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Code.Org Check Presentation to Park Avenue School



Pictured (left to right): The Honorable Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Mr. Nageswar Cherukupalli, Dr. Denise Harlem, Ms. Linda Epps, Dr. Myron Hackett, Mr. Ronald C. Lee and Councilman Kerry Coley.

Park Avenue School was presented with a \$10,000 award from Code.org on December 7, during a special assembly. The event marked the international Hour of Code, which is a global movement reaching tens of millions of students in over 180 countries. Mr. Nageswar Cherukupalli, Associate VP, Group Practice Engagement Manager-Client Services-FSI, from **Infosys**, a major contributor to Code.org, presented the award.

Dr. Denise Harlem, Technology Coordinator at Park Avenue School, submitted the application for the award

and was chosen from a select group of New Jersey school applicants.

Present at the assembly were Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, the Honorable Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, East Ward Councilman Kerry Coley, Supervisor of History/Social Studies and Technology, Ms. Linda Epps along with Dr. Denise Harlem and Park Avenue School Principal Dr. Myron Hackett.

Four members of the Park Avenue Coding Club gave a demonstration of computer coding to the audience. There were two brief video presentations, one featuring President Obama promoting coding, the other showing Park students engaged in coding exercises. Additionally, Principal Dr. Myron Hackett gave an overview of the importance of learning code and the benefits to the student in the future job market.

Look for more coverage in next week's issue, along with more on the Hour of Code.

OHS HOSA Leaders Attend Rutgers Conference

Submitted by Mrs. Denise DePalma, Health Careers Teacher, Orange High School



The Orange High School Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) Executive Board Members attended the NJ HOSA Fall Leadership Conference on November 19 at Rutgers University in Piscataway. Orange HOSA members attending the event included Tyrel Edwards, President, Brittany Beckley, Vice President, Rachelle Exantus, Secretary, Samiah Powell, Treasurer, Hemwantie Kissoon, Historian (*pictured left*) and Mrs. Denise DePalma, Adviser. The students participated in leadership workshops and a keynote address on the essential qualities of health care

professionals. The attendees will share the information learned at the conference with the other HOSA members. The HOSA team is gearing up for their regional competition in January and working on plans for a safe student driver campaign.

The Bison Robotics Team of Orange Preparatory Academy

Submitted by Ms. Aretha Malloy, Principal, Orange Preparatory Academy

The Bison Robotics Team participated in the **Montclair Society of Engineers New Jersey First Lego League Qualifying Event** at Clifton High School, on November 21, 2015. The team had several activities, which included developing a community based project for improvement, presenting innovative ideas in a skit, developing a brochure and a presentation board, verbal articulation, as well as exemplifying core values for gracious professionalism and teamwork, in addition to programming a robot to complete several missions.

The Bison Robotics Team scored “exemplary status” for their innovative idea for improvement in this year’s theme: TRASH TREKSM. They received the *Judge’s Award* for idea and design. It is now time to take their idea and put it into action through a pilot program at Orange Preparatory Academy!

Ms. Sheronda Tanner and Mr. Dennis Peterson coached the Bison Robotics Team. They were also mentored by High School students who were previous members.



Pictured (left to right): FLL Judge’s Award; Members of the Bison’s Robotics Team.

Heywood Community Service

Submitted by Ms. Faith Alcantara, Principal, Heywood Avenue School

On November 18, Heywood Avenue Student Council Officers/Representatives, along with members of our "Sister to Sister" Mentoring Group, donated their time by preparing and handing out food bags to families in need at the Interfaith Food Pantry of the Oranges, located at 105 Main Street in Orange, NJ. A total of fifteen young women prepared 275 bags that included non-perishable items, fruits and vegetables and various baby items. These bags will service a total of 1200 people in our community. The ladies were also instrumental in translating from Creole to English for the community workers. Job well done!



Pictured: Scenes from Heywood Avenue School's community service event including team members, teachers and food pantry staff.

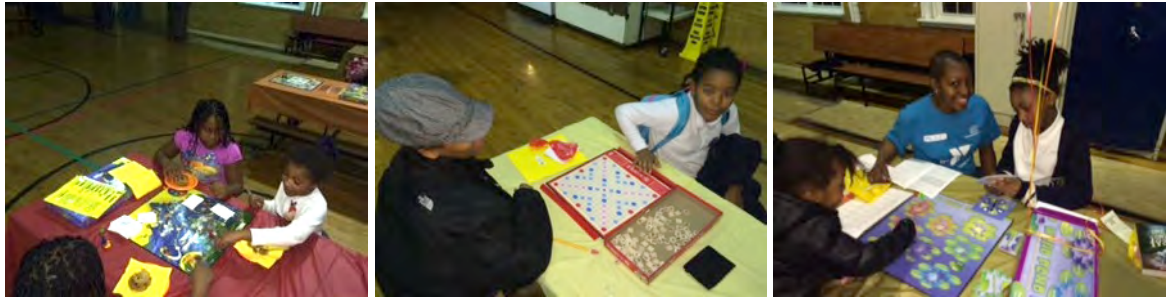
Family Literacy Night- Grades 3-7

Submitted by Ms. Faith Alcantara, Principal, Heywood Avenue School

On November 23, 2015, Heywood Avenue School hosted Family Literacy Night for Grades 3-7. It was a huge success! Parents and students engaged in a variety of fun and educational games based on the Common Core Standards for Reading and Writing.

Students and parents had the opportunity to rotate through a variety of centers which involved activities on inferring, main ideas, reading comprehension, fact and opinion, spelling, synonyms and antonyms, and "letter fall."

Two classrooms were also utilized for interactive Smartboard games. The games, called "Capture the Flag" and "Hazard Mountain," reviewed reading comprehension and inferring skills. Light refreshments were served at the "Reader's Café!"



Pictured: Scenes from Heywood Avenue School's Family Literacy Night.

Essex County Tech Day for Gifted and Talented

Submitted by Ms. Regina Nadbielny, STEM Teacher, Scholars Academy



On December 7, five 4th grade students from Scholars Academy participated in the annual Essex County Tech Day for Gifted and Talented. Each student worked with other students from different schools in Essex County. They worked together on a STEM-based activity to design and create a water tower with a limited supply of materials including straws, toothpicks, tape, Play-Doh and a can of seltzer, which represented the tower. They used their problem solving skills, to design and build their freestanding water tower, while they collaborated on a team name and logo. At the end, each of the eight groups

presented their towers and told the audience what worked and what didn't, how they worked together and what they learned. Orange student, Dakauri, told the audience, "You have to think small to think big." The students persevered and realized how important it was to work together as a team. It was a great experience for all of the students involved and they enjoyed the challenge.



Pictured (left to right): Students participating in Tech Day; Scholars Academy students with Ms. Nadbielny

The five students representing Orange are Dakauri Pinckney (Lincoln), Gregory Clossaint (Rosa Parks), Saviour Ayim (Rosa Parks), Aileen Duarte (Rosa Parks), and Jonathan Jean (Heywood).

Hour of Code at Scholars Academy

Submitted by Regina Nadbielny, STEM Teacher, Scholars Academy

Once again, students from grades 1st to 8th participated in the Hour of Code in the STEM lab at Scholars Academy. During Computer Science Education Week, December 7-13th, students around the world tried programming for at least an hour, with the understanding that every student should have the opportunity to learn computer science. It helps to nurture problem-solving skills, logic and creativity. By starting early, students will have a foundation for success in any 21st century career path. Students programmed Star Wars: Building a Galaxy with Code. They learned to program droids, and to create their own Star Wars game.



Pictured: Scenes from Scholars Academy Hour of Code event.

“Today I learned how to program a computer and I used JavaScript.” Marjorie M. 4th grade, Forest Street School

“Today I learned that computer science is fun and I learned how to control a character by using block code to make it understand.” Brianna. O. 4th grade, Lincoln Avenue School

“Today I learned about different types of code. Then I learned that you have to be specific with your code.” D.P., 4th grade

“Today I experienced how making this program can encourage people to do this.” Kalvin 3rd, grade, Park Avenue School

“Today I felt like my brain was growing because I learned something.” Elyjah B. 3rd grade, Lincoln Avenue School

FYI

Community Business Academy

Rising Tide Capital presents a free information session for the Community Business Academy, a 12-week course for starting and running a business, on Saturday, December 12, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., at Rosa Parks Community School. See flyer below for complete details.

Orange High School Community Event

Orange High School will host a community holiday event, sponsored by the Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes, on December 18, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. The event will feature a variety of holiday movies, a concession stand, arts and crafts and more. See flyer below.

Preschool Registration Dates for December



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

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

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Forest Street School's
Annual Winter Concert

Date: Monday, December 14th, 2015

**Location: Forest Street School
Multipurpose Room**

Time: 6:00pm

Admission: \$1 Suggested Donation

All proceeds will go towards FSS Visual & Performing Arts student events.

*Featuring performances by: The Band,
Violinists, Dance Ensembles, Vocal
Ensembles, and Forest Street School
Faculty!*



Park Avenue School
Presents
The Annual Winter Concert

Featuring
The PAS Band, The Primary Choir, The 3rd Grade Choir, &
PAS 4th-7th Choir



Tuesday
December 15, 2015
6:00 p.m.

Cafetorium,
231 Park Avenue, Orange, NJ

Dr. Myron Hackett
Principal

Ms. Devonii L. Reid
Vice Principal

Mr. Thaddeus Hammond
Instrumental Director

Mr. Scott Clark
Vocal Director

Orange Preparatory Academy

Winter Concert

Winter Concert

Thursday, December 17

7pm in the Orange Prep Auditorium

Featuring music and drama performed by
the Orange Preparatory Academy:

Chorus, directed by Mr. Peter Abazia

Drama Club, directed by Mr. Michael Seidel

Band, directed by Mrs. Dorcas Robinson

Mrs. Aretha Malloy, Mr. Dana Gaines

Co-Principals



ORANGE H.S. HOLIDAY COMMUNITY EVENT

FRIDAY DEC. 18TH
6:00PM-9:00PM
LATE FEE ASSESSED

JUNIOR CLASS

MOVIE NIGHT

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HOME ALONE
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THIS CHRISTMAS

\$5.00 FEE INCLUDES:

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1-HOTDOG
1-JUICE

CONTACT: B.BUDHU/D.JONES
973-677-4000 EXT.5046/5089

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Lincoln Avenue School
presents their

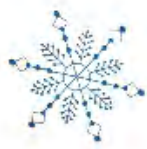
Winter Concert
2015



Monday, December 21, 2015
6 pm LAS Gymnatorium



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



Performing Arts Team
Sem Etienne, Wendy Mir, & Michelle Paradise

Admission: Adults \$2.00, children \$1.00

Funds help defray the cost of performance activities in the spring.



**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: DECEMBER 2015

1st, 8th, and 15th

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.



