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*Look for more Winter Concerts and holiday activities in the New Year!*

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***Holiday Recess, December 24 - January 1, 2016, District Closed***  
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***District Reopens, January 4, 2016***

## Cleveland Street School Winter Concert 2015

Cleveland Street School opened the Orange Public School district's Winter Concert season on December 9. The Cleveland school family gathered at the Park Avenue School Cafetorium to perform for a packed audience of parents and friends. The show featured instrumental music, led by Ms. Marianne Mroz. Her string students played songs including *Jolly Old St. Nicholas*, demonstrating the beginning techniques they are mastering. The band followed with several selections such as *Feliz Navidad* and the Guitar Ensemble played the *Lion Sleeps Tonight*.

Mr. Brian Silvoy directed vocal music students, organized by grades, singing delightful tunes for the audience. Ms. Jackson and Ms. McConnell's 1st grade classes sang *Sounds of the Night*, among several other songs. Ms. Copeland and Ms. Smith's 2nd grades had *It's a Celebration*, as part of their selections. Ms. Bateman's 6th grade and Ms. O'Connor's 5th grade joined forces to perform such songs as *Peace in 12 Languages* and *Peace on Earth*.

Cleveland's new drama instructor, Ms. Britt Keshner, introduced students in Ms. Baguidy and Ms. Sabol's Kindergarten classes reciting poetry. They performed *Sick* by Shel Silverstein and *High Five* from *They Might Be Giants*. The students were well prepared for their recitation and truly entertained the audience. Next she presented an original play *Alice in Winterland*, with lead character Alice the Ice Queen and the Snow Leopard, where Alice is taken from her classroom to Winterland and the Ice Queen's Winter Castle. The students performed enthusiastically and enjoyed their roles.

Principal Dr. Cayce Cummins, greeted attendees and thanked all for making the evening a success.



**Pictured: Scenes from Cleveland Street's Winter Concert.**

## **Heywood Avenue School Winter Concert - *Snow Day***

The title of Heywood Avenue School's Winter Concert on December 10 was *Snow Day*. The program opened with a song and dance skit about students hoping for and enjoying a snow day. The student ensemble was joined by Heywood Avenue teachers and featured a student weather broadcast and a grand finale, *The Big Chill*. The production, *The Big Chill: Hoping for a Snow Day* was directed by instrumental music teacher, Mrs. Erin-Leigh VanOrden and Heywood's new dance instructor, Ms. Theresa Jones.

Following the production, the Kindergarten classes performed *Cantina Band* and, along with the 1st graders, performed *My Favorite Things*. Next Mrs. VanOrden led the Heywood Band in *The Adams Family* and the *Star Wars Main Theme*, with clips of the TV show and movie in the background. The String Ensemble played traditional holiday tunes, *Jingle Bells* and *Dreidel*.

The dance students performed a varied selection including dances to *Stand By Me* and *Uptown Funk*, before the Heywood Avenue Choir, led by the new vocal instructor, Mr. Ignacio Angulo-Pizarro performed. They sang several selections including *Believe*. Music teacher at Orange Preparatory Academy, Mr. Peter Abazia, accompanied them.

Principal Mrs. Faith Alcantara hosted the evening and performed with the teachers. Scene decorations were by Mrs. Kelly Clark, art instructor, and Mr. Scott Clark, music teacher at Park Avenue School, assisted with sound and lights.





**Pictured: Scenes from Snow Day.**

## Oakwood Avenue Community School Winter Concert



The Oakwood Avenue Community School's (OACS) Winter Concert took place on December 11. The evening was filled with delightful music, song and stage performances. Students played such songs as *Good King Wenceslas* and *Jolly Old St. Nicholas* on the clarinet, led by Ms. Annmarie Guenther, vocal and instrumental teacher and strings teacher, Mr. Terrence Thornhill led students playing *D Major Scale in a Round* and *Six Seven Nine*. The Oakwood Avenue Chorus performed *A Winter*

*Fantasy*, a musical narrative by Michael and Jill Galena, complete with students playing hand bells.



**Pictured: Scenes OACS Winter Concert.**

Drama teacher, Ms. Britt Keshner again led her students performing *Sick* by Shel Silverstein and *High Five* from *They Might be Giants*. Next, the grade 6 and 7 drama students presented her original play, *Alice in Winterland*. The audience followed lead character Alice from her classroom to Winterland, to the Ice Queen's Winter Castle and back to her classroom. Along the way Alice met interesting characters including the Snowflakes, Mrs. Frost and, of course, the Ice Queen. The students performed well and clearly enjoyed their roles as evidenced by the finale dance number.

Principal Mr. Robert Pettit welcomed the OACS family to the concert. Ms. Helen Kwon, art teacher, provided the scenery.



**Pictured: Scenes OACS Winter Concert.**

## **Holiday Wishes from Orange Preparatory Academy Students to the Orange Police Department and the Orange Fire Department**

*Submitted by Mrs. Laura Sacks, School Nurse, Orange Preparatory Academy*



Students from Orange Preparatory Academy created cards and put together trays of cookies and brownies for the Orange Police Department and the Orange Fire Department. One of the workshops at their teen summit was "Operation Conversation" - developing Community Building Blocks - trust, respect, and positive attitudes. It was decided that one way they can work on establishing a positive relationship with the service providers in the community is for students to show their appreciation for their commitment and dedication. There was a representative from the police department who was invited to Orange Preparatory Academy on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Not only did students give him the trays of treats and handmade cards, but they also described how the police have specifically helped them and what the police mean to them. The police officer shared his appreciation for the students. Since the fire department is across the street from the school, students walked to them and shared their good wishes with department members. The fire department members, in turn, gave the students a tour of the holiday decorations at the firehouse. Later, the students expressed appreciation for the opportunity to do something for those who serve the community and who rarely have community members do something for them. And, ultimately, students learned a lesson that you can start to make a difference in the world by performing small acts of kindness.







**Pictured: Students pose with Police Officer at Orange Prep Academy; Students pose with Santa at the Fire Department.**

## **FYI**









### **Orange Winter Dance Intensive**



The Orange Winter Dance Intensive will be held at Park Avenue School, at 231 Park Avenue, Orange, on Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:remberde@orange.k12.nj.us) or by calling Ms. Rembert at 973.677.4124. Registration is also available at the door.

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.

# December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Lincoln Lobby Art Show 6:00 <sup>PM</sup> Board Office	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>  Happy Hanukkah	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Monthly Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 <sup>PM</sup> at OPA	<b>9</b> Cleveland Winter Concert 6:00 <sup>PM</sup> at Park Avenue 	<b>10</b> Heywood Winter Concert 6:30 <sup>PM</sup> 	<b>11</b> OACS Winter Concert 6:00 <sup>PM</sup> 	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Forest Winter Concert 6:00 <sup>PM</sup> 	<b>15</b> Park Winter Concert 6:00 <sup>PM</sup> 	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> OPA Winter Concert 7:00 <sup>PM</sup> 	<b>18</b> RPCS Winter Concert 6:30 <sup>PM</sup> 	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Lincoln Winter Concert 6:00 <sup>PM</sup> 	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Holiday Recess 12:30 <sup>PM</sup> Dismissal	<b>24</b> Holiday Recess District Closed	<b>25</b> Merry Christmas 	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Holiday Recess District Closed	<b>29</b> Holiday Recess District Closed	<b>30</b> Holiday Recess District Closed	<b>31</b> Holiday Recess District Closed	 HAPPY New Year	

# ORANGE DANCE CONSERVATORY

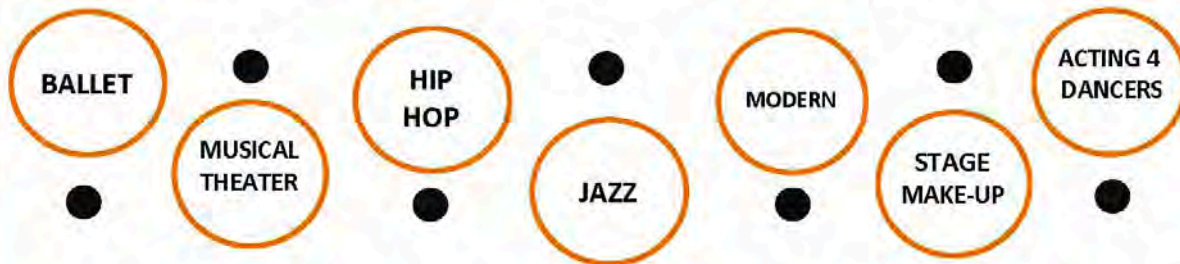
Orange Township Public Schools, Ronald C. Lee, Superintendent of Schools

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## WINTER DANCE INTENSIVE

December 28 - 29, 2015: 830am – 4pm

Juniors Ages 8-10 / Teens Ages 11-13 / Seniors Ages 14-adult



The Winter Dance intensive offers two days of classes, workshops and discussions with master teachers from the New York City dance scene. Teachers and guest faculty include:

**EBONY WILLIAMS**  
(Cedar Lake, Beyonce')



**MALEEK WASHINGTON**  
(Abraham.In.Motion)



**RONALD ALEXANDER**  
(Dance Theatre of Harlem)



**KEENAN COOKS**  
(Broadway Dance Center)



**JOANNE NUMATA**  
(Rihanna, Step Up 3D)



...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.

To register or for more information: [remberde@orange.k12.nj.us](mailto:remberde@orange.k12.nj.us) or 973-677-4124