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**Don't Miss the Final Performances of Sherlock Holmes on Friday, December 5 at 7:00 PM and Saturday, December 6 at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM**



Orange High School's presentation of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's famed detective story, "Sherlock Holmes", is great for a family audience. The production combines mystery with intrigue, a little comedy and budding romance. The plot involves Alice Faulkner who has letters written by a deceased woman that will cause grave international consequences in the wrong hands. Sherlock's archenemy, evil Professor Moriarty, vies for the letters along with Holmes. "The game's afoot"! But not before the Professor's gang has London "in its grip." Only Sherlock Holmes understands what the Professor has planned. See the show and find out for yourself!

The period costumes, set design and character portrayals add to the overall appeal of this delightful production.



**Sherlock Holmes**

Don't miss the final shows, scheduled for Friday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 6, for a matinee at 2:00 p.m. and the final show at 7:00 p.m. that night.

Performances take place at Orange Preparatory

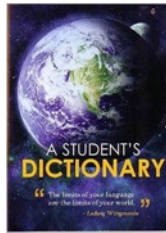
Academy Auditorium. General admission is \$7 and \$5 for senior citizens and students with a valid student ID. See you at the show!



**Moriarty confronts Sherlock Holmes.**

## West Orange Rotary Donates Dictionaries to Forest Street

Submitted by Mr. Bill Donnelly, ESL teacher, Forest Street School



Once again, the Rotary Club of West Orange has come to the Township of Orange with a generous donation of new student edition dictionaries. Forest Street School was happy to welcome the visitors, Ms. Gladys Harris, President of the West Orange chapter, and Ms. Cynthia Hadley-Bailey, Member of the Board of Directors, who addressed two 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes on November 20.



Rotary Club members visit Forest classroom.

The students from Ms. Miguel's and Ms. Zuñiga's classes listened carefully as Ms. Harris gave a brief introduction to Rotary, an international service organization, that has 32 clubs in northern New Jersey and more than 34,000 clubs around the world. The goal of Rotary International is to bring together leaders and workers from all kinds of jobs and businesses to work on projects that help their communities. Ms. Harris explained that since the town of Orange does not currently have its own Rotary chapter, interested Rotarians from West Orange have stepped in for the last 11 years to provide free student dictionaries to the children in Orange schools.



Pictured above are members of the Rotary Club (left) and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students (right) asking questions.

Ms. Hadley-Bailey then asked students to open and explore their new dictionaries, starting with the Table of Contents. With help from Ms. Harris, Ms. Springer (Resource) and Mr. Donnelly (ESL), students took a brief tour through the dictionaries to better understand all they contain. In addition to 370 pages of "bolded", easy-to-read dictionary entries, there are over 170 more pages of illustrations, charts and documents, such as the parts of speech, maps, multiplication tables, the planets, the water cycle, descriptions of the U.S. presidents, the full text of the Constitution and Declaration of Independence, and key facts about all the major countries of the world.

Principal Yancisca Cooke and the staff of Forest extend their sincere thanks to President Harris, Director Hadley-Bailey and all the members and supporters of the Rotary Club of West Orange for their generous and thoughtful gift of knowledge to the children of Forest Street School. More information on West Orange Rotary can be found at [www.westorangerotary.org](http://www.westorangerotary.org) or the website for Rotary International, [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

## Forest Parents Do Conferences, Surveys and *Box Tops 4 Education*

Submitted by Mr. Bill Donnelly, ESL teacher, Forest Street School

Interested parents came to Forest Street School on November 17 and 18, to check on the progress of their children at **Parent Teacher Conferences**. The turnout was excellent and the halls were busy with parents coming and going to classroom and teacher visits. While they were at the conference, parents also completed the **District Parent Survey** at computer stations set up by the teachers (see photo below). To assure that every parent's voice was heard, teachers translated the survey directly into Spanish or French for parents who requested such a version.



Pictured (left) parents completing surveys and (right) parents learning about *Box Tops 4 Education*.

An exhibit and *Collection Center* were also set up in the school lobby to promote one of Forest's fund-raising efforts: *Box Tops 4 Education*. Parents were able to pick up a collection form and view samples of two ways to collect coupons. Flyers explaining the project were available on the table in English, French, Spanish and French Creole. Forest Street school extends thanks to parent, Ms. Judith Olojede, who volunteered to translate the flyer into both French and Creole. Forest also thanks parents, students and friends who have been clipping and sending in the Box Top coupons.

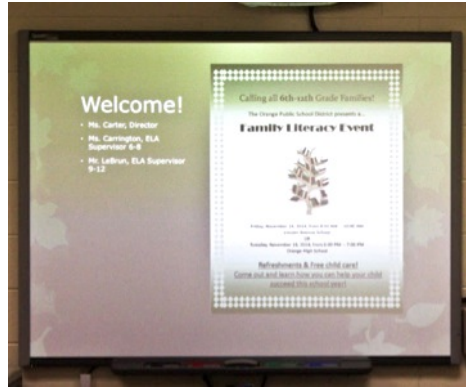
## Oakwood Avenue Community School Is Now On Facebook!

Oakwood Avenue Community School is inviting members of the school and Orange communities to see all of the cool things that the Oakwood Avenue School Community is doing. Check it out and like Oakwood on Facebook to stay updated on events and workshops!

		
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## English Language Arts Department's Family Literacy Event



The English Language Arts (ELA) Department has informed families on ways to assist their children in Language Arts. Through a series of workshops, they have detailed useful tips on how to make reading interesting and inviting. On November 14 and 18 they held informative sessions, for grade 6 - 12 parents, at Lincoln Avenue School and Orange High School, respectively. They discussed how parents can help their children improve reading and writing skills, as well as information about the new PARCC assessments and grade level expectations in reading, writing and

reading retention.



Mr. Ross LeBrun, ELA Supervisor, grade 9-12 (***pictured above left***) and Ms. Keisha Smith-Carrington, ELA Supervisor, grade 6-8 (***pictured above right, addressing the group***) led the sessions. Also present were Ms. Kathy Carter, Director of English Language Arts/Testing and Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Paula Howard.

## ***“The Best School in Town” Hosts its Annual Cultural Feast***

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

Oakwood Avenue Community School's Student Leadership Council President Nayelis Fernandez and Members-at-Large, Sereca Thompson and Zariyah Battles, welcomed students, parents, faculty and staff on November 20 to the “*best school in town's*” annual cultural feast. Well over 250 students and their families and friends of the Oakwood community attended this event.





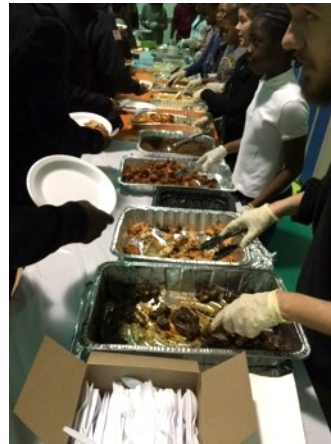
**Food being served for attendees.**



**Board of Education member, Ms. Cristina Mateo at feast.**



**Students serving food.**



**Food stations.**

A traditional turkey dinner was enhanced with foods from Trinidad and Tobago, Puerto Rico, Guyana, Spain, Mexico, Haiti and the Dominican Republic, to name some of the countries represented at the feast.



Thanks to the generosity of school Social Worker, Ms. Carol Lukoff, the families were able to select from a variety of books (*pictured above left*) and attendees were entertained by the *Soaring High Eagles* who sang a medley of songs accompanied by music teacher, Mrs. Annmarie Guenther (*pictured above right*).

## Red Ribbon Week at Lincoln Avenue School

Submitted by Ms. Faye Coward, Kindergarten teacher, Lincoln Avenue School



Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign, observed annually in October in the United States. Lincoln Avenue School participated in this event October 27-31.

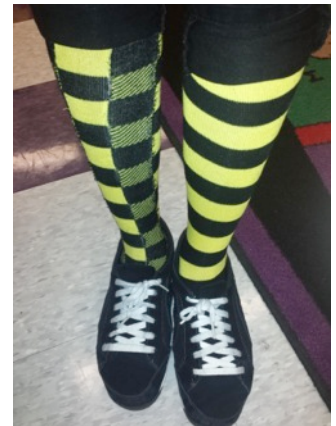


Monday - Door Decorating Contest: LAS staff and students decorated their classroom doors. All students and staff received red ribbons and stickers. (pictured above)

Tuesday - Team Up Against Drugs and Alcohol!: Students and staff wore their favorite sports team's paraphernalia. (pictured above)



Wednesday - Sock It To Drugs!: LAS staff and students united to wear the WEIRDEST socks they own. (pictured left and right)



Thursday - "My Future is Bright, No Drugs in Sight": LAS staff and students wore neon colored clothing. (pictured above)



Friday - Red Out: LAS students and staff wore red to show support for Red Ribbon Week. (pictured above)



## Kindergarteners are Ready for Second Marking Period

Submitted by Ms. Faye Coward, Kindergarten teacher, Lincoln Avenue School

During the first marking period, students were trained to become independent workers during center time. This step in a Kindergartener's career is crucial, in order to have successful small group instruction. During the second marking period, guided reading groups will begin because students are now ready to work independently. Rules are set and understood. Here we go!



Pictured above, during "center time" activities, are students in various Kindergarten classes at the computer center (left) and word study center (right).



Pictured (left to right) are Kindergarten students at the writing center, math center and art center.

## Deputy Superintendent Attends Session with JLOSH



Girls on the Run; Kim Walls, 2014-15 Community VP of JLOSH and Alison Corbin, 2014-15 Community Asst. VP.

Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Paula Howard, met with the Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills (JLOSH) on November 19 regarding issues of food insecurity, literacy and education and girl empowerment and self-esteem. The meeting attendees appreciated discussing issues and challenges surrounding these topics and what can be done to alleviate conditions and improve the lives of children in New Jersey. Future meetings and collaborations are planned.

**Pictured (left to right): Dr. Paula Howard Deputy Superintendent; Diane Riley of Community FoodBank of NJ; Kelly Sandler, 2014-15 President of JLOSH; Sydney Davis of**



## Orange Bridge Club Students Travel to Woodbridge for a New Jersey Bridge League Youth Tournament

Submitted by Ms. Pamela Venable, School Counselor, Oakwood Avenue Community School and Dr. Denise Harlem, Technology Coordinator, Park Avenue School

The Orange Public School's Bridge Club is off to a great start! Its members participated in the New Jersey Bridge League's Holiday Sectional Youth Tournament on November 22 in Woodbridge. Seven students from Park Avenue School and 17 students, 14 boys and 3 girls, from Oakwood Avenue Community School attended the event to hone their skills. Bridge Club advisors Ms. Pamela Venable, School Counselor from Oakwood Avenue, and Dr. Denise Harlem, Technology Coordinator from Park Avenue School, accompanied the students.

Ms. Venable, stated, "We thank Ms. Barbara Clark for her vision, which was to introduce Bridge to the students here at Oakwood. We are thankful for the many opportunities to travel in-state and across the country. Students are meeting new people and developing math strategies, as well as increasing their social skills." Dr. Harlem also expressed her gratitude, "Thanks to Barbara Clark for organizing this experience for the students."

Ms. Barbara Clark is the former director of Special Services at the Orange Public School District. Prior to her retirement, she started the bridge club in Orange. Now an executive board member of the Orange Education Foundation, she continues to promote the bridge club and garner support for the students through donations and grants.

Recently, the Orange Education Foundation was the recipient of a \$10,000 contribution for the bridge program in Orange. "We are proud of this generous gift from the Estate of Ralph W. Errington, given to me by a bridge player friend, Terry Zuckerman, who is aware of our work and commitment to youth in Orange," said Ms. Clark.



Oakwood Avenue students, Emmanuel Rodriguez, Anayah Muldrow, Elijah Webb and Tyrese Thompson won trophies for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in their categories (**pictured above with Oakwood students**).



3rd graders, Kensia Blair and Iyahna Barrett (**pictured left**) from Park Avenue's Bridge Team, came in 2nd place for East/West at the bridge tournament.

Salbrina Teal and Sayeed Bennett (**pictured right**) also from Park Avenue, placed 1st for East/



West and overall at the tournament in Woodbridge.

Though many of the 24 Bridge Club members are new, they are mastering the strategies to defeat their competition. Students are already demonstrating that they are ready for the National Youth Bridge Tournament that will take place in Chicago in 2015.

## Park Avenue School's PTO Annual Pasta Pot Luck Bingo Raffle



In partnership with NJEA Pride in Education/Orange Education Association and Park Avenue School's staff and students, the Park Avenue PTO hosted its *Annual Pasta Pot Luck Bingo Raffle* on November 24. Families turned out in record numbers for a fun filled night with great food, good company and lots of entertainment.

PTO President, Ms. Antoinette Hall, invited all families to join the festivities for an entertaining night at Park Avenue School. Everyone present enjoyed the bingo giveaways and holiday baskets. There were many winners who won great prizes including Ms. Teleisha Ward, Park's resident parent/paraprofessional, who won the grand prize holiday gift basket. Courtesy of NJEA Pride in Education, the event also promoted the educational wellness of the student body and school community at-large. Through NJEA Pride in Education, SunSplash Caribbean Restaurant and Sandwiches Unlimited, both of Orange, catered the delicious and healthy food.



**Pictured (above) are scenes from Park Avenue School's *Annual Pasta Pot Luck Bingo Raffle*.**

## MicroSociety at Oakwood Avenue Community School

*Submitted by Mr. Robert Pettit, Principal, Oakwood Avenue Community School*



In mid-November, Oakwood Avenue Community School implemented an exciting new program for all 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>-grade students called *MicroSociety*. As part of *MicroSociety* students create and manage entire miniature societies in real-time, it should come as no surprise that kids across the spectrum are captivated by the experience. In a *MicroSociety* program, students experience the pride of producing something of value to themselves and their peers; earning money and learning to be responsible with what they receive; and contributing to the community. Just like in the real world, *MicroSociety* children grapple with ethical decisions in business and political settings every day.

To-date, students have identified the necessary elements needed to develop a civilized society. They have been exposed to different types of governments, and on November 25, voted that a democracy would work best for their society. Currently, students are reviewing the U.S. Constitution and will develop their own Constitution for their *MicroSociety*. Oakwood's Constitution will be completed and ratified prior to the December holiday recess.

After the New Year, students will be creating laws and assigning street names to all corridors in the building. They will be reaching out to local and State officials, in an effort to identify one or more of them to swear all *MicroSociety* students and teachers in as citizens. During this time students will take courses on a multitude of career opportunities, and then graduate from the *MicroSociety* University. After graduation, students must join the work force as bankers, attorneys, court judges, journalists, or postal workers. Should none of these career paths appeal to students, they will have opportunity to create their own businesses that are referred to as "ventures." Prior to creating a venture, students must develop a detailed business plan, which they must present and submit for approval. Once approved, students can move forward and develop their businesses.

There is no doubt that the *MicroSociety* initiative purposefully immerses students in 21<sup>st</sup> Century life skills. Follow Oakwood Avenue Community School on FaceBook at <https://www.facebook.com/oakwoodavenuecommunityschool>, to monitor the *MicroSociety* evolution.

## Heywood Avenue Art Exhibit at the Board Of Education



**Pictured Heywood students, Ms. Alcantara and Mrs. Clark.**



**Pictured: Mrs. Clark and Ms. Alcantara.**



For the month of December, Heywood Avenue School has decorated the lobby of the Board of Education Administrative Office with a colorful display of student artwork. On December 3, at the exhibit opening, art teacher, Ms. Kelly Clark, presented students with certificates of accomplishments for their work. Dr. Paula Howard, Deputy Superintendent, Human Resource Director, Ms. Belinda Scott Smiley, Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, Mr. Peter Crosta, and Heywood's Principal, Ms. Faith Alcantara were present to congratulate the students and express appreciation for the display that shows the talents of Heywood's students.





Also demonstrating their talents were the strings students (*pictured left*), who performed under the direction of music teacher, Ms. Erin-Leigh Van Orden. They played several tunes, in preparation for their performance at Heywood's Winter Concert on December 10, to warm applause. Principal Faith Alcantara thanked the students, parents and supportive staff for their attendance.



The artwork (*pictured left and above*), described by Ms. Clark as having clean, simple lines included a variety of themes using varied techniques. The exhibit will remain on display through the end of the month.

## FYI

### Family Math Night at Scholars Academy



On December 10, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Scholars Academy will host a Family Math Night for grades 1 through 8. The evening will be filled with fun math games and activities for the entire family. There will be competitions, engaging math exercises, not to mention door prizes, snacks and plenty of family time. The event will be held in the school's *Oasis Café*.

Scholars Academy is located at 268 Capuchin Way, Freeway Drive East between South Center Street and South Day Street. See flyer below.

Voices in Harmony Presents Holiday Favorites in *Behind the Curtain Concert Series*



On Friday, December 12, on the stage at Orange Preparatory Academy, Voices in Harmony, (ViH) Orange High School's select chorus, will entertain with a selection of favorite Holiday songs. This event is part

of ViH's fundraising effort, to allow them to participate in annual competitions. There will be two one hour sessions at 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for each session and food is included. Seats are limited. For ticket information email Choral Director, Mr. David Milnes at [milnesda@orange.k12.nj.us](mailto:milnesda@orange.k12.nj.us) or visit Choir Room, # 246 at Orange High School. See flyer below.

Orange Education Foundation Pre-Holiday Party



The Orange Education Foundation, a 501c3 non-profit organization supporting the public school children of Orange, is having a Pre-Holiday Party. It is a fundraiser to support scholarships and camperships. The party will be held at the VFW Hall in Roseland, located at 52 Eisenhower Parkway, on Friday, December 12, from 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

The theme of this festive event is "Dancing Thru the Decades." Donations are \$30 per person. For more information and tickets, call 973-337-5532 or 973-652-1252.

'Tis the Season for Orange Public School District's Winter Concerts, From Monday, December 8, 2014 through Friday, January 30, 2015.





Date	Event	Location
12/08/14	Orange Elementary Winter Concert	Orange Elementary
12/09/14	Rockaway Elementary Winter Concert	Rockaway Elementary
12/10/14	Rockaway Elementary Winter Concert	Rockaway Elementary
12/11/14	Rockaway Elementary Winter Concert	Rockaway Elementary
12/12/14	Rockaway Elementary Winter Concert	Rockaway Elementary
12/13/14	Rockaway Elementary Winter Concert	Rockaway Elementary
12/14/14	Rockaway Elementary Winter Concert	Rockaway Elementary
12/15/14	Rockaway Elementary Winter Concert	Rockaway Elementary
12/16/14	Rockaway Elementary Winter Concert	Rockaway Elementary
12/17/14	Rockaway Elementary Winter Concert	Rockaway Elementary
12/18/14	Rockaway Elementary Winter Concert	Rockaway Elementary
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12/24/14	Rockaway Elementary Winter Concert	Rockaway Elementary
12/25/14	Rockaway Elementary Winter Concert	Rockaway Elementary
12/26/14	Rockaway Elementary Winter Concert	Rockaway Elementary
12/27/14	Rockaway Elementary Winter Concert	Rockaway Elementary
12/28/14	Rockaway Elementary Winter Concert	Rockaway Elementary
12/29/14	Rockaway Elementary Winter Concert	Rockaway Elementary
12/30/14	Rockaway Elementary Winter Concert	Rockaway Elementary

The Orange Public School District invites the entire Orange community to enjoy the season in music, song and dance at the Orange schools. Students from each of our elementary schools, prep academy and high school have been practicing to show their talents and entertain friends and family during the Holiday season. Won't you join them? See flyer below for a complete list of Winter Concerts.



# December 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Heywood Lobby Art Show, 6:00PM Administrative Bldg.	<b>4</b> Sherlock Holmes, 7:00PM, OPA Auditorium	<b>5</b> Sherlock Holmes, 7:00PM, OPA Auditorium	<b>6</b> Sherlock Holmes, 2:00PM and 7:00PM, OPA Auditorium
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Cleveland Winter Concert, 6:00PM, Park Ave. Cafetorium	<b>9</b> Monthly BOE Meeting 7:30PM at OPA	<b>10</b> Heywood Winter Concert, 6:00PM	<b>11</b> Park Winter Concert, 6:00PM	<b>12</b> Voices in Harmony: Holiday Favorites 5:30, 7:00PM at OPA <b>OEF Pre-Holiday Party</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Depart. Mtgs., 2:30PM Dismissal for Students OPA Winter Concert, 7:00PM	<b>16</b> Lincoln Winter Concert, 7:00PM  Hanukkah Begins	<b>17</b> Forest Winter Concert, 6:00PM	<b>18</b> RPCS Winter Concert, 6:00PM, Central Auditorium	<b>19</b> Oakwood Winter Concert, 6:30PM	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Holiday Recess 12:30PM Dismissal	<b>24</b> Hanukkah Ends  Holiday Recess District Closed	<b>25</b>  Holiday Recess District Closed	<b>26</b> Kwanzaa Begins  KWANZAA Holiday Recess District Closed	<b>27</b> 
<b>28</b> 	<b>29</b> Holiday Recess District Closed	<b>30</b> Holiday Recess District Closed	<b>31</b> Holiday Recess District Closed	Kwanzaa Ends Holiday Recess District Closed	 Holiday Recess District Closed	<b>Welcome back!</b> <b>The district re-opens on Monday, January 5</b>



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 Visual & Performing Arts Department  
 2014-15 Winter Concerts

(Revised: December 1, 2014)

Date	Event	Time	Location
8-Dec	Cleveland Winter Concert	6:00 PM	Park Ave. Cafetorium
10-Dec	Heywood Winter Concert	6:00 PM	Auditorium
11-Dec	Park Winter Concert	6:00 PM	Cafetorium
12-Dec	Voices in Harmony: HOLIDAY FAVORITES	5:30 PM	OPA Auditorium
12-Dec	Voices in Harmony: HOLIDAY FAVORITES	7:00 PM	OPA Auditorium
15-Dec	OPA Winter Concert	7:00 PM	Auditorium
16-Dec	Lincoln Winter Concert	7:00 PM	Gymnasium
17-Dec	Forest Winter Concert	6:00 PM	Gymnasium
18-Dec	RPCS Winter Concert	6:00 PM	Central Auditorium
19-Dec	Oakwood Winter Concert	6:30 PM	Auditorium
7-Jan	Lincoln Lobby Art Show	6:00 PM	Administrative Building
14-Jan	OHS Winter Concert	7:00 PM	OPA Auditorium
22-Jan	Park & Dance Conservatory Winter Dance Concert	7:00 PM	OPA Auditorium
30-Jan	OPA/OHS Joint Winter Dance Concert	7:00 PM	OPA Auditorium



**ViH**

*Voices in Harmony Presents*

# Behind The Curtain

concert series featuring

**SEATING  
LIMITED**

## "Holiday Favorites"

FRIDAY DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> AT ORANGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

SESSION ONE 5:30 - 6:30

SESSION TWO 7:00 - 8:00

~ TICKETS \$10 ~

**SEATING  
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Come join us for an intimate concert *ON STAGE* behind the curtain where the members of Voices in Harmony will perform music from select artists and genres in a night club setting. Refreshments will be served. Help the award winning *Voices in Harmony* as we fundraise for our next competition.



*Cleveland Street School...*

2014  
*Winter  
Concert.*

6PM Monday, December 8th  
at Park Avenue Auditorium



***Come friends, come family, come all to Cleveland's Winter Ball!***

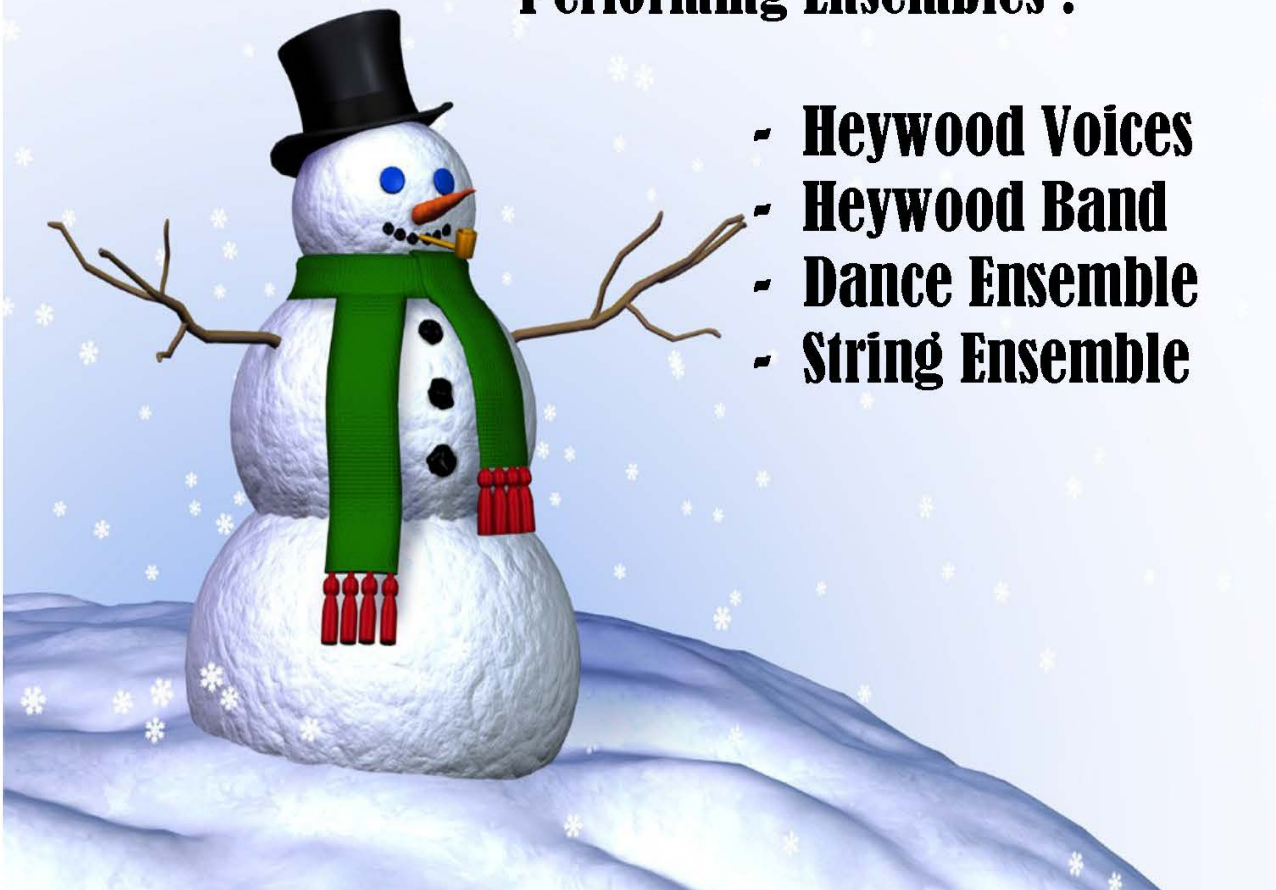


Heywood Avenue Elementary Presents:

# **A Winter Holiday Extravaganza!**

**Featuring Our  
Performing Ensembles :**

- **Heywood Voices**
- **Heywood Band**
- **Dance Ensemble**
- **String Ensemble**



Wednesday, December 10 2014 @ 6:00pm  
Heywood Avenue Auditorium

Free Admission

**ORANGE SCHOLARS ACADEMY**

**Hosts**

**FAMILY MATH NIGHT**

**DECEMBER 10, 2014**

**6:30PM-7:30PM**

**Grades 1-8**

**Oasis Café at Scholars Academy**



**Math Games**

**Flash Mind  
Reader**

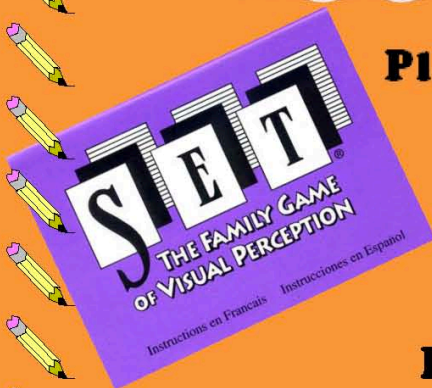


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*Park Avenue School*  
*Presents*  
*The Annual Winter Concert*

*Featuring The PAS Band, PAS Chorus, Recorders,  
Ms. Walker's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Class, & Guitars*



*Thursday*  
*December 11, 2014*  
*6:00 p.m.*

*Cafetorium,*  
*231 Park Avenue, Orange, NJ*

*Dr. Myron Hackett*  
*Principal*

*Ms. Devonii L. Reid*  
*Vice Principal*

*Ms. Marianne Mroz*  
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*Mr. Scott Clark*  
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## Winter Concert Season Begins

### Cleveland Street School's Winter Concert



It was a befitting opening event for the Orange Public School District, as Cleveland Street School held the first winter concert of the season on November 8. The students demonstrated their preparation and enthusiasm with instrumental, choral and dramatic holiday presentations.

Mr. Thaddeus Hammond, band director, led the band students in a few selections, including "Deck the Halls" with strings, wind and percussion instruments. The first grade students in Ms. Jackson and Ms. McConnell's classes presented *ABC December*. The young students recited, alphabetically, December themes. They then sang a selection of songs, led by Mr. Brian Silvoy, choral director, including "America the Beautiful" and several songs in Spanish, including "Diez Angelitos" and "Feliz Navidad." An up and coming guitarist also performed several songs including one of his own compositions.

Mr. Michael Seidel, drama director, managed two holiday productions. The 6th grade drama students performed "How Santa Got His Job" and the 7th grade drama students presented "Once on a Housetop." Both productions were entertaining and well acted.



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Pictured above are scenes from the Cleveland Street Winter Concert including the band, guitar soloist, performers and first grade students.



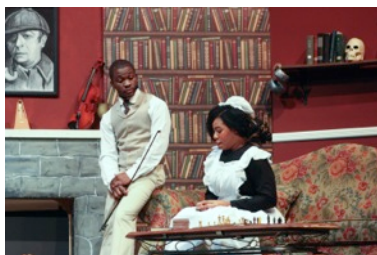
## “It’s Elementary,” Sherlock Holmes was a Show Stopper



Orange High School’s presentation of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle’s famed detective story, “Sherlock Holmes”, ended with accolades, on December 6, from all who attended. The cast and crew presented a well-acted mystery, replete with period costumes, British accents and original set designs. The cast, crew and staff **(pictured left)** are to be congratulated for a job well done.

Pictures of the production, taken by the Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, Mr. Peter Crosta, can be viewed on [Facebook](#).

Below are a few more cast shots from “Sherlock Holmes”:



Pictured above, “Sherlock Holmes” cast members in select scenes from the production.



## Heywood Avenue School Presents their Annual Winter Concert

On December 10, Heywood Avenue School held their Winter Concert featuring the Heywood Instrumental Ensembles, Vocal Ensembles and Dance Ensemble. The chorus, led by Choral Director, Mrs. Jessica Garofano, opened with a medley including "Seasons of Love." They were followed by Mrs. Erin-Leigh VanOrden, Band Director, conducting the Heywood Band and String Orchestra, playing such tunes as "Frosty the Snowman" and Pachelbel's "Canon," respectively. The Dance Ensemble, directed by the new dance teacher, Ms. Jacqueline Selensky, brought dance instruction back to Heywood with several performances including pieces choreographed to "All I Want," and "I Know I Can."



The Heywood Small Ensemble entertained the audience with "Deck the Halls" and Akasha Baranello played "Silent Night" on the violin, accompanied by her classroom teacher Ms. Stokes. Ms. Wostal's first grade class performed to the "Nutcracker March Plate Routing" and Technology Coordinator, Mr. Anthony St. Jean showed a video of the preparation for the concert. The Grand Finalé, "It's All About the Snow", adapted from a current popular song, ended the evening with Ms. Stokes and Mrs. Rawls' 4th grade class and Ms. Wostal's first grade class.

During the program, the music staff from several district schools (Mr. Clark, Mr. Abazia and Ms. Mroz) and student teacher, Regina Brown, along with art instructor, Mrs. Kelly Clark, helped out performing with the instrumental ensembles, assisting with the audio and artwork for the stage.



Pictured above and left are scenes from Heywood's winter Concert.

## Oakwood Avenue Community School Congratulates 1st Marking Cycle Honor Roll Recipients

Submitted by Mr. Robert Pettit, Principal, Oakwood Avenue Community School

The Oakwood Avenue School Community congratulates the following Honor Roll students:

1. Principal's Academic Honor Roll 100- 97%
2. Academic High Honor Roll 96- 90%
3. Academic Honor Roll 89-80%
4. Rising Stars (Grades K-7) Improved Performer - Students Making Significant progress in a marking period, but not honor roll.

Grade	Principal's Honor Roll	Academic High Honor Roll	Academic Honor Roll	Rising Stars
1st	Samaiyah Cummings	Jaiden Hill	Amanda Davis Caiden Kelshall Kadeem McRae Ta'Shon Spotwood Kedadi Stevens Javon Williams Tyshaun Boyd Taniyah Brand Mike Morocho Naomi Quinn	Kyree Jacobs Kayla McPherson Nicholas Rodriguez Abraham Torres
2nd		Gregory Burton Lizbeth Torres Issiah Antwi Emmanuel Watts	Trumela Bingham Vincent Loomis III	Martel Firmin Cristian Garcia Rian Souffrant Yakelin Gonzalez Leki Bryant Jaylen Russell
3rd			Prince Antwi Destiny Guilford Munachimso Iherobiem Fanta-Leyah Kone Kimora Sandy Jonathan Morocho Tommy Rutledge	Kim Farro Asiyah Ritchards A'Juwana Tiggs Elijah Toussaint Kamron Nembhard- Scott
4th			Chidumebi Iherobiem Raheem Alexander David Ascencio Kevin DelaRoca Ramos Christopher Ramsundar	Kaylin Green Najanee Tubbs
5th			Unique Chadwick Cyndi Mahabir Smith Ray'von Oliver Mayc Watts Zahareef Hopkins David Williams- Brodders	Kwadir Clarke Robert Jackson Susane Francios Kamayah Holcomb Emmanuella Vincent
6th			Nasir Charles Izayah Link William Addison Gavin Moses Karl Tay	Jaylen Ritchards Rashon Spotwood Kyar Parham
7th			Zariyah Battles Joseph Destine Nayelis Fernandez	Katelyn Gomez Andre Campbell Ryan Clendenin Nydaizyah Hopkins



## Orange High Senior Wins Local Talk Community Foundation's Public Speaking Contest

*Excerpts from Local Talk on-line article, "Orange's Emmanuel Wins 5th Annual High School Speaking Scholarship Contest", December 1, 2014.*



**Pictured above are competitors, judges and local talk editor, Mr. Dhiren Shaw. Photo credit: Local Talk**

Xivandell Emmanuel, a senior at Orange High School, won the Local Talk Community Foundation's *Fifth Annual High School Public Speaking Contest*, at Bella Italia Ristorante on November 22. Xivandell advanced to the final round by giving a five-minute speech on the One Newark Plan (for the Newark Public School System). He then successfully competed against six contestants with a presentation on whether extending the school day would be beneficial to students. He ended this speech 30 seconds early, only to stop, point to audience members and continue with what the individuals, a parent, a student and an elected official, could do to create a successful scholar.

Also competing from Orange were seniors, Ariel Salazar and Stefan Wilson. Their coach, OHS English teacher and public speaking coach Ms. Phyllis Jackson, was their to cheer them on.

The seven judges for the competition were East Orange General Hospital CFO Al Aboud; Philanthropist, Patricia Balavender; Orange Councilman, Elroy Corbitt; Lori Dars, who is in charge of Rutgers' New Ventures and Entrepreneurship Department; Newark Municipal Judge, Sybil Elias; Assemblyman Tom Giblin; and former Orange Mayor, Eldridge Hawkins, Jr.

The judges scored each contestant to arrive at the first, second and third place winners. They awarded the first place prize, a \$5,000 scholarship, to Xivandell. The second place winner received a \$1,000 scholarship and the third place winner a \$500 scholarship.

For more information visit [localtalknews.com](http://localtalknews.com).

# FYI

## Voices in Harmony Presents Holiday Favorites in *Behind the Curtain Concert Series*



On Friday, December 12, on the stage at Orange Preparatory Academy, Voices in Harmony, (ViH) Orange High School's select chorus, will sing a selection of favorite Holiday songs. This event is part of ViH's fundraising effort, to allow them to participate in annual competitions. There will be two one hour sessions at 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for each session and food is included. Seats are limited. For ticket information email Choral Director, Mr. David Milnes at [milnesda@orange.k12.nj.us](mailto:milnesda@orange.k12.nj.us) or visit Choir Room, # 246 at Orange High School. See flyer below.

## Orange Education Foundation Pre-Holiday Party



The Orange Education Foundation, a 501c3 non-profit organization supporting the public school children of Orange, is having a Pre-Holiday Party. It is a fundraiser to support scholarships and camperships. The party will be held at the VFW Hall in Roseland, located at 52 Eisenhower Parkway, on Friday, December 12, from 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

The theme of this festive event is "Dancing Thru the Decades." Donations are \$30 per person. For more information and tickets, call 973-337-5532 or 973-652-1252.

## 'Tis the Season for Orange Public School District's Winter Concerts, From Monday, December 8, 2014 through Friday, January 30, 2015.

School	Concert Date	Concert Time
Orange Township Public Schools	Monday, December 8, 2014	7:00 p.m.
Orange Township Public Schools	Tuesday, December 9, 2014	7:00 p.m.
Orange Township Public Schools	Wednesday, December 10, 2014	7:00 p.m.
Orange Township Public Schools	Thursday, December 11, 2014	7:00 p.m.
Orange Township Public Schools	Friday, December 12, 2014	7:00 p.m.
Orange Township Public Schools	Saturday, December 13, 2014	7:00 p.m.
Orange Township Public Schools	Sunday, December 14, 2014	7:00 p.m.
Orange Township Public Schools	Monday, December 15, 2014	7:00 p.m.
Orange Township Public Schools	Tuesday, December 16, 2014	7:00 p.m.
Orange Township Public Schools	Wednesday, December 17, 2014	7:00 p.m.
Orange Township Public Schools	Thursday, December 18, 2014	7:00 p.m.
Orange Township Public Schools	Friday, December 19, 2014	7:00 p.m.
Orange Township Public Schools	Saturday, December 20, 2014	7:00 p.m.
Orange Township Public Schools	Sunday, December 21, 2014	7:00 p.m.
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Orange Township Public Schools	Sunday, December 28, 2014	7:00 p.m.
Orange Township Public Schools	Monday, December 29, 2014	7:00 p.m.
Orange Township Public Schools	Tuesday, December 30, 2014	7:00 p.m.
Orange Township Public Schools	Wednesday, December 31, 2014	7:00 p.m.
Orange Township Public Schools	Thursday, January 1, 2015	7:00 p.m.
Orange Township Public Schools	Friday, January 2, 2015	7:00 p.m.
Orange Township Public Schools	Saturday, January 3, 2015	7:00 p.m.
Orange Township Public Schools	Sunday, January 4, 2015	7:00 p.m.
Orange Township Public Schools	Monday, January 5, 2015	7:00 p.m.
Orange Township Public Schools	Tuesday, January 6, 2015	7:00 p.m.
Orange Township Public Schools	Wednesday, January 7, 2015	7:00 p.m.
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The Orange Public School District invites the entire Orange community to enjoy the season in music and dance in the Orange schools. Students from each of our elementary schools, prep academy and high school have been practicing to show their talents and entertain friends and family during the Holiday season. Won't you join them? See flyer below for a complete list of Winter Concerts.





# December 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Heywood Lobby Art Show, 6:00PM Administrative Bldg.	<b>4</b> Sherlock Holmes, 7:00PM, OPA Auditorium	<b>5</b> Sherlock Holmes, 7:00PM, OPA Auditorium	<b>6</b> Sherlock Holmes, 2:00PM and 7:00PM, OPA Auditorium
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Cleveland Winter Concert, 6:00PM, Park Ave. Cafetorium	<b>9</b> Monthly BOE Meeting 7:30PM at OPA	<b>10</b> Heywood Winter Concert, 6:00PM	<b>11</b> Park Winter Concert, 6:00PM	<b>12</b> Voices in Harmony: Holiday Favorites 5:30, 7:00PM at OPA <b>OEF Pre-Holiday Party</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Depart. Mtgs., 2:30PM Dismissal for Students OPA Winter Concert, 7:00PM	<b>16</b> Lincoln Winter Concert, 7:00PM  Hanukkah Begins	<b>17</b> Forest Winter Concert, 6:00PM	<b>18</b> RPCS Winter Concert, 6:00PM, Central Auditorium	<b>19</b> Oakwood Winter Concert, 6:30PM	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Holiday Recess 12:30PM Dismissal	<b>24</b> Hanukkah Ends Holiday Recess District Closed	<b>25</b>  Holiday Recess District Closed	<b>26</b> Kwanzaa Begins  KWANZAA Holiday Recess District Closed	<b>27</b> 
<b>28</b> 	<b>29</b> Holiday Recess District Closed	<b>30</b> Holiday Recess District Closed	<b>31</b> Holiday Recess District Closed	Kwanzaa Ends Holiday Recess District Closed	 Holiday Recess District Closed	<b>Welcome back!</b> <b>The district re-opens on Monday, January 5</b>

Orange Township Public Schools  
 Visual & Performing Arts Department  
 2014-15 Winter Concerts

(Revised: December 1, 2014)

Date	Event	Time	Location
8-Dec	Cleveland Winter Concert	6:00 PM	Park Ave. Cafetorium
10-Dec	Heywood Winter Concert	6:00 PM	Auditorium
11-Dec	Park Winter Concert	6:00 PM	Cafetorium
12-Dec	Voices in Harmony: HOLIDAY FAVORITES	5:30 PM	OPA Auditorium
12-Dec	Voices in Harmony: HOLIDAY FAVORITES	7:00 PM	OPA Auditorium
15-Dec	OPA Winter Concert	7:00 PM	Auditorium
16-Dec	Lincoln Winter Concert	7:00 PM	Gymnasium
17-Dec	Forest Winter Concert	6:00 PM	Gymnasium
18-Dec	RPCS Winter Concert	6:00 PM	Central Auditorium
19-Dec	Oakwood Winter Concert	6:30 PM	Auditorium
7-Jan	Lincoln Lobby Art Show	6:00 PM	Administrative Building
14-Jan	OHS Winter Concert	7:00 PM	OPA Auditorium
22-Jan	Park & Dance Conservatory Winter Dance Concert	7:00 PM	OPA Auditorium
30-Jan	OPA/OHS Joint Winter Dance Concert	7:00 PM	OPA Auditorium



*Voices in Harmony Presents*

# Behind The Curtain

concert series featuring

**SEATING  
LIMITED**

## "Holiday Favorites"

FRIDAY DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> AT ORANGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

SESSION ONE 5:30 - 6:30

SESSION TWO 7:00 - 8:00

~ TICKETS \$10 ~

**SEATING  
LIMITED**

Come join us for an intimate concert *ON STAGE* behind the curtain where the members of Voices in Harmony will perform music from select artists and genres in a night club setting. Refreshments will be served. Help the award winning *Voices in Harmony* as we fundraise for our next competition.



Forest Street School

# Winter Concert

Wednesday  
December 17, 2014

6:00 to 8:00 PM

Multi-Purpose Room  
651 Forest Street, Orange

ADMISSION\* \$1 per family  
AND one of the following please:

- 1) a winter hat or
- 2) a scarf or
- 3) pair of gloves

## Featuring

- \* Forest Street Jazz Ensemble
- \* Guitar Ensemble
- \* Vocal Soloists
- \* Dance Ensemble

## With MCs

Geverson Deroseney, Amanda  
Sherwood and Nicole Urday

Ms. Yancisca Cooke  
Principal

Dr. John Young  
Assistant Principal

Mr. Thaddeus Hammond  
Instrumental Director

Ms. Jacqueline Selesky  
Dance Director

Mr. Brian Silvoy  
Vocal Director

\* All proceeds from Admission will support student events at Forest Street School and donations to local community organizations.

*Please Join Us December 18, 2014  
For Our Annual Art Exhibit  
@  
Winter Concert*



# *Rosa Parks Community School*

ART EXHIBIT  
ROSA PARKS FIRST FLOOR  
4:00PM - 6:00PM

CONCERT  
CENTRAL AUDITORIUM  
6:00PM - 7:30PM

DEBRA JOSEPH-CHARLES  
PRINCIPAL

OLIVERTO AGOSTO  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

DENNIS PETERSON  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



OAKWOOD PERFORMING ARTS  
PRESENTS

# WINTER CLASSIC

OAKWOOD AVENUE AUDITORIUM  
6:30 PM DECEMBER 19TH, 2014

## TICKETS:

\$2 Per Person — SUGGESTED DONATION

All proceeds benefit upcoming Oakwood Concert events!

## PRESENTED BY:

Principal Robert Pettit & OVPA

*Don't Miss CIAO's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
Breakfast with Santa Claus!!*



**Date: SATURDAY DECEMBER 20, 2014**

**Time: 9AM-12PM**

**Location: Career and Innovation Academy of Orange  
123 Cleveland St. Orange, NJ  
(Corners of Cleveland St. and White St.)**

**Adults \$5**

**Children \$2 includes a Picture with Santa!**



**Sponsored by  
C.I.A.O.**



**Any questions, please contact Ms. Pascale @ 732-571-1581 or Mr. Balics @ 973-896-6034**





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Contact Information:  
Orange Board of Education  
451 Lincoln Avenue  
Orange, NJ 07050

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## Winter Concert Season Continues

### Park Avenue School's Winter Concert



On December 11, the Park Avenue School Performing Arts students presented a well-prepared Winter Concert. The program opened with welcome remarks by Principal, Dr. Myron Hackett, followed by the Park Avenue Band (**pictured above**), led by the Instrumental Director, Mrs. Marianne Mroz. Among their selections were "Jolly Old St. Nicholas" and "Feliz Navidad." There were two solo performances, accompanied by student, J. Pierre, on bass guitar. Student V. Etienne played "Let it Snow" on alto saxophone and Kaylah Cooper played "A Little Bit of Latin" on the tenor saxophone.

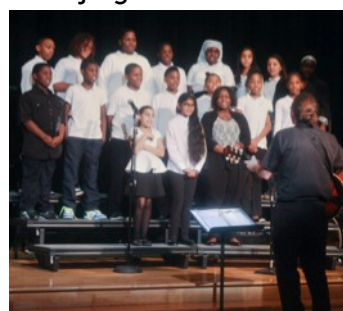


**Pictured above: Soloists; Recorder players.**



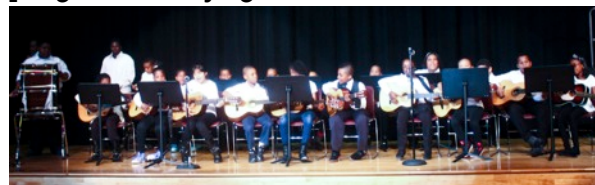
Ms. Cynthia Walker's 1st grade class, (**pictured left**) conducted by Vocal Director, Mr. Scott Clark,

followed them. They performed selections such as "Hanukkah is Here" and "Up on the Housetop." Mrs. Maria Versella and Ms. Jessica Cline's classes entertained the audience on the recorder, directed by Ms. Mroz, with "Ode to Joy," "Hot Cross Buns" and "Jingle Bells." Mr. Clark then led the



Park Avenue Chorus (**pictured left**) in several holiday selections including "The Joy of Kwanzaa," "Hanukkah, Oh Hanukkah" and

a current favorite "Let It Go." The guitar students from Mrs. Sandra Layton's fourth grade class (**pictured below**) closed the program with "Jingle Bell Rock."



The program was accented with a raffle drawing to support the school's activities, including the Bridge Club and guests received the school's newsletter.



## Voices in Harmony Sings Holiday Favorites

On December 12, *Voices in Harmony* (ViH) held their first *Behind the Curtain* concert for the school year. They sang a selection of classic and contemporary holiday songs to an intimate crowd of admirers, friends and family members, who were there to enjoy melodic solo and duet performances. The event, led by ViH Director, Mr. David Milnes, was held in two sessions and is part of the group's annual fundraising effort to allow them to compete in musical competitions nationwide. Two percussionists, students Brandon Creary and Howard George, supported the festive evening. Art teacher Mr. Christopher Cosmillo, who playfully sang and played the kazoo with Mr. Milnes. Also, student Marlena Brown was the Mistress of Ceremony for the event, as well as a performer, singing, Joni Mitchell's "River".

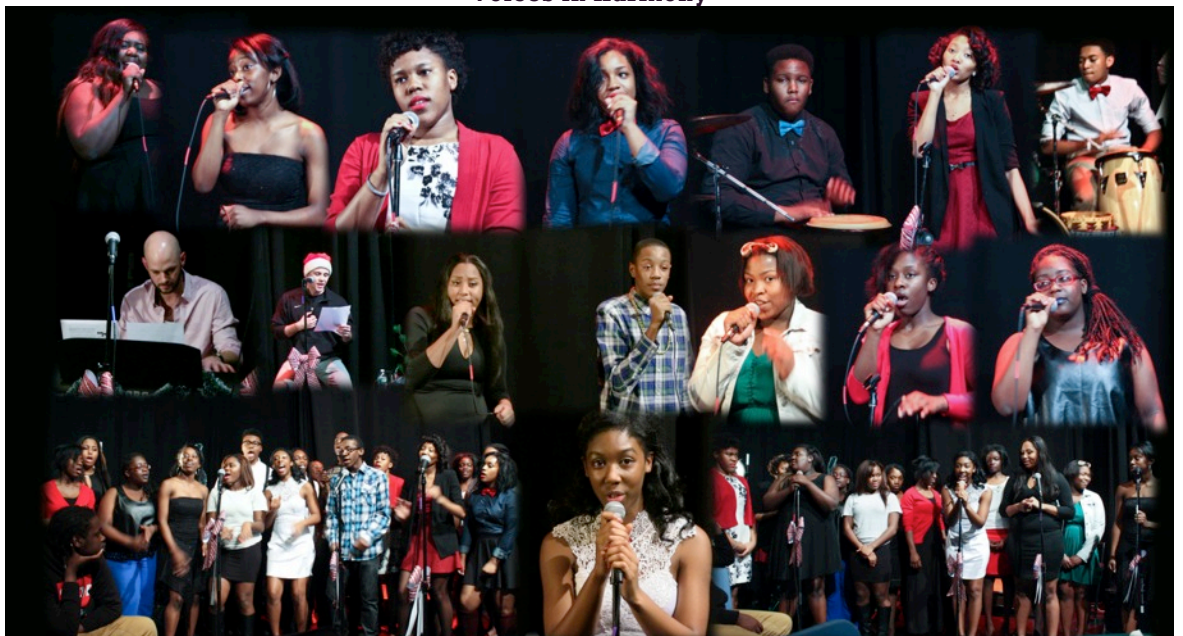
Bria Wood opened the evening with "Jingle Bell Rock" and Navanique Rowe performed "Santa Baby." Alicia Key's "Little Drummer Girl" was performed by Allisone Jacques, and Bernide Voltaire sang a "Christmas Mash-Up." Other more traditional tunes included "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," sang by Jaida Taylor, "Do You Hear What I Hear" performed by Danae Green and ViH's *Ladies Group* performed "All I Want for Christmas is You."

Sarahnia Casseus, with accompaniment, sang an original song, written with OHS graduate, Christian Edwards, "What Christmas is To Me" and did a duet, "The Christmas Song," with Gilda Nicholas. Gilda also performed "Let it Snow," solo. Marcy Drigo and Dorian Boyd performed another duet, "This Christmas."

The Show closed with the entire *Voices in Harmony* group singing a moving rendition of "Silent Night," arranged by Mr. Milnes, featuring Bria Wood and Clinton Obi, along with several other talented members of this skilled choral group.

ViH extends thank you to Ms. Baldwin and the Stage Crew, Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, Mr. Peter Crosta, and his student assistants, for videotaping, and Urban Chicken, of Montclair, for providing the food. Much thanks also to all those who donated food and drinks.

Voices in Harmony



## Oakwood Vs. Bullying

Submitted by Mr. Robert Pettit, Principal, Oakwood Avenue Community School



Oakwood Avenue Community School takes all allegations of bullying extremely seriously. In an effort to improve the reporting process, and to provide students and parents with another means of reporting, we have created a special email address [BullyingOACS@orange.k12.nj.us](mailto:BullyingOACS@orange.k12.nj.us). A link to the email address has been placed on our school website. All emails sent to this address will be checked daily by our school bullying specialist, Ms. Pamela Venable (School Counselor), who will open an official investigation based on the information provided.

When reporting an allegation of bullying you must be sure to include the following information:

1. Name or Names of the student or students being bullied.
2. Name or Names of the student or students doing the bullying.
3. Names of any witnesses to the bullying.
4. Dates and Details outlining specific examples of the type of bullying taking place.

“Together we can put an end to bullying in our school.”

- Principal Pettit

## Forest Street School Trims Its Holiday Tree

Submitted by Bill Donnelly, ESL Teacher (article and photos)



and many of Forest's Pre-K students.

It was time to set up the tree again to celebrate Christmas, Kwanza and the winter Holiday season, and Forest Street School had lots of help! Pre-K students from Ms. Adame's class and Ms. Gavilanez's class came together to help Principal Yancisca Cooke. They got the job done, took a few pictures and then enjoyed some holiday doughnuts and juice. Pictured from left to right are Ms. Cooke, Ms. Ojentis, Ms. Gavilanez, Ms. Adame, Ms. Rogers

Christmas arrives soon on Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, followed by Kwanza, which begins Friday, December 26, 2014 and concludes on Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. For more information about how Christmas is celebrated in the United States and in many countries around the world, go to [www.whychristmas.com/cultures/usa.shtml](http://www.whychristmas.com/cultures/usa.shtml). To learn more about the traditions of Kwanza, go to [www.officialkwanzaawebsite.org/symbols.shtml](http://www.officialkwanzaawebsite.org/symbols.shtml).



## MicroSociety Evolves at Forest Street School

Submitted by Mr. Bill Donnelly, ESL Teacher (article and photos)

It's a new day and there's a new future for student entrepreneurs at Forest Street School. MicroSociety has come to Forest and with it the chance for students to redesign their school environment by creating a miniature town within its walls. Students have already caucused to discuss strategies and have voted to decide on a form of government: a democratic republic.



**Pictured (left to right) Jerimiah Lunis addressing voters; Jade Garcia, running for Treasurer.**

In the months ahead, students will establish and staff three branches of government. They will open and operate real businesses, and create the laws, policies, agencies and organizations that an independent municipality needs to be viable and to prosper.

At press time, candidates for elective office have delivered their speeches to the voters and an election is under way for mayor, deputy mayor, town clerk and treasurer. Once the new government is in place, students will begin to plan a town "job fair" at which prospective student employers will showcase their companies, and potential student employees will evaluate business plans, present resumes and take part in job interviews.



**Pictured (left to right): Voters listen to candidates; Enrique Sola, Mayoral Candidate.**



**Pictured (left to right): Candidates for Municipal Office; Mayoral Candidate, Christina Moore.**

Principal Cooke remarked, "There's so much to do and everyone will be involved! We know it's going to be an exciting year in . . .? . . .! Oh, that's right! One more thing, Forest's citizens still need to NAME their new "town." And just like in any democratic republic, citizens will voice their opinion on possible names. They will debate different options, and ultimately representatives will vote to express the will of the people. I know I can hardly wait!"



## OPA Winter Concert

The Orange Preparatory Academy (OPA) Winter Concert opened with the “Pledge of Allegiance,” the “National Anthem” and “Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing,” performed by Anessa Larathe.

The OPA Chorus, led by Director Mr. Peter Abazia, expertly sang two traditional holiday songs: “Carol of the Bells” and “Pacem Noel.” Three other songs followed with several solo and duet artists. Brandi Taylor, soloist, accompanied by Brandon Creary, on piano, and Ibrahim Cole, on guitar, performed “Stay With Me.” Alice Agyekum and Dominique Hodges sang “The Circle of Life.” The final song by the chorus, “Sweater Weather,” was performed by Lanquan Wiggins and Ananda Guerrier.

The OPA Concert Band, conducted by Band Director, Mrs. Dorcas Robinson, played several tunes, showing their talents, from “America the Beautiful” to “Rock the Halls.” “The Nutcracker March,” “Ode to Joy” and “Winter Wonderland” paid tribute to the holiday season. The program ended with closing remarks by Principal, Ms. Aretha Malloy.



**Pictured: Mr. Abazia with the OPA Chorus**



**Pictured above: Solo performers (top), OPA Concert Band with Mrs. Robinson and Principal Aretha Malloy (bottom, left to right).**

## Lincoln Avenue School Winter Concert

Principal Denise White welcomed families, friends and students to the Lincoln Avenue Winter Concert. Student Council President, Tracy Ware, led the pledge of Allegiance and recited “Twas the Night Before the Concert.” The ensuing performances included the Instrumental Music Ensembles, led by the new Music Director, Mr. Sam Etienne, the various grade level chorus groups, led by Vocal Director, Mrs. Wendy Mir, and Dance, led by Dance Director, Mrs. Michelle Rosolen.

The Violin Ensemble played “Ode to Joy” with a solo by Princeley Princilus. The Beginning Band and Intermediate Band played “Jolly Old St. Nicholas” and “Winter Wonderland,” respectively. The Percussion Ensemble played “Comfort and Joy” and later in the show there were several instrumental soloists. Julien Harris and Afriyie Tay, played “We Wish You a Merry Christmas” as an alto saxophone duet and “Amazing Grace” was performed by Rose Mary Jones on the clarinet.

Mrs. Mir led the 6th and 7th Grade Chorus in singing “Wassail” and “Holiday Welcome;” the Chorus Club sang “Do you Want to Build A Snowman” and “O Christmas Tree,” followed by the fourth graders singing “First Flakes.” The choruses came together for “Old Man Winter,” singing harmoniously.

The dancers were energetic and closed the evening’s program. The Dance Ensemble performed to “Yeah.” The 6th grade dancers performed to “Land of 1,000 Dances,” the 5th graders danced to “Sleigh Ride” and the 7th graders danced to “Nutcracker Suite.” This year saw many more young men performing and all of the enthusiastic performers complemented the various choreographed movements.

Assistant Principal, Mr. Patrick Yearwood, gave closing remarks to a well-executed concert.



**Pictured: Scenes from Lincoln Avenue School's Winter Concert featuring the band, chorus and dance.**



## First Graders Make Musical Instruments from Recycled Material

*Submitted by Faye Coward, Kindergarten teacher, Lincoln Avenue School*

Recently, in Mrs. Morrisroe's 1st grade classroom at Lincoln Avenue School, students created musical instruments made from recycled material brought from home. The students were excited to show off their creative genius musical instruments. Instruments constructed were a guitar made from a recycled box, thumbtack, and string; drums made from a recycled box or a plastic container; and lets not forget recycled, paper towel rolls make for a great flute.



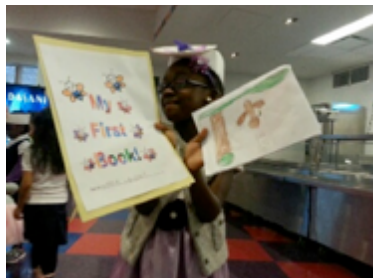
**Ms. Morrisroe and students pose with their instruments.**

The students took to the hallway to show off their work and to play music. Everyone was dancing while playing their musical instrument. The class saw Ms. Johnson, the Security Guard, tapping her foot to the sound of our music :) . . . “Stop by anytime to see our display!”

## Lincoln’s Kindergarteners Celebrate Book Publishing

*Submitted by Faye Coward, Kindergarten teacher, Lincoln Avenue School*

On November 26, Lincoln Avenue School’s Kindergarten celebrated their first book publishing. Kindergarten has been following the Lucy Calkins writing series. At the end of the first unit, this celebration was put together to showcase all of the hard work and talent kindergarten students can do. Family came to show their support. They also donated all of the refreshments. “We thank you family! We have lots to be thankful for.”



**Pictured: Maelys Gbarre.**



**Pictured: Young Author Parade.**



**Pictured above: Ms. Coward addressing family members of the young authors. Pictured left: Ms. Williams and her student reading to the family of young authors.**



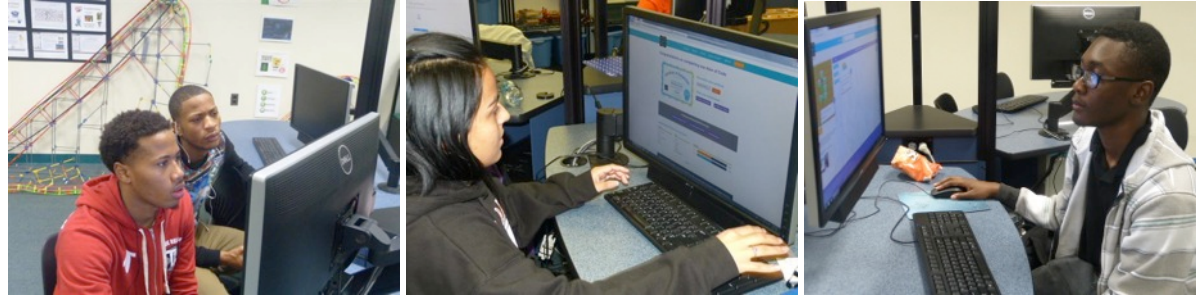
**Pictured: Ms. Coward and Ms. Perez with Leah Donat.**



## ***Hour of Code Observed at Orange High School and District Wide***

*Submitted by Max Nixon, SmartLab Instructor, Orange High School*

During the week of December 8-14, Orange High School (OHS) participated in the *Hour of Code*. This is a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to make coding easier to understand and to show that anyone can learn the basics.



**OHS students actively engaged in the *Hour of Code* during the week on December 8 - 14.**

Students in SmartLab classes, Introduction to Engineering, Cisco, CompTia A+, and a variety of other classes participated in this district wide initiative. Students involved in the OHS “STEM” Club participated, as well. This effort supports the belief that all students should have the opportunity to learn computer science and helps nurture problem-solving skills, logic and creativity. By starting early, students will have a foundation for success in any 21st-century career path. As is the case at Scholars Academy through STEM teacher, Ms. Nadbielny.



**OHS students actively engaged in the *Hour of Code* during the week on December 8 - 14. Also shown (right) is SmartLab class and teacher, Mr. Max Nixon, with their “Certificate of Completion.”**

Students participated via the *Hour of Code* website and received a Certificate of Completion for joining the global movement. All are encouraged to try! Click on the link below and start coding! 80,676,093 people HAVE TRIED AN HOUR OF CODE; ANYBODY CAN LEARN.  
<http://hourofcode.com/us>.

SmartLab instructor, Mr. Nixon, thanks the Orange School District, OHS Administrators, Technology Coordinators and Business Department for their support in this important 21<sup>st</sup> century initiative, which helps to increase participation by women and underrepresented students of color in programming.

'Tis the Season for Orange Public School District's Winter Concerts, From Monday, December 8, 2014 through Friday, January 30, 2015.



The Orange Public School District invites the entire Orange community to enjoy the season in music and dance in the Orange schools. Students from each of our elementary schools, prep academy and high school have been practicing to show their talents and entertain friends and family during the Holiday season. Won't you join them? See flyer below for a complete list of Winter Concerts.

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Orange Township Public Schools  
 Visual & Performing Arts Department  
 2014-15 Winter Concerts

(Revised: December 1, 2014)

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## Happy Holidays from the Orange Public Schools

### Forest Street School's Winter Concert

On December 17, Forest Street School presented their Winter Concert, "A Holiday Celebration of Music, Song and Dance." The program opened with welcome remarks by Principal, Ms. Yancisca Cooke, followed by a brief Parent Teacher Organization update. Parents were given a short update and urged to get involved with the PTO. During the program, Mr. Bill Donnelly, who created the printed program for the concert, gave a few remarks for intermission and the school's sale of baked goods.

Additionally three students served as program MCs: Geverson Deroseney, Amanda Sherwood and Nicole Urday. All three students participated either in the band, as a vocal soloist or dance performer, respectively.

The instrumental students were the opening performers, led by Instrumental Director, Mr. Thaddeus Hammond. He played with a small ensemble of wind instruments, performing the "The Forest Street School Blues," followed by strings students playing "Good King Wenceslas" and "Rolling Along." The Forest Street Band then played several selections including "Hot Cross Buns" and "Angels We Have Heard on High."

Mr. Hammond, before his students were through, also addressed the audience about the importance of advancing arts education by supporting students with music lessons and instruments. He then generously and graciously donated a "modern, space-age" flute, one made of plastic with interchangeable mouthpieces, for student use, to one of his budding flutists, Wayne Comick. This student, he felt, showed great motivation and promise. He urged others to follow his lead, to support music education for the betterment of students.

The Chorus, led by Mr. Brian Silvoy, Vocal Director, sang a varied selection of songs; first with the Second Grade Chorus performing such tunes as "You're a Grand Old Flag" and "Deja Nos Entrar to "Deck the Halls" and ""Jungle Bells." The Fourth Grade Chorus was next with "Calypso of Thanks" and "Hey, Santa," an original composition by Mr. Silvoy, among others. Mr. Silvoy also directed the guitar players performing three selections including the "Peanuts Theme."

Closing out the evening was the new Dance Director, Ms. Jacqueline Selesky, introduced herself and presented three pieces. Dancing to "I Love Myself," were three young men, the first graders completed a "Showcase of Dances," and the Full Dance Ensemble performed to "No Place I'd Rather Be."





**Pictured above: Scenes from Forest Street School's Winter Concert including instrumental, guitar, soloist, flute presentation and dancers.**

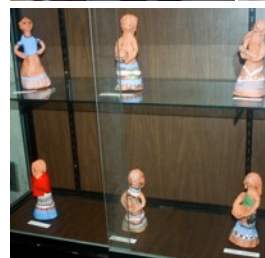
## **Rosa Parks Community School's Winter Concert**



The Rosa Parks Community School (RPCS) presented its "Annual Art Exhibit and Winter Concert" on December 18. The school's first floor corridors were filled with student artwork. Art teachers, Ms. Agnieszka Wszolkowski and Mrs. Sue Kasdon (*pictured left*), displayed a colorful selection of work in the likes of master artists such as Matisse and Van Gogh, Chagall and Canadian artist Norval Morrisseau, along

with work to replicate Mexican bark paintings and painting on silk made to give the effects of stained glass.

Parents, students and teachers visited the art show, including Board of Education President, Mrs. Patricia Arthur, Board Member, Mrs. Paula Desormes and the Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, Mr. Peter Crosta. All enjoyed the wonderful display.



**Pictured left and above are scenes from the RPCS Art Exhibit and Board Member Mrs. Paula Desormes and her husband.**

The Winter Concert for RPCS began with introductions from Principal Debra Joseph-Charles. She welcomed guests and promised a wonderful show and did not disappoint the audience.

The strings students, directed by violin instructor, Mr. Terrence Thornhill, played several songs including various themes on "Fa-La-La." They were followed by the school's chorus, led by music instructor, Mrs. Mariel Johnson, with "Jingle Bells." Instrumental music instructor, Mr. Sam Etienne, directed the Beginner Instrumental Band in a solo performance of "Ode to Joy," by Ryan Delgado on the saxophone, and a solo performance of "O Come All Ye Faithful" by Slomit Ortega on the clarinet. They were followed by the Intermediate Band playing "Jolly Old St. Nicholas." The dance students took to the stage with several choreographed pieces that were artful and entertaining. They performed to tunes from Stevie Wonder's "Where Were You When I Needed Yo" to "Landslide" by the Dixie Chicks. In between their routines the various vocal ensembles, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Cutugno, sang tunes with an international theme, such as "Day-O" from Jamaica and "Eliza Kongo" from Dominica. They also performed "Stand By Me," with soloists Makeyla Giorlando and Michelle Carrera, with Lesly Cambisaca Serron on the guitar. "The Greatest Love of All" was the final song performed by the RPCS Chorus and Ensemble Grade 7. Mishaela Lewis, Amiyah Moore, Korarly Jacques, Annette Evra and Alesha Roy were the soloists. They were followed by the Rosa Parks Community Dance Ensemble making everyone "Happy" as they showed high-energy to the Pharrell William song.

Ms. Joseph-Charles thanked the Visual and Performing Arts (VP&A) staff, along with Mr. Scott Clark, who assisted with the sound, and the audience for attending.





**Pictured above: Scenes from Rosa Parks Community School's Winter Concert, including the instrumental, vocal and dance performers and the VP&A staff.**

## Oakwood Avenue Community School Holiday Concert and PTO Meeting (“What’s Up With That?”)

Principal Robert Pettit welcomed families, friends and students to the Oakwood Avenue Community School’s Holiday Concert, “Winter Classic”. The evening was filled with instrumental music, stage performances, and the chorus, interspersed with original, student written, “Holiday Commercials,” and a special presentation for parents by Principal Pettit.

Mr. Terrence Thornhill, the new strings instructor, led the 5th grade strings students in three selections which opened the program: “D Major Scale,” “Twinkle Twinkle” and “Ode to Joy,” featuring soloist Unique Chadwick. Mrs. Annmarie Guenther, vocal, music and band instructor, led a “small jazz quartet” in two songs, “Hot Cross Buns” and “Au Clair de la Lune.” She also directed the Grades 4 - 7 Chorus in several vocal selections including *Polar Express*’ “Believe” with soloists, Unique Chadwick and Uoolayah Murphy and *Frozen*’s “Let It Go” with soloists Ashanti Burton and Nayelis Fernandez.

The remainder of the program was filled with two stage performances; “Pandora’s Box,” a play by Roger Hurn, performed by the 7th grade drama students, and “Cinderella and Company,” a play by Jane Tesh, performed by the 5th grade drama students. The 6th grade class created and performed six commercials between the various acts. They were created with the Holiday Season in mind, selling such things as “Magic Winter Boots” and “Santa’s Jetpack.” Students showed their creativity and acting ability.

Mr. Pettit also had a commercial for parents. He conducted a brief Parent Organization meeting -- “What’s up with that?” He took advantage of a captive parent audience and demonstrated how to access information on the school’s website regarding bullying reporting procedures by visiting [oacsbullying@orange.k12.nj.us](mailto:oacsbullying@orange.k12.nj.us), as well as how to access and monitor student grades through the “Parent Portal.”

There was a fundraising giveaway, assisted by the Community School Site Coordinator, Ms. Rachel Bland, that gave holiday cheer to a lucky parent. The program concluded with well wishes for healthy and Happy Holidays.



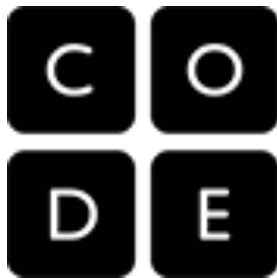




**Pictured: Scenes from Oakwood Avenue Community School's Winter Concert featuring the instrumental, vocal and drama performances.**

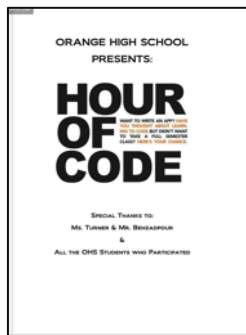
## **Hour of Code Spotlight**

*Submitted by Ms. Linda Epps, Supervisor of History/Social Studies and Technology*



The first step to introduce children to computer science is to participate in the Hour of Code, the largest learning campaign in history. In one hour, students (and teachers) can learn that computer science is fun, easy, and accessible at all ages. Launched in 2013, Code.org® is a non-profit organization dedicated to expanding participation in computer science by making it available in more schools, and increasing participation by women and underrepresented students of color. Our vision is that every student in every school should have the opportunity to learn computer science. We believe computer science and computer programming should be part of the core curriculum in education, alongside other science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) courses, such as biology, physics, chemistry and algebra. (<http://code.org/about>)

### **Orange High School's Hour of Code**



Some Orange High School students participated in *Hour of Code* using *Khan Academy: Hour of Code*. These students were introduced to JavaScript, in order to learn how to draw and create movements.

Ms. Turner's Math Class used activities from *Khan Academy's Hour of Code* to introduce coding. Mr. Behzadpour (Intro To Programming, blocks 2A and 3B) continued in their studies and learning of JavaScript. Students were introduced and learned how to implement loops to make more efficient and flexible codes. A *FlipSnack* book was created to capture the learning experience.

<http://www.flipsnack.com/757F68D98C/ohs-hour-of-code-fdxiqjmuw.html>

### **Park Avenue School's Hour of Code**

Students in grades 2, 4, and 6 participated in a coding activity at Park Avenue School during the *Hour of Code* week. Their enthusiasm and high interest spoke volumes about their desire to learn more about coding. What was of particular interest to the teachers was that students with all different academic abilities found a way to make the project work. Even the most challenged learner was invested in the activities and collaborated with classmates.



The best part of the activity was that the students collaborated using their critical thinking skills. They were observed physically trying to work the problems out, using their hands and bodies to create spatial relationships with what their minds needed to accomplish. Teachers can't wait to learn more about coding in order to continue this exciting skill with students.

Video link to Hour of Code: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gOPbOj3Ad\\_g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gOPbOj3Ad_g)

*Hour of Code* was a district initiative and all schools participated in this effort. For additional examples of the various school activities, visit the *Hour of Code* on the Curriculum page on the district's website: <http://www.orange.k12.nj.us/Page/10808>.

## FYI

### **NJPAC Performing Arts Training Opportunity**

Mrs. Eyesha K. Marable, M.S., Manager, Sales & Partnerships (Arts & Education) for the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) met with the Visual and Performing Arts staff at a departmental meeting on December 15. There she outlined opportunities available to the students in Orange. Since then she has attended several of the district school's winter concerts to inform parents about several wonderful program for students. NJPAC is offering after school and Saturday training opportunities for young performing artists, ages 10-18, and for instrumentalists, regardless of experience through their M.A.N.Y (Music Advancement for Newark Area Youth) program. M.A.N.Y is designed to provide eligible students with high-quality instrumental music lessons. Parents are encouraged to take advantage of this free opportunity. Additionally, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, has offered free bus transportation to Newark, if enough students from Orange participate. (Note: some programs are fee based.)

For more information contact the school music teacher in every building or Mr. Peter Crosta at [crostape@orange.k12.nj.us](mailto:crostape@orange.k12.nj.us).

See the following links for required applications. The auditions are January 9, 2015 at NJPAC.

The application for After School and Saturday Programs:

<https://njpacartseducation.wufoo.com/forms/njpacs-after-school-and-saturday-programs/>

The application for the M.A.N.Y program for instrumentalists:

<https://njpacartseducation.wufoo.com/forms/many-music-advancement-for-newarkarea-youth/>



Winter Preschool Registration Scheduled

**2014 - 2015**  
**Preschool Registration**



The Orange Township Public Schools is still accepting students, for the current school year, and will hold registration for preschool eligible children, during the months of January and February. Registration will be held on consecutive Tuesdays, from January 6 through February 10, with the final scheduled session on February 27, after the district returns from Winter Break. All children who were 3 or 4 years of age by October 1, 2014, are eligible to attend free, full day pre-school, in the Pre-K 3 or Pre-K 4 class. Proof of residence is required, as well as, birth and immunization records.

The registration period are scheduled as follows: January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10 and 24, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Orange Early Childhood Center, 397 Park Avenue. See flyer below for more details.

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## **PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION**

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- 3 years old by 10/01/14                      4 years old by 10/01/14
- 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)
- 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.**

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**Registration Days:            JANUARY 2015**  
**TUESDAYS – 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>.**  
**FEBRUARY 2015 - TUESDAYS – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>.**  
**10:00am. – 1:00pm.**  
**Last sign in: 12:30pm.**

**Place:    ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**  
**397 PARK AVE, ORANGE, NJ 07050**  
**973- 677-4500 ext. 1904 or 1918**

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***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.***



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- 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) 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:**

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**10:00am-1:00pm**

**Tiene que firmar antes de las 12:30pm**

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