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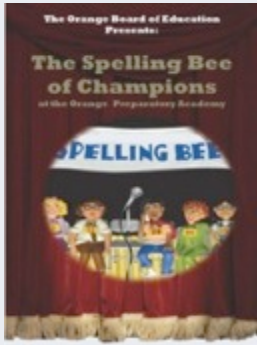


February 7, 2014

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Don't Miss the "Wee Bee" and "Spelling Bee of Champions" on Saturday, February 8



The top spellers from school-wide Spelling Bees, held during November and December of 2013, will vie for the title of Spelling Bee Champion for the Orange Public School District. The district's Third Annual "Spelling Bee of Champions" will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2014, beginning at 12:00 p.m., in the Orange Preparatory Academy auditorium.



Also being held on Saturday, February 8, is the "Wee Bee". This newly added contest introduces this challenging and enjoyable spelling competition to students in **kindergarten**. The Wee Bee opens the program at **12:00 p.m.** (note correction, from previously reported time of 11:00 a.m.).

Below is a list of school winners who will compete in the "Spelling Bee of Champions":

This year's event promises to very competitive, and parents, staff and students are invited to come out and support the contestants, as they battle for the championship.

School	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	School Champion
Cleveland	Samir Jones	Arielle Hamilton	Moise Voltaire	Nyasia Holden	Arissah Barnett	Ashley Laveriano	Nahree Winn	Arissah Barnett
Forest	Noah Hicks	Mia Gourdet	Eneya Epitime	Jalen Reece	Tairi Johnson	Ysewrantz Lubin	Mageenah Dacy	Ysewrantz Lubin
Heywood	Gabrielle Fisher	Jayden Honyghan	Chase Holness	Duke Richman	Isaiah Griffin	Illiana Maistri	Muhammad Haque	Muhammad Haque
Lincoln	Divine Durand	Brielle Bethea	Alysha Budhram	Keshima Smith	Minoucha Previlion	Nahome Hagos	Bashirah Porter Moore	Keshima Smith
Oakwood	Gregory Burton	Prince Antwi	Chidumebi Iherobiem	Marlon Gomez	Felicia Jones	Khalil Stewart	Akaylia Richardson	Khalil Stewart
Park	Josh Molo	Empress Davis	Autumn Tarver	Jeanel Molo	Ibrahima Sacko	Kayla Howell	Antonio Leyva	Kayla Howell
Rosa Parks Community	John Flores	Jocelyn Buri	Michael Davis III	Elliot Holmes	Qualliyah Bass	Rahsaan Jacobs	Schundnax Emmanuel	



Mathematics Winter Recess Institute Available for Students in Grades 4 - 7



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The Institute will run Tuesday, February 18 through Thursday, February 20, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon, at Lincoln Avenue School.

If you have an Orange Public School student interested in participating in the 2013-2014 Mathematics Winter Recess Institute, please see the flyer below for registration information, complete the required sections and return the form to your child's teacher/school no later than February 13, 2014. Please note that a limited number of seats are available.



Annual Emerging Artists Exhibit at Kean University

The annual NJ Emerging Artists Awards Reception will take place on Sunday, February 9, 2014 at the James Howe Gallery at Kean University, from 1 – 3 PM.

Each year, the Art Administrators of New Jersey (AANJ) sponsors an exhibit showcasing artwork by high school students throughout the state. This year, two Orange High School students, Manuel Palma and Melissa Isidore had work submitted by their art teachers, Mr. Nathaniel Brown and Mr. Christopher Cosmillo, for the exhibit.



Pictured: Artwork by OHS students, Melissa Isidore and Manuel Palma, on display at the James Howe Gallery at Kean University.

The exhibit, in its 26th year, has been on display at the university since January 8. Each of the thirty-six exhibit entrants had their work judged for Merit and Honorable Mention awards to be presented at the awards ceremony. Additionally, each of the Emerging Artists will be presented with a Certificate of Participation from AANJ.

The AANJ organization is celebrating 38 years of service in arts education. The association notes that it is committed to advancing visual arts education in the State of New Jersey "through communication, professional development, political advocacy and leadership." The AANJ supports and promotes excellence in visual art in schools, local communities and throughout the state.

Mr. Peter Crosta, Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts for the Orange Public School District is a participating member of the AANJ and Co-Cordinator of the Emerging Artist Exhibit. He shares this responsibility with Ms. Margaret El, Vice Principal of Arts High School in Newark.



Orange Will Host the National History Bee 2014 New York Regional Finals Four Orange Students Qualified to Compete



Orange Township Public School District is proud to announce that they will host the National History Bee 2014 New York Regional Finals, on Thursday, April 17, 2014, from 5:00 P.M. – 8:00 p.m., at Orange Preparatory Academy.

Orange is also proud to announce that four students have qualified for the regional event and will compete for a chance to attend the National History Bee finals in Atlanta, Georgia, Friday, June 6 through Sunday, June 8, 2014.

The students are 4th grader, Kashima Smith and 5th grader, Tracy Ware, Jr. from Lincoln Avenue School, 6th grader, Khalil Stewart, from Oakwood Avenue School and 7th grader Melen Negussie from Forest Street School.

"We are pleased to be able to host the regional competition, and showcase this fast paced game style event for the community," said Ms. Erica Stewart, Administrator for Special Projects. "This event will attract a large audience from the tri-state area and show our students what it takes to compete in academic contests outside of the district."



Pictured: 2013 District History Bee.

Prior to the Regional History Bee, the Orange Public School District Bee will host its own district-wide event for future historians on Monday, March 3, 2014 at Lincoln Avenue School.



Lincoln Avenue School's Guitar Club to Perform at "Kids In Concert" 2014



The Orange Public School District is pleased to announce that Lincoln Avenue School's Guitar Club, led by Mrs. Marianne Mroz, has been accepted to perform

at "Kids In Concert" (KIC) 2014. The event, held annually at Long Branch High School, will take place on Friday, March 28, 2014. This is the first time the guitar ensemble has been selected for this event hosted by the Education Law-Center (ELC).

The theme of this year's show is "The Laws of Motion." Per the [ELC website](#):

"All acts must represent a type of transportation, forward thinking in the arts, or any creative design element that epitomizes the law of motion."

Stage performances typically include vocalists, jazz ensembles, concert choirs, theater groups, gospel choirs, orchestras, pianists, dance groups/soloists, spoken word poetry, monologues, step, tap, and sign language."



Pictured: Lincoln Avenue School Guitar Club at Lincoln's 2014 Winter Concert

Orange has been consecutively involved in KIC for over 10 years, primarily in the areas of choral, instrumental and dance performances.

The program is uniquely designed to broaden the exposure of students in the former "Abbott" schools to the performing arts, giving them an opportunity to perform on one stage.



The Female Achievers "Young Women In STEM" Presentation



The Female Achievers, mentoring program, led by Ms. Karen Cooper, attended an informative presentation for the mentees, in mid January, prepared by Mr. Max Nixon, SmartLab

instructor (pictured during presentation) at Orange High School.

The presentation, "Female Achievers - Young Women In STEM" was designed to expose these middle and high school students to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education, in order to encourage them to join and aspire to careers in STEM.

Mr. Nixon defined the study of STEM for the students, detailed various STEM careers and fields where women dominate, such as clinical laboratory technologists, accountants and auditors. He highlighted the challenges to entering STEM careers including the lack of mentors for women and low acceptance in male dominated fields. Strategies to overcome some of the challenges were noted including finding female friendly companies and joining organizations such as the "Society of Women Engineers" for mentoring and networking opportunities.

As part of his presentation, Mr. Nixon showed a video, made by former STEM students, promoting the OHS STEM Club. He followed his session with Questions and Answers and evaluation comments. Some of the comments were as follows:

- "I would like to learn more about editing music, movies and pictures"
- "Today's workshop was fun and we should do more workshops like this"
- "I would like to do more hands on things"

In response, Mr. Nixon plans a Part II follow-up workshop and states, "I will have the young women participate in a Rube Goldberg Challenge." Students will be asked to create a Rube Goldberg machine, which is an intentionally over-engineered or overdone device that performs a very simple task in a very complex manner.

The students had pizza/soda and were given gift bags, presented by Ms. Pat Thomas of the Links Organization.

The Female Achievers mentoring program has operated for the past eighteen years, under the direction of its founder, Ms. Karen Cooper, program consultant and retired Orange Public School District educator. Ms. Cooper, along with a dedicated staff and volunteer Advisory Committee have guided students by modeling behaviors that will lead to a successful life.



Pictured: Female Achivers at the "Young Women In STEM" presentation.



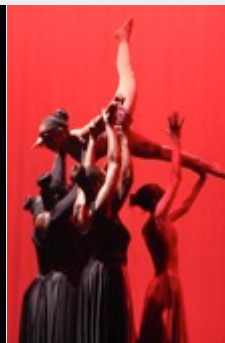
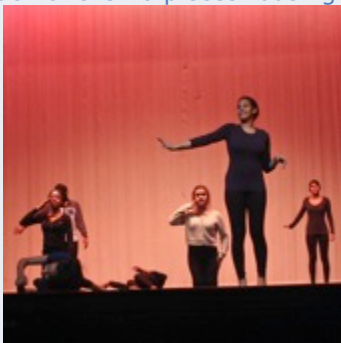
Orange Preparatory Academy and Orange High School Winter Dance Concert

Families and friends of Orange Preparatory Academy (OPA) and Orange High School (OHS) Dance Ensembles were thrilled with the production of "Move Me" by very talented and gifted dancers on January 30. The students presented several standards, beginning with "My Life" performed by OHS, under the direction of Ms. Tosha Brown and ending with the very up-tempo signature soca dance piece by OPA, "Jump" by Rupee, directed by Ms. Gianna Mistry.

The 9th graders danced to "Hometown Glory" by Adele, followed by the OHS Intermediate Dancers performing the "Graham Project" to "She" by Laura Mvula. Next were the 8th grade dance classes who performed "Leave It Up to Chance", to the music of "Dance, Dance" by Vitamin String Quartet, followed by the OHS Dance Ensemble who presented "Our Insecurities" to "Say Something" by A Great Big World.

The forms of dance varied, infusing modern with contemporary and country/western, as in "Wake Up" to "Wake Me Up" by Avicii. Each dance piece was expertly choreographed including "The Way I Am" to Ingrid Michaelson's song, "Always Someone 2 Turn 2" to "Word Interpretation" and "Human Nature" by Michael Jackson.

The audience was pleased with the performances, giving each of the 10 pieces rousing applause.





Pictured: Scenes from the Orange High School and Orange Preparatory Academy Winter Dance Concert.



Cast Party Celebrates the Fall Production of "The Great Gatsby"



On January 27, the cast and crew of "The Great Gatsby" held a party to honor their efforts in the annual fall play. The production staff, led by Ms. Rose Lazzizera, OPA Library Media Specialist, the cast, led by the

play's director, Ms. Dana Levin, and the stage crew, led by Ms. Tammy Baldwin, OPA Health/PE instructor, along with Megan Guerriero, OHS Visual Arts instructor responsible for Costumes, Make-up and Set Design, celebrated the occasion with much thanks to Mr. Patrick Morrissy, Executive Director, HANDS, Inc. Mr. Morrissy (shown above with Ms. Lazzizera) generously donating funds to cover the cost of the cast party. He was presented with a certificate of appreciation, on behalf of the cast and crew.



The function was held at "Hat City", in Orange, where students enjoyed a full meal, mingled and received certificates for their role in the production. The senior cast members







(pictured above) were given special recognition, along with the two students who won I-Pod Shuffles for most ticket sales, Agnes Gboyah, a junior, and Shivam Ramjit, a sophomore.

Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, Mr. Peter Crosta was in attendance and congratulated all involved for a wonderful production of "The Great Gatsby".

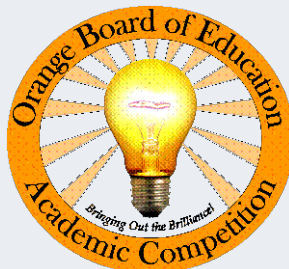


Pictured (left to right): IPod Shuffle winners with Ms. Lazzizera and other images from "The Great Gatsby" cast party taken by Mr. Peter Crosta.

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**Lincoln Avenue School
Board Lobby Art Show
Rescheduled for
February 12, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
Orange Board Of Education
451 Lincoln Avenue**



Clay heads by Alvin Jeune and Shervany Philizaire, 5th grade

Principal:	Denise White
Assistant Principal:	Patrick Yearwood
Art Teachers:	Janelle Kennedy and Sue Kasdon

WE ARE TAKING
MEASURES FOR
STUDENT GROWTH



Orange Board of
Education
Academic Competitions

Invitation to
Participate



Orange Board of
Education
Academic Competitions
Bringing Out the Brilliance

Short Order Book: A Writing Challenge 5-12 9/9/13-12/6/13

The REEL Deal Short Movie Challenge 5-12 9/9/13-12/6/13

Follow The Reader Book Challenge PK-12 **10/21/13-5/15/14**

Great American Spellcheck Project Fundraiser for Reading initiatives 1-8 10/7/13

He Said She Said: Public Speaking Competition 3-7 **1/27/14**

Spelling Bee of Champions 1-8 and The WEE Bee PK-K 2/8/14

History Bee 5-9 3/3/14

Mathquest 4/7/14

TRYMathlon 1-3 4/28/14*

CSI: Competitive Science Investigation 4-7 5/5/14

WDAH: Write Out of American History: A Writer's Festival PK-12 6/7/14

Check Website for Catalog and Registration Details
as dates are subject to change
www.orange.k12.nj.us

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Art Administrators of New Jersey

Celebrating 38 Years of Service in Arts Education since 1975

Emerging Artists

26th Annual High School Art Exhibit



The Vanity
2013 Student Achievement Award Winner
Jackie Lin
Bridgewater Raritan High School

James Howe Gallery
Vaughn-Eames Building
Kean University
Union, New Jersey

January 8 - February 9, 2014

Awards Reception

Sunday, February 9, 2014

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Awards Ceremony at 2:00 pm



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Parent/Guardian:	Contact Number:
Child's Name:	Child's Grade Level:
Child's School:	

	Yes	No
<i>My child will participate in the Mathematics Winter Recess Institute.</i>		

Questions? Write your questions below...





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PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

REQUIREMENTS:

- **3 years old by 10/01/13** **4 years old by 10/01/13**
- **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.

Registration Days: WEDNESDAYS
December 4th, 11th, 18th
January 2014 15th, 22nd, 29th

February 2014 5th, 12th

TIME: 10A.M. – 1:00P.M.

Last sign in 12:30pm

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

IF YOU ARE CONCERNED YOUR PRESCHOOL CHILD IS DEVELOPING OR LEARNING DIFFERENTLY, YOU CAN CALL THE DISTRICT TO REQUEST AN EVALUATION FOR PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES.



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- 3 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/13
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- DEBE SER RESIDENTE DEL MUNICIPIO DE ORANGE
- PARTIDA DE NACIMIENTO ORIGINAL
- EXPEDIENTE DE INMUNIZACIONES DEL NIÑO/NIÑA
- DECLARACIÓN ACTUAL DEL ARRIENDO O DE LA HIPOTECA
- Identificación de fotos
- **2 Pruebas de Residencia (recibo de PSE&G, teléfono o recibo del cable) 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: Miercoles Diciembre 4, 11, 18, 2013

Enero 15, 22, 29, 2014

Febrero 5, 12, 2014

10:00am. - 1:00 p.m.

Tiene que firmar antes de las 12:30pm

**LUGAR: ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
397 PARK AVE, ORANGE, NJ 07050
(973) 677-4500 ext 1904**

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Have a Great Winter Break! -- February 17 – February 21, 2014



Registration Period Extended for the Mathematics Winter Recess Institute



There is still time to register for the 2013-2014 Mathematics Winter Recess Institute! This unique program offers students in grades 4 – 7 the opportunity to engage in fun activities in a structured game-inspired environment designed to foster communication, strategic thinking, reasoning, and problem solving skills.

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Winners for the "Spelling Bee of Champions" and the "Wee Bee"

On February 8, 2014 Orange Public Schools hosted the third annual "Spelling Bee of Champions". Students from first through seventh grades represented their schools, in grand style, by going multiple rounds and exhausting the word lists. New to the event this year was the "WEE BEE". Nine kindergarten students demonstrated their spelling readiness by successfully completing the Dolch sight word list. The older students spelled words like 'genoise', 'accouterment', and 'chimera'.

Parents and family were present and engaged in the bee, either cheering on or advocating for their super spellers. The battle was intense for the final three positions and an honorable mention went to 7th grader Antonio Leyva from Park Avenue School for his effort in competing for the top positions.

Forest Street is the home school for the third place winner overall, 7th grader Mageenah Dacy and Heywood claims bragging rights for the top two positions with 4th grader Duke Richman in second place and 7th grader Muhammad Haque claiming the victory by spelling 'isochronous'.

"The performance of our students was a testament to parental involvement, our focus on literacy, and our students' earnest desire to make us proud," said Ms. Erica Stewart, Administrator for Special Projects, who coordinates district academic challenges. Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, was especially proud of all of the participants, stating, "They are all winners!" Mr. Lee presided over the bee as one of the judges, along with Board President, Mrs. Patricia A. Arthur, and newly appointed Board member, Ms. Lateefah Carr. Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Paula Howard, served as "pronouncer".



Pictured (left to right) Board Member Lateefah Carr, Superintendent Lee, Board President Arthur, Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Howard.

Grade level winners and overall winners for the "Spelling Bee of Champions":

Grade	Name	School
1	Noah Hicks	Forest
2	Arielle Hamilton	Cleveland
3	Chase Holness	Heywood
4	Duke Richman	Heywood
5	Arissah Barnett	Cleveland
6	Kayla Howell	Park
7	Muhammad Haque	Heywood
3rd	Mageenah Dacy	Forest
2nd	Duke Richman	Heywood
1st	Muhammad Haque	Heywood



Pictured: Grade level winners with Superintendent Lee, Board Member, Ms. L. Carr and Board President Arthur.



Pictured: Wee Bee spellers with trophies (left and center); Superintendent Lee with grade level winners (right).



Pictured: Participants and grade level winners for the "Spelling Bee of Champion, along with Superintendent Lee.



Special Announcements



Orange High School's *Voices in Harmony (ViH)* invites you to join them as they celebrate 50 years of music history on February 28, 2014. Directed by Mr. David Milnes, ViH will bring the BEATLES to life on the OPA stage, in the tradition of Mr. Milnes' BEHIND THE CURTAIN series. Seating is

limited. (See flyer below)



The Orange Public School District will host its district-wide History Bee for future historians on Monday, March 31, 2014 at Lincoln Avenue School.



Rosa Parks Community School Students Collect Box Tops For Their School

Social Studies teacher, Mr. Andrew Coban, proudly reported to the Rosa Parks Community School (RPCS) family that students collected 2,314 "Box Tops" for the 2013-14 school year! He stated, "We exceeded our goal of \$100 and will earn a check, on April 15, for over \$230 to be spent on educational materials at Rosa Parks Community School. This could not have been accomplished without the coordination of many teachers. Hats off to us all!"

Per website detail, Box Tops for Education® is one of the nation's largest school fundraising loyalty programs and has been helping schools succeed since 1996. With over 250 participating products, it's an easy way for schools to earn cash for the things they need. [Click here for more information.](#)

Submitted by Andrew Coban, Grades 4/5 Social Studies Teacher



Pictured: RPCS student with "Box tops".



Celebrity Read at Rosa Parks Community School

On February 6, 2014 Rosa Parks celebrated Celebrity Read in partnership with The United Way of Essex and West Hudson County. Celebrity Read has touched the lives of thousands of students in communities in New Jersey, for over 20 years. All 954 students who attend Rosa Parks Community School from grades pre-K to seventh participated in this year's Celebrity read. Volunteers from the community, as well as, Montclair State University entered the classrooms to read to our students.

United Way of Essex and West Hudson's Community Impact Plan addresses issues that prioritize the creation of and investment in strategic collaborations to address our 10-year goals in education, income and health. One of the benchmarks in United Way's 10-year goal to decrease dropouts by 50% and increase graduation rates by 87% is to ensure that youth in our community are reading proficiently by 4th grade.

Reading proficiency by third grade is the most important predictor of high school graduation and career success. Celebrity Read is a "local legacy" literacy initiative that recruits volunteers to model their love of reading and the pursuit of education, as a pathway to success in elementary school classrooms.

*Submitted by Natasha Murphy M.A.Eds
Rosa Parks Central School Counselor- Grades 4-7*





Pictured: Principal Debra Joseph Charles with Celebrity Read Liaisons from the United Way, Roxan Harte-Enmore and Quinnetta Anderson.



Pictured: Various "Celebrity Readers" at RPCS.



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Also there to applaud the students for the art pieces they had in the Emerging Artists Exhibit were Superintendent Ronald C. Lee, Mrs. Belinda Scott Smiley, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Human Resources and Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, Mr. Peter Crosta (pictured left).



Pictured (left to right): Mr. Cosmillo, Melissa Isidore and Superintendent Lee, posing with Miss Isidore's artwork.

Mr. Peter Crosta, Co-Coordinator of the Emerging Artist Exhibit, along with Ms. Margaret El, Vice Principal of Arts High School in Newark, announced Merit Award recipients. Ms. El presented certificates to each participant.



Pictured (left to right): Ms. Margaret El with Melissa Isidore; Ms. El with Manuel Palma.









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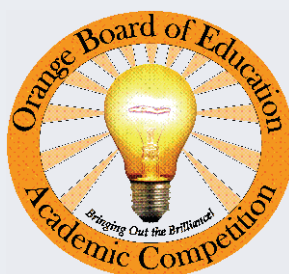
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Voices in Harmony Presents
Behind The Curtain
concert series featuring

“The Music of the Beatles”

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28TH AT ORANGE PREPATORY ACADEMY

SESSION ONE 5:30 - 6:30

SESSION TWO 7:00 – 8:00

~ TICKETS \$10 ~

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 in a night club setting. Refreshments will be served. Help the award winning *Voices in Harmony* as we fundraise for our next competition.



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Cleveland Street School Shows Success with *Readorium*®



Cleveland Street Elementary School is participating in the *Readorium* for the second year. Students are enjoying the web-based software program and are improving their reading applications overall. The students are motivated by rewards through *Readorium*, as well as recognition from their science teacher, Ms. Pamela Davis, in the form of a pizza party or gift cards. "So far, as of Feb. 12, 2014, we have 16 millionaire students, one 2 millionaire student and one 3 millionaire student participating in *Readorium*," said Ms. Davis. "Students come upstairs during lunch or after school to complete extra science non-fiction articles."



Kanija Stephens (shown above) states, "*Readorium* is a very fascinating website. It helps children build up their reading level. It helps the brain grow stronger, with these interesting topics to read."



Da'Naya Rollins (shown above) states, "*Readorium* is a fun and educational website. I would love to keep learning about our Earth and what's in it."

The Orange Public School District was selected to nationally field test *Readorium* during the 2012-2013 school year. *Readorium* is aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards, part of the Common Core State Standards that have been adopted by the state of NJ.

Per its website, *Readorium* is described as follows:

***Readorium*® by Mtelegence**, funded by US Department of Education Small Business Innovative Research grants, is a "smart" web-based software program that teaches middle school students how to construct deep meaning from science text. *Readorium* is aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards and Common Core's increased focus on informational text. Online guides lead students through interactive strategy lessons and content reading, helping them become self-reliant readers as they proceed.

To learn more about *Readorium* visit www.readorium.com.

Submitted by Pamela Davis, Science Teacher



Wipro Science Education Fellowships Offered to Orange Teachers

The Wipro Science Education Fellowship (SEF) is a two-year program for dedicated K-12 science teachers with a desire to grow and learn as educators and leaders. The fellowship was again being offered to teachers in five local school districts: Clifton, Kearny, Montclair, Orange and Paramus, through Montclair State University (MSU). Teachers selected would join the second cohort group for September 2014.

The Wipro SEF program was introduced in Orange during the 2012 – 2013 school year. The first group selected and celebrated in June of 2013 included:

Teacher/Grade	School	Program Content Area
Maria Beaghen/4th	Park Avenue	Biology
Iesha Fennell/ 3rd-5th	Cleveland Street	Environmental & Earth Science
Alison Trapani/4th	Forest Street	Physics



Pictured: 2013 Fellowship participants at Montclair State University celebration in June (from MSU website).

Superintendent of Schools, Ronald C. Lee sent communications to staff members with a flyer, informing all interested and eligible teachers to apply for the fellowship. "This is a wonderful opportunity for our teachers," said Mr. Lee. "An opportunity that will benefit our students and other science educators in Orange."

Teachers in the Orange Public School District were encouraged to apply for the fellowship with the following promotional detail:

Benefits:

- Create and support a corps of teachers and leaders.
- Institute a culture of active and reflective instruction.
- Improve teacher quality through vertical alignment within content and horizontal alignment within grade bands.
- Provide professional development to improve student achievement.
- Receive a \$10,000 stipend for two-year participation.

Wipro Science Education Fellows will:

- Develop collaborative relationships with teachers across content areas, grades, and districts.
- Create and carry out individualized growth plans.
- Reflect and improve teaching practices through action research.
- Observe other teachers' lessons and give feedback; receive peer feedback on lessons.
- Sharpen communication skills.
- Become teacher leaders in their schools and districts.

Wipro Ltd., a leading global IT company, sponsors the Wipro SEF program. Per the MSU website:

The Wipro SEF program is a teacher-leadership program that supports experienced K to 12 science teachers to deepen their practice while staying in the classroom. The program uses a model of teacher support and development to increase the capacity of teacher-leadership in their respective districts. This model includes a comprehensive set of activities designed to enhance teachers' abilities to increase achievement in science for underperforming students.

The program at Montclair State University is in partnership with the University of Massachusetts, Boston. The two universities will run parallel programs in northern New Jersey and the Boston area, extending the community of participating teachers to these areas.



Jazz at Heywood for Black History Month

On February 24, Heywood Avenue enjoyed a distinguished jazz performance in celebration of Black History Month. Mr. Rudy Walker, a jazz percussionist, and his jazz quartet, sponsored by the Jazz Foundation of America, shared their background with new fans and passed on valuable lessons about America's only original art form, jazz. His quartet (pictured on the right) included Belden Bullock on bass, saxophonist Joe Ford and Greg Murphy on piano. All are accomplished jazz performers who delighted this young audience. They opened with a ballad by Duke Ellington, "In A Sentimental Mood", played Wayne Shorter's "Foot Print" and ended with a lively blues performance of Thelonius Monk's "Straight No Chaser".



This was a special occasion for Mr. Walker, as well as the students. He is a resident of Orange and alumnus of Orange High School who graduated in 1965. Mr. Walker was thrilled to work with the Orange school district to share his wealth of knowledge and talent with the children of his community. He recounted for the students how he took music lessons on Saturday mornings at Orange High School, answering questions students asked about his craft, career and creative differences.

Mr. Walker's participation was due in part to long time crossing guard and lunch aid, Ms. Carol Murray who helped to coordinate the day with music teachers Ms. Jessica Garofano and Ms. Erin-Leigh VanOrden. They worked through the Jazz Foundation of America's Jazz & Blues in the Schools program to have the musicians perform.

The program preserves the legacy of jazz and blues by introducing the art form to public school children, while supporting musicians who shaped this music legacy.

The concert spawned new jazz enthusiasts. The vocal and music students were captivated and asked interesting questions of the musicians. One student earnestly asked, "Do you have artistic differences." Mr. Walker answered that they don't, adding that they usually work things out. He went on the discuss opening with a ballad, stating it is usually difficult because ballads warrant close attention.



Pictured: Mr. Rudy Walker



Pictured: Mr. Belden Bullock (left) and Mr. Joe Ford (right).



Pictured (left to right): Mr. Walker, Ms. Carol Murray, unidentified student (front), Mr. Murphy.

At the conclusion of the concert, many students asked for autographs, knowing that they had listened to great, well-versed instrumentalists.



Pictured: Mr. Greg Murphy.



Registration for Preschool



The Special Programs Department, Office of Early Childhood Education, has scheduled preschool registration for: Monday, March 3, Wednesday, March 5, Tuesday – Thursday, March 11, 12 and 13, from 3 – 7 PM, at the Orange Early Childhood Center, located at 397 Park Avenue.

See flyer below for registration requirements for Orange preschoolers who will be 3 or 4 years old by October 1, 2014.



The Community Room Re-opens at Rosa Parks Community School



Ms. Kory Saunders (pictured left), site coordinator for the Community School at the Rosa Parks Community School (RPCS) hosted a grand re-opening of the Community Room on February 12. The event invited families to "Come enjoy the room and feel connected with our school."

Ms. Saunders explained that the goal of the Community School is to secure resources for families and promote student success. The room itself is to provide a place where families come to engage and feel connected with the school community. She pointed out areas in the room that provide a safe and comfortable:

- Place to facilitate onsite seminars for advancing student achievement
- Meeting space for children
- Area for computer access and language learning support.



The re-opening event featured a catered breakfast, lunch and snacks provided by Orange High School culinary arts students. Parents were asked to fill out a questionnaire and complete meet and greet activities. They were introduced to AmeriCorps staff that supports the Community School: Cieola NeSmith, Mutahanna Peacock, Michelle Toledo, Katlynn Bennett and Daphkar Lahens. They are part of the Education, Environment and Community Outreach (EEO) AmeriCorps Program provided through the New Jersey Commission on National and Community Service in partnership with Montclair State University. These EEO AmeriCorps members have committed to in-school and after-school academic support at RPCS, as well as the Oakwood Avenue Community School.

Also on hand for the re-opening were the Community School Administrator/Assistant Principal, Mr. Dennis Peterson, RPCS Principal Debra Joseph-Charles, Assistant Principal Isabel Colon, Ms. Suzanne Falk, Community School teacher liaison and intern Carin Leiva. Guests included Superintendent Ronald C. Lee and Special Programs Director, Ms. Candace Goldstein.



Pictured: (Above and left): Scenes from RPCS Re-opening event.



Pictured (left to right): Ms. NeSmith, Assistant Principal Colon, Principal Joseph-Charles, Ms. Peacock, Ms. Lahens, Michelle Toledo, Superintendent Lee, Ms. Saunders, Assistant Principal Peterson, Ms. Bennett and Director Goldstein.



February Board of Education Meeting Highlights



Students from Lincoln Avenue School hosted the February 11, 2014 Board of Education meeting. Two members of the Dance Ensemble (pictured left) opened the meeting with the flag salute. Before the dancers took to the stage, to entertain the audience, Oakwood Avenue School students performed

several pieces planned for a previous board meeting postponed due to inclement weather.

Lincoln's strings students, under the direction of Ms. Beulah Cox, received enthusiastic applause for their musical talents. After which, there was a drama presentation, directed by Mr. Michael Seidel, and brief remarks by Principal Robert Pettit before closing with the Oakwood School song.

Following Oakwood's presentation, Lincoln Avenue School's dance students under the direction of Michelle Rosolen, did several numbers. The audience was captivated by the choreography and student abilities. Principal Denise White concluded their program with thanks to students, families and staff.



Pictured: Scenes from Lincoln's performance.

Following the school presentations, Superintendent Lee and Board President Patricia A. Arthur recognized the Superintendent's Student of the Month (SOTM) for January. On a monthly basis, students are recognized for exemplary behavior, academics and citizenship by their school (students are recognized for the previous month's actions).

The following students were presented with certificates:

Student	School
Kayla Wallace	Orange High School
Cornelius Aladeniyi	Orange Preparatory Academy
Shyheim Tyson	Career and Innovation Academy of Orange
Moises Voltaire	Cleveland Street School
Sabrina Israel	Rosa Parks Central Community School
Tamyra Rumble	Park Avenue School
Makaela Lewis	Heywood Avenue School
Naomi Craig	Forest Street School
Jireh Gomez	Oakwood Avenue School
Curtis Mark	Lincoln Avenue School



Pictured: Scenes from Oakwood's performance.

Parent of the Month -



Pictured (left to right): Principal White, Mr. Lopez, Mrs. Lopez (center), Board President Arthur and Superintendent Lee.

Lincoln's Parent of the Month was Mrs. Adriana Lopez. She has two boys that attend Lincoln Avenue School, Jonathan and Kevin. Mrs. Lopez volunteers to help with school events and also provides needed supplies for the classroom. She is very giving and kind to all the children and always makes sure that students who don't have supplies receive them. She looks out for her own children and seeks to make the classroom environment more comfortable for all the students. She is delightful to work with and is always willing to lend a helping hand. The Lincoln Avenue School family was happy to recognize Mrs. Lopez for her outstanding service and her commitment to the students at Lincoln.

New Board Member Introduced -

Board of Education President Patricia Arthur introduced new Board of Education member, Ms. Lateefah Carr. Ms. Carr informed the meeting attendees that she was a graduate of Orange High School and expressed her commitment to serve the community. Ms. Carr is pictured left.



Pictured: Lincoln's SOTM with parent, Principal White, Mrs. Arthur and Superintendent Lee.



Pictured: Orange High School's SOTM with Co-Principal Alcantara, Mrs. Arthur and Superintendent Lee.



The Mighty Tornadoes Basketball and Wrestling Teams



Mohammed Abdelaziz, Vice Principal of Athletics at Orange High School, is pleased to announce that the Boys and Girls Basketball teams have qualified for the state tournament! The boys are seeded 5th and the girls are seeded 4th.

Orange High School will be host a double header on Monday, March 3, 2014. The girls will play Warren Hills High School at 5:00 p.m. and the boys will play West Morris High School at 7:00 p.m. "Please come out in your **black** and **orange** to support both the boys and girls basketball programs. The two teams have done a fabulous job this year. I'm looking forward to seeing the Orange Pride."

Further, the Boys Basketball Team and Wrestling Team are the 2013-2014 Conference Co-Champions within their divisions. "Both programs this winter have done an excellent job and continue to represent OHS throughout the County and the State of New Jersey," said Mr. Abdelaziz.

Additionally, the following members of the Tornadoes Boys Wrestling team, Ariel Salazar, Shaquan Pridgen, and Von Israel are congratulated for placing in the District wrestling tournament on February 22.



Save the Date for "GREASE" – Thursday, March 27, Friday, March 28 and Saturday, March 29, 2014

Grease
A 50's ROCK 'N ROLL MUSICAL
Orange HS
Orange Prep

March 27-28: 7 pm
March 29: 2 & 7 pm
Call 973-677-4000
ext. 5665

Advanced Tickets: \$7.00
Senior/Student: \$5
TICKETS AT THE DOOR: \$10.00



Ronald McDonald Encourages Students at Rosa Parks Community School to Adopt a "Can Do Attitude"



On February 25, Ronald McDonald visited Rosa Parks Community School for a special assembly, "You're The Star". In the program, Ronald used upbeat songs, an interactive video, gags and a game show format to emphasize the importance of a "CAN DO ATTITUDE".

Ronald called on the audience to demonstrate key messages about each of us being special and unique, that being different is okay, and that you can do almost anything if you believe in yourself. He selected students based on their "smiles", had the audience cheer on participants and sing along with him.

The program, coordinated by Ms. Cindy Pagano, K-3 Guidance Counselor, was entertaining and educational, reinforcing positive behavior among students.





Pictured: Scenes from the program are show above.



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Supreme Cook's Poster Takes a Ride



Lincoln Avenue 7th grader, Supreme Cook, was one of the winners of the "What Keeps You Drug and Alcohol Free?" poster contest, sponsored by the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Team (ADAPT). Essex County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo, Jr. announced his achievement in August of 2013. Supreme won second place in the Middle School category for his entry.

His poster was recently captured on a NJ Transit Bus and is pictured to the left.

As stated in an article, published in the **Independent Press**, on August 10, 2013, the goal of the poster contest was to promote drug and alcohol free lifestyles for youths. It was open to students in Essex County in grades 6 to 12, and 59 student artists participated. The judges for the contest were:

- Assembly Speaker Sheila Y. Oliver, Assemblywoman LD 34
- Mrs. Carla Helb, West Orange Student Assistance Coordinator
- Mr. Mike Marlborough, Artistic Director of Orng Ink

The article, which can be found on nj.com, featured the photo (shown left) by Glen Frieson. The caption to the image read, as follows:

Essex County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo, Jr. (center) congratulates Orange Resident, Supreme Cook (left) and West Orange Resident, Lorenzo Jiles (right), the 1st and 2nd place middle school division winners of the "What Keeps You Drug and Alcohol Free?" poster contest sponsored by the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Team (ADAPT). The goal of the poster contest is to increase awareness and promote drug and alcohol free lifestyles for the youth. The contest was open to Essex County students grades 6 through 12. The winners artwork will become posters the will be displayed on NJ Transit buses. (Photo by Glen Frieson)

Congratulations to Supreme Cook for his positive artwork. To see his poster visit: <http://www.essexadapt.org/postercontestwinners/>.





Lincoln Lobby Art Opening

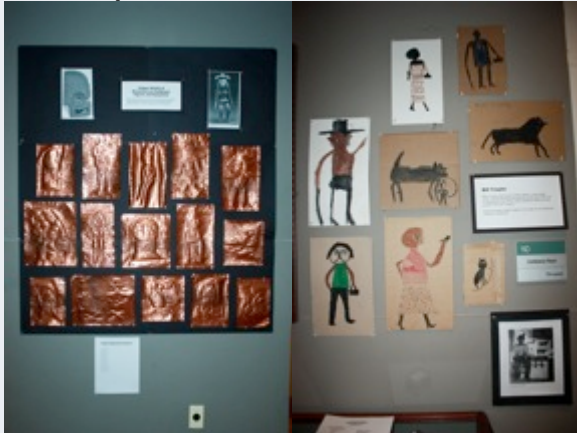
The rescheduled monthly Board of Education art opening on February 12 drew strong attendance, in between snow days. The lobby was full with anxious students, admiring family members and school staff, as Lincoln Avenue School showed wonderful artwork created by students from K through grade 7. Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, Mr. Peter Crosta, welcomed students, parents and staff to the monthly event that acknowledges the talents of the district's young artists. Mrs. Belinda Scott Smiley, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent for Operations and Human Resources, also greeted students. Principal Denise White congratulated her students and commended the families for their support. Art educators, Ms. Janelle Kennedy and Ms. Sue Kasdon introduced their students, calling each to accept their certificate of achievement.

The art exhibit featured artwork inspired by several African American artists including clay heads, inspired by William Ellsworth Artis and folk art inspired by Bill Taylor a former slave who began painting at 85. Also on display were oil pastels, mixed media still life and copper reliefs.

Each month, a school exhibits student art pieces at the Board of Education office. On Wednesday, March 5, Rosa Parks Community School will host the art opening. The show will be on display through the end on the month. The board office is located at 451 Lincoln Avenue. The building hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Pictured: Ms. Kasdon, Ms. Kennedy, Ms. White, Mr. Crosta and Mrs. Smiley.



Pictured: Copper Reliefs by 5th graders; Drawings on cardboard by 2nd graders.



Pictured: Scenes from Lincoln's Art Opening



Pictured: Scene from Lincoln's Art Opening



Pictured: Students with their certificates, principal and art teachers at Lincoln's Art Opening.

Calendar of Events

March 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3  Tornadoes Girls Basketball game @5 PM, Boys Basketball game @ 7 PM, at OHS	4 High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA)	5 High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA) RPCS Board Lobby Art Reception, 5:30 PM (PreK-1), 7:00 PM (Grades 2 – 7)	6 High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA)	7	8
9  Daylight saving time starts at 2 a.m. Clocks should be turned forward one hour	10 Progress Reports Sent Home	11 HSPA Make-up Testing Monthly Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 PM OPA Auditorium	12 HSPA Make-up Testing	13 HSPA Make-up Testing	14	15
16	17 Departmental Meetings (2:30 PM Dismissal for Students)	18	19 Pre-K-12 Articulation (12:30 PM Dismissal for Students)	20 District Professional Development Day Staff Only (Schools Closed for Students) 	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 OEA Meeting 2:30 PM Dismissal  7 PM at OPA	28 Father's Reading Club – (Check with home schools for more information) Kids in Concert at Long Branch High School  7 PM at OPA	29 Orange HS Spring Musical Production, 2 PM and 7 PM  2 & 7 PM at OPA
30	31 District History Bee Grades 5-9 					

For Additional Events and Activities:

- See flyers below for coming attractions and visit the district's website at www.orange.k12.nj.us
- For Orange High School Athletic events visit: [Tornadoes In Action](#), on the Orange High School website.
- For District Academic Competitions visit the: [Academic Competition Experience webpage on the district website.](#)

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Bogolan Cloth, Michaela Baskerville, grade 7

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Assistant Principal:
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Art Instructor:

Debra Joseph-Charles
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