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Winter Concerts and Holiday Recess



- **Lincoln Avenue School Winter Concert, December 21, 6:00 PM**
- **Orange Dance Conservatory Auditions, December 21, 6:00-8:00 PM, Park Avenue School**
- **Holiday Recess, December 23, 12:30 p.m. Dismissal**
- **Holiday Recess, December 24 - January 1, 2016, District Closed**
- **Winter Dance Intensive, December 28-29, Park Avenue School**
- **District Reopens, January 4, 2016**

12 Angry Men

The dramatic production, *12 Angry Men*, presented December 3 - 5 at Orange Preparatory Academy, showed the depth of the student performers in the classic 1950s play about a jury trial that seems like an open and shut case until one juror questions the strength of a guilty verdict. Through his probing and the ensuing conflicts with other members of the jury, one by one, jurors are convinced that there is "reasonable doubt" that the 19 year old defendant committed murder.

Director, Dana Levin, drama teacher at Orange High School, successfully recast the 12 jurors, originally conceived as 12 men from varying backgrounds, as a mixed gender ensemble. "I knew what I wanted to concentrate on, what I wanted to emphasize and what needed to be changed," she stated. Ms. Levin complimented the students for their hard work and talent.



Pictured: Cast and crew of *12 Angry Men*, taken by Ms. Donna Sinisgalli, Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts.

The actors were:

Jesse Donat	Foreman
Curtis Mark	Juror II
Jon James Jr.	Juror III
Katina Issac	Juror IV
Tyra Crespo	Juror V
Kayla Wade/ Edith Rodriguez	Juror VI
William Collins	Juror VII
DeAndre Burke	Juror VIII
Shannon Lake	Juror IX
Ashley Maton	Juror X
Hannah A. Nzedema	Juror XI
Akia Lewin	Juror XII



Pictured: Scenes from *12 Angry Men*.

The production team consisted of Assistant Director, Mike Sidel; Set Design and Construction, Mr. Ed Bialkin; Costumes/Make-up, Ms. Megan Amelia; Stage Crew Advisor, Ms. Tammy Baldwin and Production Manger, Ms. Paddie Donohue.

The cast and crew are congratulated for an outstanding production.

Orange Public Schools Host Winter Dance Intensive

Submitted by Ms. Deborah Rembert, Dance Teacher, Park Avenue School

The Orange Public School District is pleased to welcome dancers, young and old, to the Orange Winter Dance Intensive, which will be held over a two-day period during the district's Holiday Recess, December 28 - 29, at Park Avenue School.



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Presents
WINTER DANCE INTENSIVE
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Juniors Ages 8-10 / Teens Ages 11-13 / Seniors Ages 14-adult

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...and many more!

COST: 2-day admission \$65 or 1-day admission \$40
Admission fee includes two healthy snacks and water.
Gatorade and other additional snacks will be on sale. Bring your own lunch.

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Several prominent Master Teachers will be on hand to work with the dancers during the Winter Intensive. Notable instructors include Robert Alexander, Master Ballet Teacher (Ailey School, Dance Theatre of Harlem, and Harlem School of the Arts); Maleek Washington, Contemporary and Improv Movement (Abraham in Motion); Keenan Cooks, Hip Hop (Broadway Dance Center); Joanna Numata, Hip Hop (Broadway Dance Center); and Ebony Williams, Contemporary Ballet and Audition Prep (Beyonce's *Made in America* Tour, Cedar Lake Contemporary Ballet). Many other top dance educators, from the tri-state area, will also be on hand to lead dancers through classes in ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, African, musical theatre, modern, contemporary dance, as well as acting for dancers and stage makeup.

"We are exceedingly lucky to have such talented and dedicated dance instructors here to work with our young people," stated Deborah Rembert, Coordinator of the Winter Dance Intensive and Director of the Orange Dance Conservatory. "And beyond that, I am fortunate to be able to plan these types of educational experiences for our students. We thank our Superintendent, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, for being such an advocate of Arts Education. We owe him our gratitude, along with our new Visual and Performing Arts Supervisor, Ms. Donna Sinisgalli, who has embraced our Orange Dance Conservatory."

The Orange Winter Dance Intensive will be held at Park Avenue School, at 231 Park Avenue, Orange, NJ, on Monday, December 28th and Tuesday, December 29th from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$40 for one day and \$65 for two days, per student. The intensive is open to all dance studios, dance schools, youth programs, college dance students, public and private school dance programs and any lover of dance in our communities (including adults). Groups will be divided by age: 8-10 (juniors), 11-13 (teens), 14 and up (seniors). Two healthy snacks and water will be provided, but attendees should bring a lunch. Gatorade and additional snacks will be available for purchase. Pre-registration is available via email at remberde@orange.k12.nj.us or by calling Ms. Rembert at 973.677.4124. Registration is also available at the door.

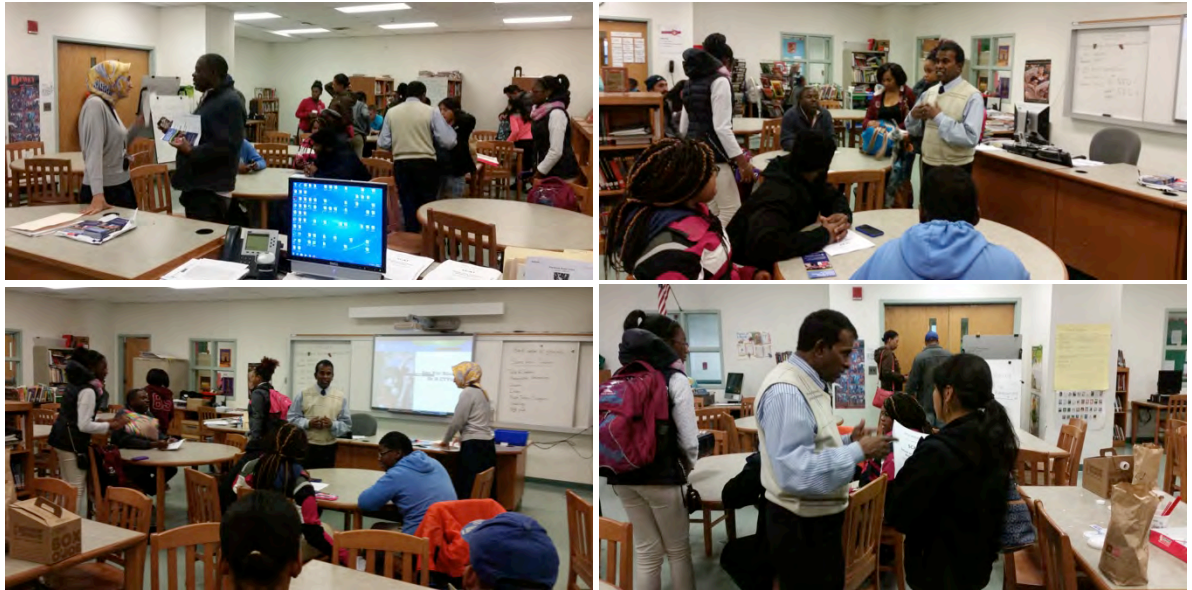
The Orange Winter Dance Intensive is presented by the Orange Dance Conservatory and sponsored by the Orange Public School District.

Rosa Parks Students Register for John Hopkins University's Center for Talented Youth Program (CTY).

Submitted by Mr. Gnanaseharan Selliah, ESL Teacher, Rosa Parks Community School

Selected students of Rosa Parks Community School, from grades 5, 6, and 7, have been enrolled in a Talent Search program offered by the Center for Talented Youth (CTY), a division of John Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland. Through the CTY programs, students are given an opportunity to excel in Math and Language Arts, outside of the school curriculum. Based on SCAT (School College Ability Test) scores, students get a great opportunity to be qualified for a three week fully paid summer course in the areas of Math, Science, writing, and other interesting subjects.

Math interventionist, Mrs. Hanife Yildiz and ESL teacher, Mr. Selliah Gnanaseharan volunteered to assist Rosa Parks's students by providing information about the CTY programs, enrolling them, and scheduling them for testing. More than 30 students have shown interest and have already been enrolled in the program.



Pictured: Scenes from CTY information event at RPCS.

With the help of principal, Mrs. Joseph Charles, Mr. Gnanaseharan and Mrs. Yildiz organized an information session for parents of Rosa Parks's students who showed interest in joining the program. Parents gathered at the school's Media Center on November 23. Mr. Gnanaseharan and Mrs. Yildiz gave details about the positive impacts of the program on student education and made CTY program handouts available to parents.

Breakfast With Santa at Rosa Parks Community School

Submitted by Mr. Barry Devone, Community School Coordinator, RPCS

There were over 250 parents and students in attendance at the first "Breakfast with Santa" event at Rosa Parks Community School (RPCS) on Saturday, December 5. "This was truly a collaborative effort among RPCS staff, students and administration," said Barry Devone, Community School Coordinator for RPCS. "Many parents informed me that their students enjoyed themselves because of the fun activities that were available to them (face painting, arts & crafts) and most importantly, an opportunity to take a picture with Santa! Assistant Principal, Mr. Oliverto Agosto Jr. was Santa for the day.



Pictured: Scenes from “Breakfast with Santa” at Rosa Parks Community School.

The RPCS choir and band put on wonderful performances that were enjoyed by the attendees, as well. Their effort really added to the holiday spirit that filled the building during the program.

Winter Clothing Boutique at Rosa Parks Community School

Submitted by Mr. Barry Devone, Community School Coordinator, RPCS

A "Winter Clothing Boutique" was held on Saturday, December 5 at the Rosa Parks Community School (RPCS). This event was collaboration between the Family Assistance Resource Center (FARC), the Orange Fire Department and RPCS.

Once again, the teamwork of Rosa Parks' staff and administration led to another successful family engagement event. The Rosa Parks gymnasium was transformed into a clothing boutique. Over 260 students and family members attended and shopped for footwear, winter coats, hats, scarves and gloves. In addition, FARC distributed bed and bath linens, toiletries, and other household goods. Moreover, there was no charge for any of the items on display during the event.



Pictured: Scenes from the “Winter Clothing Boutique” at RPCS.



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MicroSociety News From Oakwood Avenue Community School

Submitted by Ms. Pamela Venable, School Counselor, Oakwood Avenue Community School

The results are in for the Eaglewood Township Mayoral Elections and there is a newly elected mayor and other city officials. Elections were held on December 4. All Eaglewood Citizens, grades 4 through 7, voted.

The executive board will serve Eaglewood Township and Oakwood Avenue Community School for this school year. The following winners are congratulated:

Mayor’s Executive Board

Christopher Fernandez - Mayor
 Kwadir Clarke - Deputy Mayor
 Chidiumiebi Iherobiem - Recording Secretary
 Kamiyah Holcomb - Treasurer
 Robert Dixon Jackson - Sergeant-at-Arms
 Mayc Watts - School Spirit Chairperson

Members-At-Large

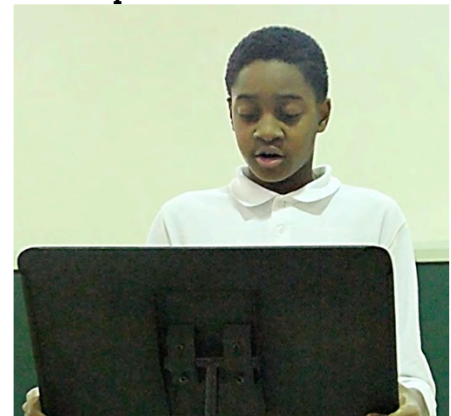
Angel Adorno
 Unique Chadwick
 Jamaycee Dandrade
 Paul Metellus
 Jamaal Ndiaye

Ward Council Members

A’Juwon Tiggs - 4th Ward
 Dodley Chery - 5th Ward
 David Brodder - 6th Ward
 Uoolayah Murphy - 7th Ward



Pictured: The new Mayor of Eaglewood Township



Pictured: The new Deputy Mayor of Eaglewood Township

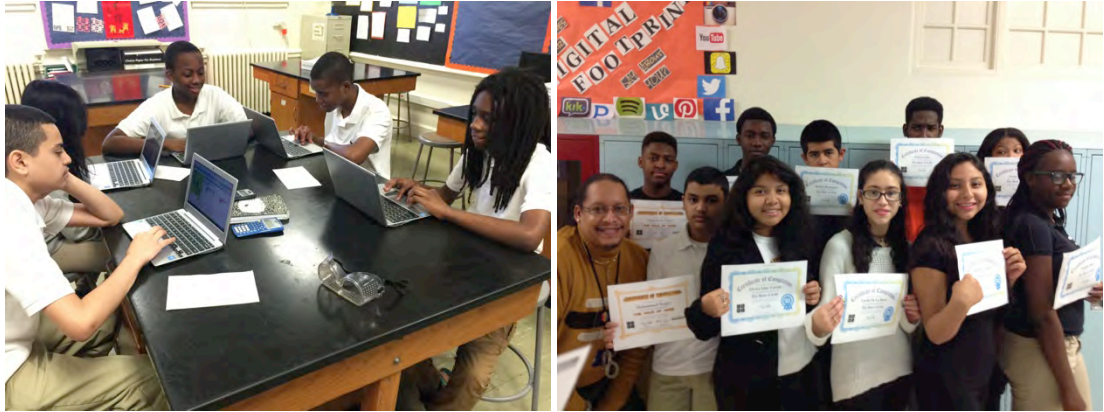
Hour of Code at Orange Preparatory Academy

Submitted by Tera Phipps, Technology Coordinator, Orange Preparatory Academy

The *Hour of Code* was launched during Orange Preparatory Academy's Monday Convocation, on December 7, where all students and staff watched a video on the importance of Computer Science classes.

All 8th grade Science classes, Business and SmartLab classes coded during the week at "the Prep." Many students remembered coding from their elementary schools and even served as Coding Ambassadors to assist other students and even taught some instructors!

The school's CyberCafe invited students and teachers to join the *Hour of Code* movement.



Pictured: *Hour of Code* activities at Orange Preparatory Academy.

Community Recycling Effort at Park Avenue School

Submitted by Dr. Denise Harlem, Technology Coordinator, Park Avenue School

Students in Mr. Robert Coles's 6th and 7th grade classes at Park Avenue School have partnered with Community Recycling, collecting gently used shoes that will be donated to needy people in other countries. The students had a videoconference with a member of Community Recycling where they learned about the dire situation of some people in nations with high poverty.

In an effort to share their message, Mr. Coles's students created a rap song. The class then worked with Mr. Scott Clark, their vocal music teacher, to put the rap into a video message (found below). If you would like to donate your gently worn shoes, please drop them off in the lobby at Park's main entrance. Park Avenue School is located at 231 Park Avenue.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JZAsrpJkZ-U&feature=youtu.be>

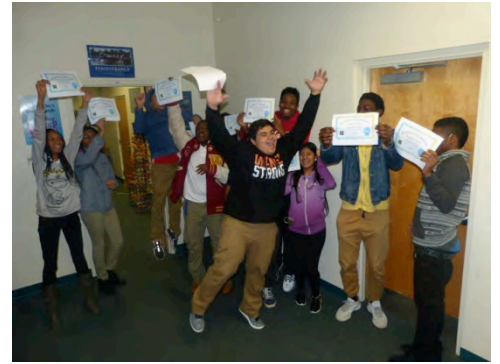
OHS Participates in *Hour of Code*

Submitted by Mr. Max Nixon, SmartLab Instructor, Orange High School

During the week of December 7-13, Orange High School participated in the *Hour of Code*, which takes place each year during Computer Science Education Week. The *Hour of Code* is a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to make coding easier to understand and to show that anyone can learn the basics.

Students in Mr. Max Nixon's SmartLab and Introduction to Engineering classes participated in this global movement that reached tens of millions of students in 180+ countries. Some students, who are English Language Learners (ELL), followed tutorials in their native language. Tutorials (through *Hour of Code* resources) were available in over 40 languages.

"My belief is that all students should have the opportunity to learn computer science and this exposure is vital in a SmartLab environment," said Mr. Nixon. "It helps to nurture problem-solving skills, logic and creativity, which is what STEM is all about."



Pictured (above and right): OHS students with Hour of Code certificate.

Students also had an opportunity to use a Padlet to post their reflections on their experience. Some of the comments students shared were:

Kiva & Avosuahi

"My experience was great. I had a lot of fun working with the Star Wars application. I would like to learn more."

Trevon Bleadell

"My experience with code was very fun. I honestly enjoyed every part of it and it was a great experience for me, especially because I want to major in computer science in college."

Navanique

"My experience using the Star Wars application was good. I actually enjoyed it. I would like to work with it again. It was fun and something new. If I should get a future job working with this program I could be very successful."

FYI












Orange Dance Conservatory Auditions




Auditions are being held for the Orange Dance Conservatory, on Monday, December 21, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., at Park Avenue School. The Dance Conservatory provides quality dance training in many dance styles.

See the flyer below for complete details.

December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Lincoln Lobby Art Show 6:00 ^{PM} Board Office	3	4	5
6  Happy Hanukkah	7	8 Monthly Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 ^{PM} at OPA	9 Cleveland Winter Concert 6:00 ^{PM} at Park Avenue 	10 Heywood Winter Concert 6:30 ^{PM} 	11 OACS Winter Concert 6:00 ^{PM} 	12
13	14 Forest Winter Concert 6:00 ^{PM} 	15 Park Winter Concert 6:00 ^{PM} 	16	17 OPA Winter Concert 7:00 ^{PM} 	18 RPCS Winter Concert 6:30 ^{PM} 	19
20	21 Lincoln Winter Concert 6:00 ^{PM} 	22	23 Holiday Recess 12:30 ^{PM} Dismissal	24 Holiday Recess District Closed	25 	26
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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 DANCE CONSERVATORY

Auditions 2015-2016

DANCE, REHEARSE, PERFORM

The Orange Dance Conservatory offers conservatory-style training for dancers in the master-apprenticeship tradition. With a select enrollment of 100 students, Orange Dance Conservatory is one of a handful of programs in the county of Essex capable of preparing you for the rigors of the professional dance world.

Daily training with accomplished professionals provides the foundation, inspiration, and mentoring you need to work and perform at your highest level. Commitment, intensity, and exceptional talent are essential qualities for all successful Conservatory applicants.



The Conservatory's program is grounded in a shared emphasis on the study of dance compositions (ballet, tap, jazz and modern) and dance technique. Dancers will be required to study all techniques and compositions.

STRETCH AND GROW AS YOU TRAIN

In the Orange Dance Conservatory you will dance twice a week in a semi-demanding schedule that includes two to four technique classes each week. Classes will be held at Park Avenue Elementary School located in Orange, NJ.



EMPHASIS ON PERFORMANCE

Right from the start, students in the Orange Dance Conservatory audition for the Orange Dance Corps; this company performs repertory and commissioned works and presents two major performances a year at the historic Orange Preparatory Academy Auditorium. The Orange Dance Corps also work with guest choreographers and renowned master dance artists. Additional opportunities exist for students to learn and perform works of the classical and modern repertory, as well as works commissioned by

our faculty.

Monday, December 21, 2015

Park Avenue School
231 Park Ave, Orange NJ
Room 212

6:00pm-7:00pm (Grades K - 4)

7:00pm – 8pm (Grades 5 - 12)

Please arrive 15minutes before the scheduled audition time for your grade level.

**Boys Attire: T-Shirt, shorts and socks*

*Girls Attire: Leotards and tights (dance shoes are optional)**

For More Information Contact: Mrs. Rembert 973-677-4124

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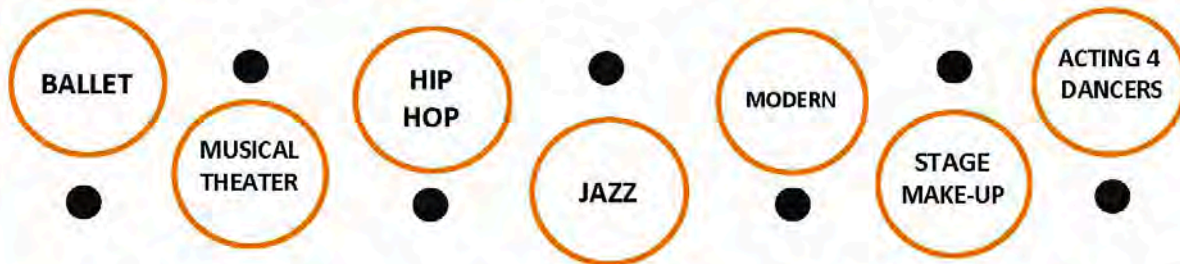
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