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Contact Information:
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 451 Lincoln Avenue
 Orange, NJ 07050
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Important Calendar Dates and Events



- **November 25 - 12:30 p.m. Dismissal**
- **November 26 & 27 - District Closed**

Park Avenue School Wins \$10,000 Award from Code.org



Congratulations to Dr. Denise Harlem, Technology Coordinator at Park Avenue School. She has won \$10,000 worth of technology from Code.org. Park Avenue School is one of 51 schools nationally, one school in every state in the country (and Washington D.C.), the only school in New Jersey, to win this award.

A check presentation event is being planned for Monday, December 7, at 9:00 a.m., to celebrate this achievement and the Hour of Code initiative organized at each of Orange's schools, along with thousands of schools around the world, through December 13. To promote the event, Dr. Harlem has "tweeted" POTUS and FLOTUS (the President and the First Lady of the United States), every presidential candidate, and President Bill Clinton.

The Hour of Code is an international movement, with more than 100 million learners in 180 countries to encourage students, in particular, young girls to learn code.

Google Expedition has Come to Orange

Submitted by Mr. Joel Lemke, 9th grade Global Studies teacher, Orange Preparatory Academy



On November 16, the students of Orange Preparatory Academy experienced the Google Expedition Pioneer Program. The Prep's scholars in 9th grade Global Studies, 8th grade U.S. History and Science classes, went on a 3D virtual reality field trip. Using Google Expedition software and Google Cardboard our scholars visited the Sheikh Zayed Mosque in Abu Dhabi, the Little Bighorn Battlefield in the United States, and even stopped by the moon to see how a future colony would be designed.

Thanks to the great teachers at The Prep, the Expeditions were perfectly aligned with the curriculum and the Common Core. For example, in Mr. Lemke's 9th grade Global Studies class the students visited the largest mosque in the United Arab Emirates after they completed their lesson on the Muslim world and just before they began studying the world's five most popular religions. It was a seamless activity that engaged students, not only in the technology itself, but also in the lives of people from around the world. This is 21st Century learning at its best and it's happening in Orange at The Prep.

Mr. Lemke is credited for applying to Google and winning the opportunity for the students at Orange Preparatory Academy.



Pictured: Mr. Lemke meets with Google staff and OPA Science and Social Studies teachers.



Pictured: Students at The Prep explore far-away places.



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Pictured (left to right): Mr. Lemke gives students instructions for their visit to Sheikh Zayed Mosque in Abu Dhabi; The Prep students explore the Mosque.

Early Childhood Joins Cleveland Street School's PTO Military Care Package Drive

Submitted by Ms. Jacquelyn Blanton, Principal, Orange Early Childhood Center



The Orange Early Childhood Center staff participated in collecting items for the care package drive the Cleveland St. School PTO recently held. Iris Ramos, Community/Parent Involvement Specialist of the Early Childhood Program, presented a nicely decorated box, with plenty of goodies, to the

PTO president at Cleveland Street School, Ms. Sewell.

Also, there to help receive the care package was Mr. Esak Crawley, teacher at Cleveland Street School.

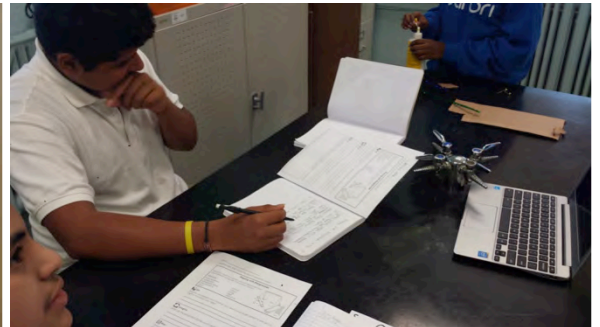


Pictured (left to right): Mr. Esak Crawley, PTO President Ms. Sewell and Ms. Iris Ramos

Orange Preparatory Academy's First STEM Club Is Up and Running

Submitted by Jennifer C. Brown, General Science teacher, Orange Preparatory Academy

The Orange Preparatory Academy's first STEM Club (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) is up and running. The club meets every Tuesday, after school. The club's advisor, Ms. Jennifer Brown, has documented student activities in the images below:



Pictured: OPA STEM club students pre-planning in their science notebooks on an engineering design project called "Playing with Playgrounds" in which they were asked to create a playground that demonstrates the principles of force, motion, and energy using limited, but common given materials.



Pictured: OPA STEM club students working on an engineering design project called “Wheel-Y-Fun” in which they were asked to design a functional water wheel using bathroom plastic cups, small paper plates, tape, scissors, and pencils.



Pictured: OPA STEM club students coding their way to success! (www.code.org)

Teen Summit 2015 Highlights

The sixth annual Teen Summit was a huge success. Students, their parents and guardians, city officials and district staff attended the forum themed “Get it Together!” Highlights of the event are pictured below:



Pictured: (left) After opening the Summit, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, was presented with a birthday cake by event organizer, Mrs. Laura Sacks. (Center and right) Orange High School students during the panel discussion, “Let Our Voices Be Heard.”





Pictured: Scenes from the Teen Summit 2015 including adult and student workshops and activities.

See full details in a future Weekly Email Blast.

FYI

Teacher Receives National Board Certification



Ms. Nichol Dickson, Mathematics teacher at Rosa Parks Community School, has recently achieved National Board Certification in Early Adolescence Mathematics (Ages 11-15). National Board Certification represents the highest symbol of professional teaching excellence.

The Orange Public School District joins the Department of Mathematics and Science and the Rosa Parks Community School in congratulating Ms. Dickson for her outstanding achievement.

Certification consists of four components: written assessment of content knowledge, reflection on student work samples, video and analysis of teaching practice, and documented impact and accomplishments as a teaching professional.

<http://www.boardcertifiedteachers.org/about-certification>

CIAO Students to Showcase Their Talents



The first of 3 interdisciplinary events at the Career and Innovation Academy of Orange (CIAO) is planned for Tuesday, November 24, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. The event will allow students to showcase their talent, effort, and, proficiency in the Common Core and CTE (Career and Technical Education) standards. Several exhibits/programs are planned including: Homeostasis and Burn Victims, U.S. v. Dominique Stephens Mock Trial, Utopia v. Dystopia, "I'm HIB Negative," and "You Got Served" (culinary arts).

Students will also be recognized for first marking cycle achievement. CIAO families are invited to attend, to celebrate the accomplishments of their children.

Save the Date for 12 Angry Men

The Performing Arts Departments of Orange High School and Orange Preparatory Academy present *12 Angry Men*, directed by Ms. Dana Levin. Performances are Thursday, December 3 and Friday December 5 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday December 5 at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m., at Orange Preparatory Academy Auditorium. General seating tickets can be purchased in advance for \$5 or \$7 at door.



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

Orange Preparatory Academy

Orange High School

PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENTS
proudly present



Angry Men



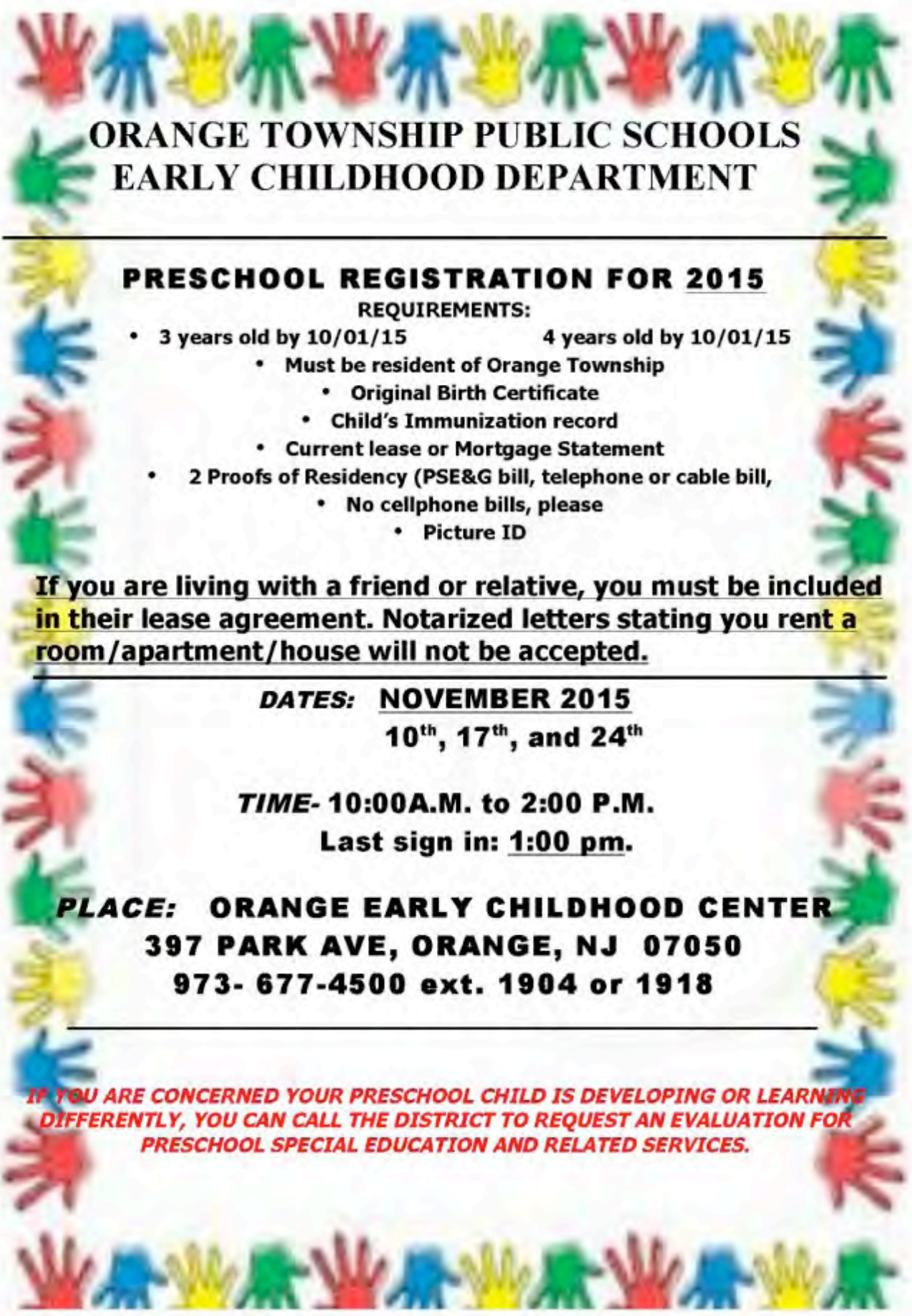
Directed By: Dana Levin

ORANGE PREP AUDITORIUM
400 Central Ave, Orange NJ

ADVANCED General Seating **\$5**
General Seating AT DOOR PRICE **\$7**

December 3 & 4 at 7:00 pm
December 5 at 2:00 & 7:00 pm

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**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 CONTRATO 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.