30 p.m. Dismissal**
- ✓ **Thanksgiving Recess, November 26 & 27 - District Closed**

Orange Public Schools Earn Middle States Accreditation



Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools
Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — The Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools announced today that the Orange Public School District in Orange N.J., earned accreditation, the gold standard for measuring and evaluating school performance.

“The accreditation process examines schools and school systems in a holistic way, supplementing student testing data to provide a more complete measure of performance and chart a strategic and realistic course for continuous school improvement,” said Henry G. Cram, Ed.D., president of the Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools. “At the Middle States Association, we look at the whole school – not just test scores – because we realize that improving outcomes requires a comprehensive approach.”

Accreditation is a self-evaluation process that schools and school systems voluntarily use to demonstrate they are meeting a defined set of research-based performance standards. The 12 Standards for Accreditation are: mission; governance and leadership; school improvement planning; finances; facilities; school organization and staff; health and safety; information resources; educational program; assessment and evidence of student learning; student services, and student life and activities.

The accreditation process begins with a self-study that is conducted by the school and school system and requires input from school leaders, teachers, parents and students. Following the self-study, a team of volunteer educators from Association member schools conducts an on-site peer review visit to observe school operations and interview various stakeholders.

The visiting team makes its recommendation to the Middle States Association Commissions, which voted to accredit or reaccredit 211 schools and school systems in 18 states and Puerto Rico and 20 countries at its biannual meeting earlier this month.

“Accreditation is an independent validation of the good work we are already doing and has served as a cost-effective and comprehensive approach to charting a course for the future,” said Superintendent Ronald C. Lee. “We are pleased to have earned Middle States accreditation and to be recognized for our commitment to preparing all students with equitable opportunities for college and career readiness, leading to lifelong learning and responsible citizenship in a competitive global community.”

All 11 schools were accredited as a system.

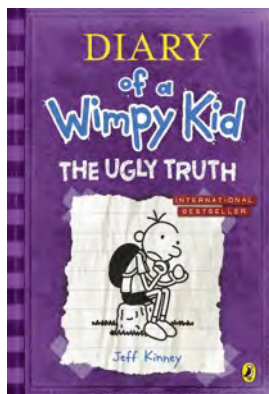
About Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools (MSA-CESS)

Based in Philadelphia, the Middle States Association is a worldwide leader in accreditation and school improvement. For over 125 years, Middle States has been helping school leaders establish and reach their goals, develop strategic plans, promote staff development and advance student achievement. With more than 2,700 accredited schools and school systems in 34 states and nearly 100 countries, MSA-CESS is proud of its continuing legacy and its ongoing innovations to meet the challenges of improving education in the 21st century.

Character Day Enhances Literacy at Forest Street School

Submitted by Bill Donnelly, ESL Teacher, Forest Street School (article and pictures)

“Characters from our favorite books came to life at Forest Street School the last week of October, not to scare us for Halloween, but to tell us their stories in vivid detail,” said Bill Donnelly, ESL teacher at Forest Street School. To take part in the event, students selected a book and prepared an oral presentation based on a character in the book, including details and the character’s motivation. Then on October 30, they came to school dressed as that character, book in hand and prepared to “become” that personality.



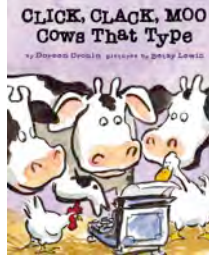
Amaya Pagan, from Ms. Walker’s 6th grade ELA class, portrayed “Isabella” from Diary of a Wimpy Kid. Presenting to her class, *in character*, Amaya addressed her “*best friend Julie*” (from the

book) and explained she was “*self-centered and insecure*.”



Pictured: Student portrays Isabella from Diary of a Wimpy Kid.

In the same class, Neveah Hall skipped quickly but quietly to the front—in convincing mouse style—and told the class all about how it felt being “Minnie Mouse.” Brandon Sherwood assisted presenters by displaying their books and multi-media images in the background.



Ms. White’s 4th grade class (*Click, Clack, Moo!*) had many participants among them.



Pictured: Student portrays Minnie Mouse.



Pictured: Ms. White’s dressed as character from Click Clack Moo, Cows That Type.



Pictured: Ms. White’s 4th grade class.

Vanessa Pineda-Tejada dressed as a farmer girl from the book On the Farm. While holding a real potato as proof, she explained how she, “milks a cow and collects hen eggs every day!” Others portrayed characters from Nate the Great, Pocahontas, The Real Luck Charm, Spiderman, Dinosaurs Before Dark, Judy Moody and Disney’s Descendants.



Pictured: Student portrays a farmer girl from On the Farm.



Pictured: Ms. Hanson’s 1st grade class.



Pictured: Ms. Arias’ 1st grade class.

Also pictured are some students from Ms. Arias’ 1st grade, Ms. Hanson’s 1st grade, and Ms. Russell’s 2nd grade.



Pictured: Fourth grade students with books and poster.



Pictured: Fourth grade students with posters.



Pictured: Students from Ms. Russell's 2nd grade class.



Pictured: Ms. Russell's 2nd grade class.

Orange Preparatory Academy and Orange High School Presents Hispanic Heritage Month 2015



The Orange Preparatory Academy (OPA) and Orange High School (OHS) Hispanic Heritage Month 2015 celebration, on October 29, was a filled with cultural dance, music and song. The program opened with an introductory video presentation and remarks by host, Ms. Terra Phipps, Technology Coordinator and a student co-host (*pictured left*). It featured performances by Caracumbé, an Afro-Peruvian group of professional dancers and musicians that shared the rhythms and story telling of Afro-Peruvian tap dance and played a wooden instrument, the cajón. Also performing were Inkas Dance, another Peruvian dance group that demonstrated the

richness of Peruvian folklore in traditional costumes and Mariachi Nuevo Mexico, a lively and versatile mariachi band that sang a selection of Mexican songs and had the audience singing along to Cielito Lindo.



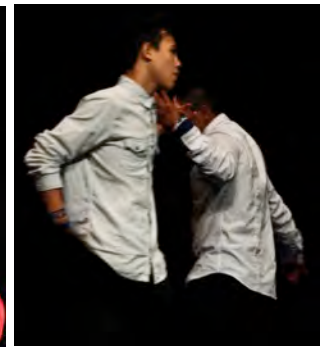
Pictured (left to right): Ms. Astore with Mr. Camarena on guitar and Mr. Abazia on keyboard; OPA Chorus.



Pictured: Caracumbé (left and center) and Inkas Dance (right).



Pictured: Inkas Dance (right) and Mariachi Nuevo Mexico (right).



Pictured: Mariachi Nuevo Mexico (left) OHS students (center and right).

The event was further highlighted with a modern Caribbean dance, titled “Explosion Dominicana,” performance by Orange High School students. Orange Preparatory Academy students presented a contemporary dance to “Que Viva la Vida,” a Colombian style Salsa to “La Rebelión,” directed by dance teacher, Mr. Alonzo Hall, who also performed with the students. The OPA Choir, directed by music teacher, Mr. Peter Abazia, sang a bilingual bachata version of “Stand By Me.” Bachata is a popular music genre that originated in the Dominican Republic. Also singing “Cariñito,” a South American waltz, was Ms. Vanessa Astore, an OPA English Language Arts teacher.



Pictured: OPA students dance to “Que Vida La Vida.”



Pictured: Final dance to “La Rebelión,”featuring dance teacher, Mr. Hall.



Pictured: Co-Principals, Mr. Dana Gaines and Ms. Aretha Malloy, with Assistant Principal and program director, Mr. Noel Cruz on the right.

In addition, there was another OPA video presentation “Let’s Dance Mambo” that featured staff and students demonstrating their Mambo dancing skills.

The event was directed by Assistant Principal, Mr. Noel Cruz and produced by World Language teacher, Mr. Freddy Camarena. The committee that helped to organize the event included OPA staff members: Mr. Peter Abazia, Mr. Argemiro Aquirre, Mr. Alonzo Hall, Ms. Irene Mason, Mr. Jason Niemczyk, Ms. Tammy Baldwin, and from Orange High School: Ms. M. Vera, Mr. M. Anto, and Ms. Antonella Johari.

Orange Preparatory Academy Co-Principals, Ms. Aretha Malloy and Mr. Dana Gaines, made closing remarks and presented a performing contributor with a certificate of appreciation. All are congratulated for a wonderful show that celebrated a vibrant culture.



Pictured (left to right): Ms. Phipps with Mr. Camarena; Mr. Abazia, student co-host, Ms. Phipps, Mr. Camarena and Mr. Hall.

School District Wins the Certificate of Excellence Award City of Orange Township Public Schools, Orange, NJ



ASSOCIATION OF
SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS
INTERNATIONAL

The Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) International has awarded City of Orange Township Public Schools its Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting award for having met or exceeded the program's high standards for financial reporting and accountability.

The district was recognized for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending 2014.

Sponsored by VALIC, the Certificate of Excellence (COE) award confirms the school business office's commitment to financial accountability and transparency. Recognition through the COE program can help strengthen a district's presentation for bond issuance statements and promotes a high level of financial reporting.

VALIC, a long-time supporter of school business, is committed to the K-12 marketplace. VALIC was the first company to enroll a K-12 public school district in a 403(b) plan. For more than half a century, VALIC has served as a leading retirement plan provider for K-12 schools and school districts, as well as for higher education, healthcare, government, and other not-for-profit institutions. As of June 30, 2014, VALIC has more than \$88 billion in total assets under management and manages plans for nearly 24,000 groups serving nearly 2 million plan participants. VALIC represents The Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company and its subsidiaries, VALIC Financial Advisors, Inc. and VALIC Retirement Services Company. For more information on VALIC, please visit www.VALIC.com.

ASBO International, founded in 1910, is a professional organization of 5,000 members that provides programs and services to promote the highest standards of school business management practices, professional growth, and the effective use of education resources. For more information about the COE award, visit asbointl.org/COE.

Tennis for Cleveland Street Students



Pictured: Cleveland Street School students with tennis instructors, Cleveland staff and Dr. Cummins.



Students at Orange’s Cleveland Street School had the opportunity to learn the game of tennis at the Berkeley Tennis Club facility, during their assigned gym class in October. Through grants from the United States Tennis Association (USTA) and the Orange Police Athletic League (PAL), students were funded to take two lessons per week for four weeks. Only two weeks of lessons were completed. There are plans to provide the other two weeks of lessons in the spring, after the weather warms up, possibly as a post-PARCC celebration.

The 7th grade gym class and a self-contained class of 6th and 7th grade students took tennis lessons in place of two gym classes per week. The lessons were aligned with the Physical Education curriculum standards. The instructors were Bob Bynum and Al Crook of Bob Bynum’s Match Point Tennis. Both are USPTR (United States Professional Tennis Registry) certified tennis coaches. They have been teaching and coaching tennis for over 30 years.

“This was an opportunity for our students to learn about more sports than those typically offered in the community and to students in their age group, “ said Dr. Cayce Cummins, principal of Cleveland Street School. The program will also serve to be a feeder into tennis programs at the upper grade levels. This could foster a strong enough program in Orange to open doors to admissions and scholarships for college. “I earned a four year tennis scholarship to Howard University,” added Dr. Cummins. “Not only did it fund my education, but tennis provided experiences in competition and traveling that I wouldn’t have had otherwise.”

For the students it was great for them to have access to tennis courts. Cleveland Street School is one of the older schools in the district and lacks any sports facilities. Tennis exposed them to a new sport and a top-notch facility in the area.

Their Physical Education teacher, Mr. Edward Harris, a supportive force behind the program, accompanied the students. The chaperones were Mr. Dan Turk, who cataloged the activity with



Pictured (above): Cleveland Street students during tennis lessons.

pictures of the various lessons, along with paraprofessionals, Mr. Spillman and Ms. Phillip.

Dr. Cummins was also present for some of the lessons. "The students absolutely loved it. We have never seen them smile so much while working so hard!" She is hopeful that the lessons that they learned on the court will transfer into life and academic situations, making them more resilient. "They were disappointed when the program for this season came to an end."

"We welcome programs that broaden our students' experiences," said Superintendent of Schools, Ronald C. Lee, who is keen to provide such exposures to Orange's students. Also, the Honorable Mayor Dwayne D. Warren visited, on the last day of the fall lessons, and expressed his pride in the students and their efforts.



Pictured (above): Cleveland Street students during tennis lessons.

FYI

Teen Summit 2015, November 13 and November 14



The 6th Annual Orange Teen Summit 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.

To register, visit: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/orange-teen-summit-2015-registration-19138046412>. For more about the Teen Summit 2015, visit <https://www.facebook.com/OrangeTeenSummit>. See flyer below.

NJSIAA First Round State Playoffs - North II Group 3 Division

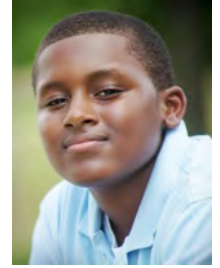


Congratulations to the Orange High School Tornadoes Football team. The #4 ranked Tornadoes have qualified for a first round playoff game against #5 Ridgefield Park High School.

The game is Friday, November 13, 7:00 p.m. at Bell Stadium.

Guess Who's Coming to Park Avenue School?

On November 19, Park Avenue School will host fourteen-year-old author, Kyle Dixon III. He will address students in grades K-7. His self-published book, *Jay Bumblebee*, has sold over 11,000 copies and he has spoken to over 23,000 students across the country. Kyle has made a name for himself, not only as an author, but also as a motivational speaker and a budding entrepreneur. A former special needs student; Kyle excites students about reading and writing with personal stories and shares his formula for turning perceived weaknesses into strengths. He has created a sneaker journal to be marketed by Nike and will soon appear on TV early next year.



See flyer below.

Preschool Registration Dates for November



The Orange Early Childhood Department has scheduled preschool registration, for the 2015 - 2016 school year, on Tuesdays during the month of November.

Please see the flyers below for registration requirements and time. For more information, call 973-677-4500, ext. 1904 or 1918. See flyers below.

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 ^{PM} at OPA	11  Heywood Lobby Art Show 6:00 ^{PM} Board Office	12	13 Teen Summit Lincoln Avenue School 6:00 ^{PM} -10:00 ^{PM} <i>Teen Summit</i>	14 Teen Summit Lincoln Avenue School 8:00 ^{AM} -5:30 ^{PM}
15	16	17	18 Professional Development 12:30 ^{PM} Dismissal for Students	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Recess 12:30 ^{PM} Dismissal	26 Thanksgiving Day <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>	27 Thanksgiving Recess District Closed	28
29	30					

Teen Summit 2015

For all 6th-12th Graders, Parents and Mentors in Orange

Fun Activities
Networking Opportunities
Interactive Workshops
Panel Discussions
GREAT PRIZES

November 13th (6PM - 10PM)
November 14th (8AM - 5:30PM)

Free T-shirt! SATURDAY ONLY!

Lincoln Avenue School
Entrance on Jackson Street
216 Lincoln Avenue
Orange, NJ 07050

FREE FOOD!

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Change Your Ways, Change your Life!

[HTTP://Facebook.com/OrangeTeenSummit](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 6th 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://forangeTeenSummit2015.eventbrite.com>

Email questions to: BigOTeenSummit@gmail.com or call Mrs. Sacks, School Nurse at The PREP (973) 677-4144.



GUESS WHO'S COMING TO PARK AVE SCHOOL?



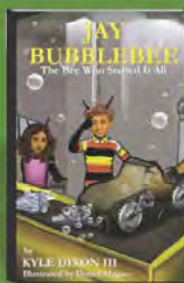
Dear Parents,

We're excited to tell you about an upcoming event. On November 19, 2015, fourteen-year-old author Kyle Dixon III will visit our school to speak to all students in K-7th grade. Kyle Dixon III has sold over 11,000 books as a self-published author and has spoken to over 23,000 students. A former special needs student, Kyle is an enthusiastic speaker who excites students about reading and writing with personal stories and shares with them his formula to identify their biggest perceived "weaknesses" and turn them into "strengths."

If you would like your child to have a book signed by the author or you would like to order a book for a gift, please complete and return this form with payment to your child's teacher. Kyle will sign and personalize each book.

Thank you!
Park Ave School

*"I loved when you were speaking. And your book is really cool. I plan on reading your book over and over every week because it gives me the courage to be myself."
— Keniah S., Student, Middle School —*



ABOUT THE BOOK

Once upon a time, bees were born with bubbles instead of wings. Wings were unheard of. Once jobs were invented, every bee had to make a choice: create its own destiny by keeping its bubbles or trade its bubbles for wings in order to work. Jay Bubblebee's grandfather chose the bubbles. But Jay Bubblebee doesn't get a choice. Since he is unable to work for the Queen, he must create his own path by becoming an entrepreneur.



BOOK ORDER & AUTOGRAPH FORM

CHILD'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT) _____

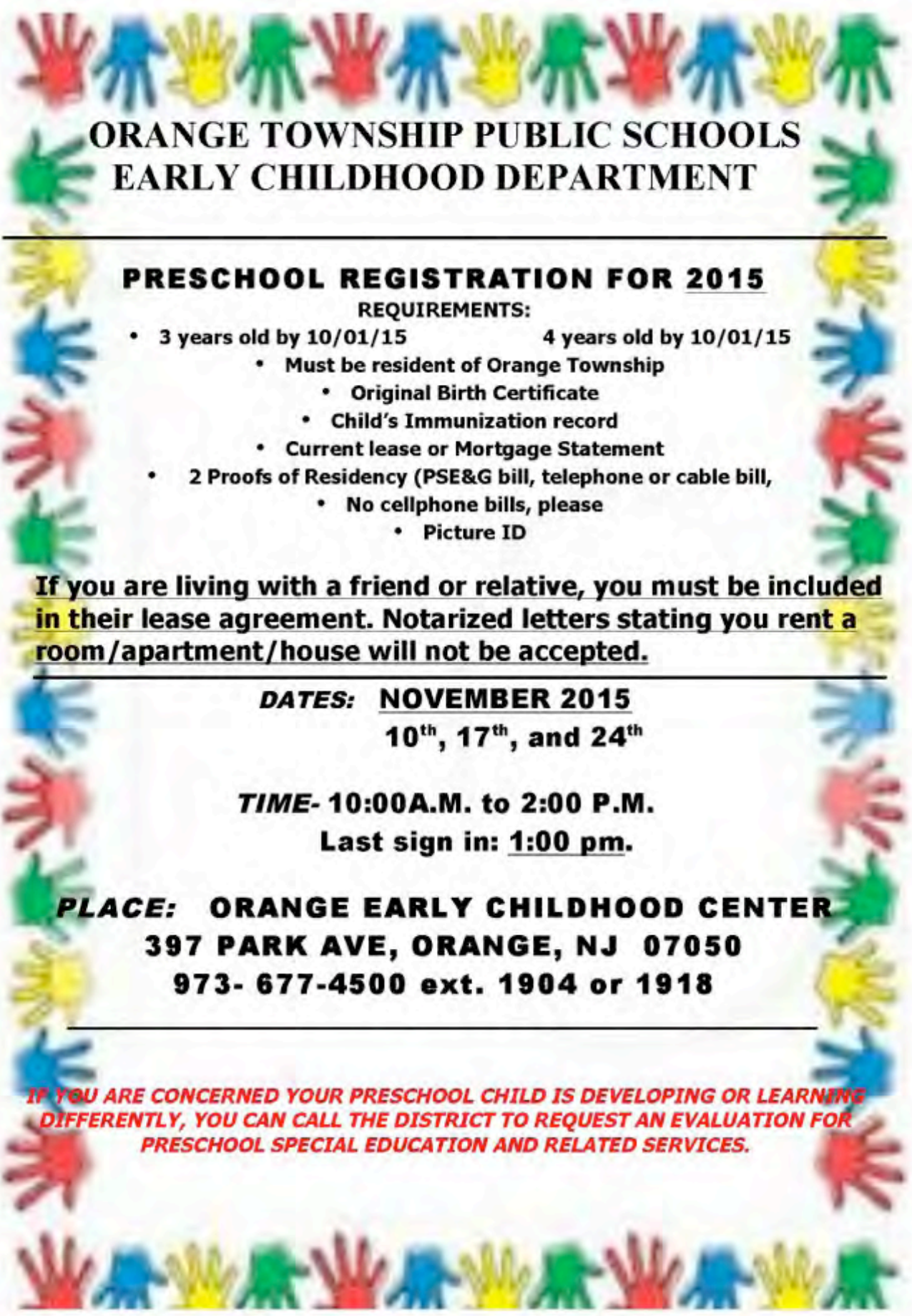
CHILD'S TEACHER _____

BOOK(S) @ \$6.00 EACH = \$ _____

PLEASE CIRCLE: CASH OR CHECK

Please make all checks payable to Park Ave School and return to your child's teacher by November 16, 2015.

***Please note. A dollar from each book ordered will be donated to Park Ave School.**



**ORANGE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEPARTMENT**

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2015

REQUIREMENTS:

- 3 years old by 10/01/15 4 years old by 10/01/15
 - 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

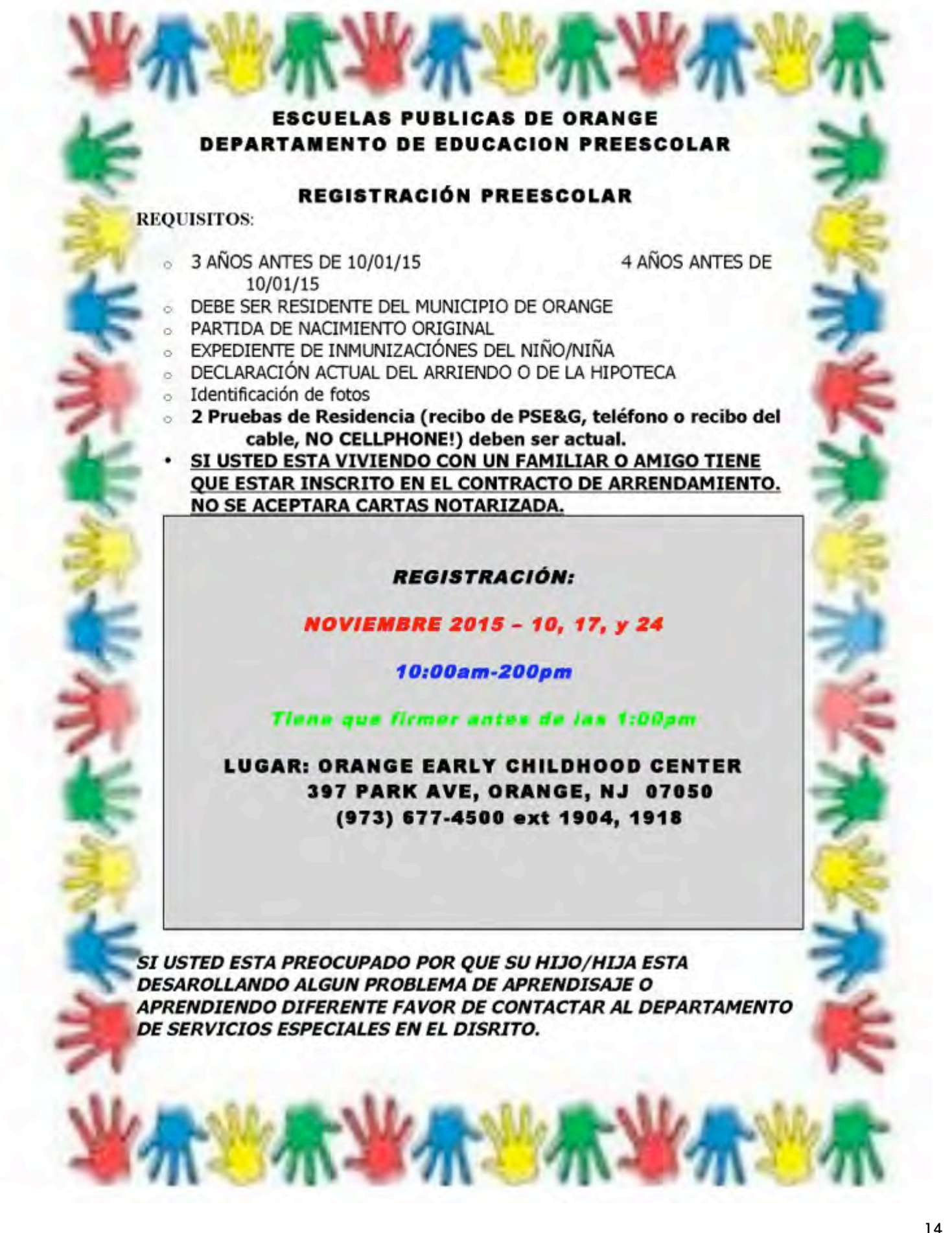
If you are living with a friend or relative, you must be included in their lease agreement. Notarized letters stating you rent a room/apartment/house will not be accepted.

DATES: NOVEMBER 2015
10th, 17th, and 24th

TIME- 10:00A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
Last sign in: 1:00 pm.

PLACE: ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
397 PARK AVE, ORANGE, NJ 07050
973- 677-4500 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

REQUISITOS:

- 3 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/15 4 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/15
- 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 CONTRACTO DE ARRENDAMIENTO. NO SE ACEPTARA CARTAS NOTARIZADA.**

REGISTRACIÓN:

NOVIEMBRE 2015 - 10, 17, y 24

10:00am-200pm

Tiene que firmar antes de las 1:00pm

**LUGAR: ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
397 PARK AVE, ORANGE, NJ 07050
(973) 677-4500 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.

**MS. TOSHA M. BROWN
INSTRUCTOR**

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& THURSDAYS**

