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HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

FROM THE ORANGE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT



Heywood Avenue School Welcomes the New Year with a Creative Art Display at the Board of Education Building



Pictured: Scenes from Heywood Avenue School's Art Opening

The cold weather did not keep proud parents and excited students from attending the monthly Board of Education art opening on January 8. The lobby was packed with admiring guests, as Heywood Avenue School unveiled wonderful artwork created by students from pre-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. Principal Karen Machuca congratulated her students and commended the families for their support. Art educator, Ms. Kelly Grzesiak introduced her students, calling each to accept their certificate of achievement. The art exhibit features watercolors, collages and various mixed media works with seasonal themes. The show will be on display at the Board of Education office, located at 451 Lincoln Avenue, through the end on the month. The building hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.



He Said, She Said Competition Rescheduled for Monday, January 27, 2014

He Said, She Said



The **He Said, She Said** Public Speaking competition for students in grades 3 – 7 has been rescheduled for Monday, January 27, 2014, at Lincoln Avenue School, at 6:00 p.m. Students in grades 3 – 7

will compete in 3 categories: Prepared Speech, Extemporaneous Speech and Technology Assisted Speech.

The competition encourages students to do research on topical issues, develop rich dialogue and communicate effectively. **He Said, She Said** gives students the opportunity to combine their theatrical talents and flair for making and refuting claims, in captivating presentations and through convincing arguments.

All participants will deliver speeches or presentations without the assistance of note cards or hard copy for this second annual event.

Category winners and overall school champions will be selected based on accumulated scores.

For more information, email Ms. Erica Stewart, Administrator for Special Projects, at stewarer@orange.k12.nj.us or visit www.orange.k12.nj.us.

(See flyer below)



Voices in Harmony Wins 4th Annual Christmas Concert Choir Contest



Congratulations to David C. Milnes and Orange High School's Voices in Harmony (VIH) choir for winning First Place in the NJ 101.5 FM Radio 4th Annual Christmas

"They have always been in our annual contest from the inception and they have come so, so close to winning and now, after 80,000 votes, they are the official winners. I remember when they came to the studio and sang live on the air and I was so moved by their performance. I knew they had it in them to win this and they did!! I'm just so happy for them," said Mrs. DeFranco. Superintendent of Schools Ronald C. Lee applauded Mr. Milnes and the students of VIH. "I'm so proud of you and your representation of what the students of Orange can accomplish," he said.

Concert Choir contest. VIH won \$1,000.00 and a new piano for Orange High School.

Mr. Milnes and the students would like to thank all the people who took the time to go to the NJ1015.com website and cast their ballots for the performance.

The contest winners were announced on the radio station's December 23 Dennis and Judy show. Co-host Judy DeFranco was proud and happy for Orange High School.

To hear the award winning performance, visit <http://nj1015.com/category/christmas-choir/>.



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Saturday Arts Academy Offers 14-Week Program in Music, Dance and Visual Arts

Orange Public Schools
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At Lincoln Avenue
School

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- May 3, 10, 17

Students in the program are also invited to participate in the June 7 Hat City Streets Festival, under the supervision of a parent.

Through ValleyArts, well known arts professionals will take part in the Saturday Arts Academy. The area of music will be led by nationally regarded musician/producer and founder of the South Orange International Blues Festival, Mike Griot, along with music teacher, Peter Abazia. In the area of visual arts, Diedra Harris-Kelly, artist and co-director of the Romare Bearden Foundation in Harlem, along with art instructor, Avril Bogle, will be the artistic leader. The dance section of the Saturday Arts Academy will be led by choreographer and dancer Tiffany Taylor, working in consultation with Deborah Rembert, district dance educator and director of the Orange Dance Conservatory.

The cost of the 14-week program is \$45 per student and \$25 for each additional child from the same household. The fee includes classes in all three subjects. This fun-filled program will give participants more depth and breadth in dance, music, and the visual arts. Private 30 minute music lessons are also available for \$290 for 14 weeks and an adult Zumba Exercise Group will be available from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m., for a fee of \$5 payable at each class session.

Interested parents and students should register now, as class sizes are limited. In person registration will take place on the first day of classes, from 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Parents must be present to complete additional forms and to make payment in cash or via money orders, payable to ValleyArts.

For more information or to register online with a Visa or MasterCard, visit www.valleyartsnj.com/saturdayarts. The Saturday Arts Academy coordinator, Marianne Mroz can also be contacted for additional information at mrozmari@orange.k12.nj.us or visit www.orange.k12.nj.us.

ValleyArts' participation is made possible in part by the National Endowment for the Arts.

The partnership with the Orange Public Schools also includes two In-School Residencies in February, featuring instruction by Reg. E. Gaines, a two-time Tony nominee (lyricist and book: *Bring in Da Noise, Bring in Da Funk*) and Mike Griot.

(See flyer below)



Park Avenue Winter Performing Arts Concert

The Park Avenue Winter Concert opened with warm greetings from Dr. Myron Hackett, Principal.

First to perform was the Park Avenue Band directed by Mr. Thaddeus Hammond. The beginning band members played a "Winter Medley" and "Fuego" followed by the more seasoned band members expertly playing several selections including "We Three Kings" and "The Flintstones".

Vocal instructor, Mr. Paul Stephan, led the second part of the program. He directed the kindergarten and first grade students who entertained with two selections including "Kookaburra". They were followed by the second and third grade students also singing two selections including "Let's Go Fly a Kite", with students holding kites to illustrate the song. The Park Avenue Chorus closed out the night performance with several holiday songs and a pop hit "Royals", which drew loud applause.



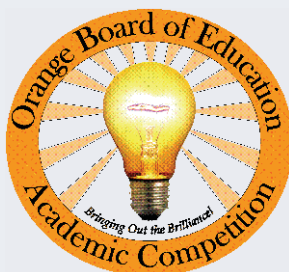
Pictured: Scenes from Park Avenue School's Winter Concert

Calendar of Events

January 2014

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesd | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|-----------|--|--|--|---|---|-----------|
| | | | 1 New Years Day District Closed Happy New Year  Best Wishes | 2 District Reopens | 3  Snow Day! District Closed | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Heywood Avenue Board Lobby Art Reception, 6 PM | 9 Park Avenue Performing Arts Winter Concert, 6 PM | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 OPA Winter Music Concert 7PM | 14 Monthly Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 PM OPA Auditorium | 15 RPCS, School-wide Art Exhibit 4 PM (See flyer below) | 16 OHS Winter Music Concert 7PM at OPA | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20  Martin Luther King Jr. Day District Closed | 21 CIAO, OPA, OHS (Grades 8 – 12) Midterms | 22 CIAO, OPA, OHS (Grades 8 – 12) Midterms | 23 CIAO, OPA, OHS (Grades 8 – 12) Midterms Joint Elementary Winter Dance Concert 7PM at OPA | 24 CIAO, OPA, OHS (Grades 8 – 12) Midterms | 25 |
| 26 | 27 He Said, She Said Public Speaking Competition, 6PM Lincoln Ave. School Departmental Meetings - 2:30 PM Dismissal for Students | 28 Lincoln Avenue Winter Concert 6 PM | 29 Marking Period 2 Ends | 30 OHS/OPA Joint Winter Dance Concert, 7:00 PM at OPA Marking Period 3 Begins | 31 Father's Reading Club – (Check with home schools for more information) Pre-K-12 Articulation Day - 12:30 PM Dismissal for Students | |

**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.**



See flyer below for district academic competitions or visit:
[Academic Competition Experience webpage on the district website.](#)



Orange Township Public Schools
 Visual & Performing Arts Department
2013-14 CALENDAR OF EVENTS
 Revised January 10, 2014



| Date | Event | Time | Location |
|-------------------|--|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Jan 13, 2014 | OPA Winter Music Concert | 7:00 PM | Orange Prep Academy Auditorium |
| Jan 15, 2014 | Rosa Parks Central School-wide Art Exhibit | 4:00 PM | RPCCS Hallway (1 st Floor) |
| Jan 16, 2014 | OHS Winter Music Concert | 7:00 PM | Orange Prep Academy Auditorium |
| Jan 23, 2014 | Joint Elementary Winter Dance Concert | 7:00 PM | Orange Prep Academy Auditorium |
| Jan 28, 2014 | Lincoln Avenue Winter Concert | 6:00 PM | Lincoln Avenue Gymnatorium |
| Jan 30, 2014 | OPA/OHS Joint Winter Dance Concert | 7:00 PM | Orange Prep Academy Auditorium |
| Feb 5, 2014 | Lincoln Avenue Lobby Art Reception | 6:00 PM | Administrative Building |
| Mar 5, 2014 | Rosa Parks Central Lobby Art Reception | 5:30 PM 7:00 PM | Administrative Building |
| Mar 27 & 28, 2014 | Orange HS Spring Musical GREASE | 7:00 PM | Orange Prep Academy Auditorium |
| Mar 29, 2014 | Orange HS Spring Musical GREASE | 2:00 PM 7:00 PM | Orange Prep Academy Auditorium |



**Please join us for
Rosa Parks Community School's**

STUDENT ART SHOW

**Wednesday January 15, 2014
4:00—6:00 PM**

**369 Main Street, Orange, NJ
First Floor Lobby**

**Debra Joseph-Charles—Principal
Isabel Colon—Assistant Principal
Dennis Peterson—Assistant Principal**

Agnieszka Wszolkowska—Art Instructor

Jada Codner Grade 5

WE ARE TAKING
MEASURES FOR
STUDENT GROWTH



O
Orange Board of
Education
Academic Competiton

Invitation to
Participate



Orange Board of
Education
Academic Competiton
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

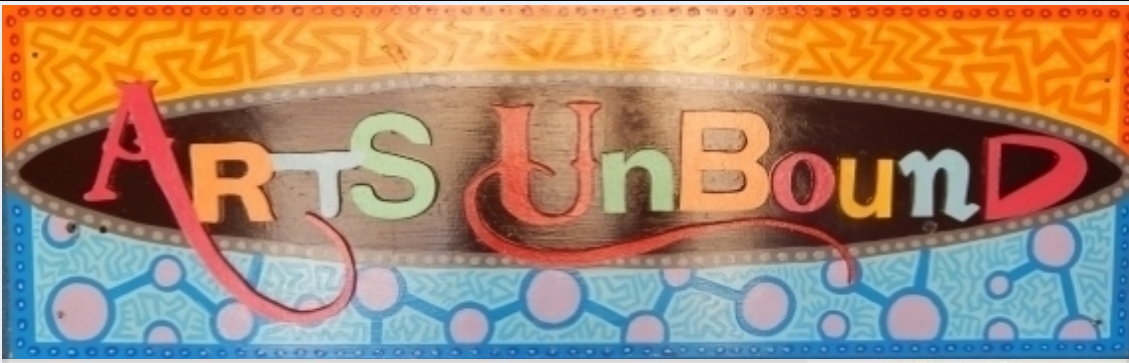
TRYMathlon 1-3 4/28/14*

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

973-677-4000 EXT 6038
stewarer@orange.k12.nj.us



Live Auction to Benefit a Great Cause

On Saturday, January 18, **The Stefanie Garwin Gallery at Arts Unbound** will host a live auction to benefit the organization. The auction will feature a number of artworks from renowned artists such as Salvador Dali, Jonathon Talbot, Joan Miro, and Moses Soyer along with work from our own gallery artists.

Proceeds from the auction will help keep our doors open but more importantly, allow us to continue our mission of working to improve the lives of a population that is often under-served.

We hope you will join us!

Date: Saturday, January 18, 2014

Time: 6pm-9pm

Location: Arts Unbound gallery at 544 Freeman Street, Orange NJ 07050



learn about arts unbound



For more information, visit www.artsunbound.org

Orange Public Schools
& ValleyArts
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SATURDAY ARTS ACADEMY

At Lincoln Avenue
School

216 Lincoln Avenue
Orange, NJ

AGES:

5 and up

through all grade levels.

No prior experience necessary.
All students participate in all
three subjects each Saturday.

DATES OF SESSION:

January 25; February 1, 8, 15;
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29;
April 5, 12; May 3, 10, 17
June 7 Hat City Streets Festival

FEES:

\$45 for 14-week session
includes all three classes
(music, dance & visual arts)
\$25 for each additional child
from same household

Fun-filled Programs Organized by Age in Music, Dance & Visual Arts

Saturdays, January 25 - May 17, 9am to 12pm

ART Led by Romare Bearden
Foundation director Diedra Harris-
Kelley, with Avril Bogle

Through the lens of modern artist
Romare Bearden's life and work, we
will explore history and culture in
relationship to art — including engage-
ment with music, literature, language
and social change. Students will
express and expand their ideas
through collage, drawing, and other
techniques of visual literacy.

MUSIC Led by Jazz/Blues
musician Mike Griot, with Peter Abazia

Nationally regarded musician/producer
and Orange native Mike Griot reveals
the trajectory of American music
through the Blues and Jazz while
expanding basic understanding of
rhythm, melody, and composition.
Students will also create their own
music using unlikely objects as instru-
ments and their lives as inspiration.

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DANCE Led choreographer and
teacher Tiffany Taylor in consultation
with Deborah Rembert

This energetic and participatory series
introduces young people to how
movement and dance form a powerful
non-verbal language spoken the world
over. Included among the techniques
taught are jazz, modern, tap, ballet,
and martial arts — all designed for
maximum engagement by boys and
girls alike.

PLUS Featured assemblies
led by Mike Griot, Diedra Harris-Kelley,
and Tiffany Taylor

PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS

By appointment only / Grades 1 — adult
\$290 for 14 weeks / 30-minute lesson
Onsite registration only.

ZUMBA

Adult ZUMBA Exercise Group
9:15-10:15am for adults only
Weekly fee of \$5 cash (*paid each class session*)

REGISTRATION

ONLINE: valleyartsnj.com/saturdayarts  

IN PERSON: Saturday, January 25, 2014 from 8:30-9:00am.

PLEASE NOTE: Parents must be present the first day to complete additional forms.
Class sizes are limited. Contact Mrs. Mroz @ 973-677-4130
or mrozmari@orange.k12.nj.us for more information.

Office Use Only:

Received by _____

\$ _____

Cash Money order

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

School: _____

Phone: _____

Cash / Money Orders (*payable to ValleyArts*)



ORANGE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Administration Building
451 Lincoln Avenue Orange, New Jersey 07050
Tel: (973) 677-4015
Website: <http://www.orange.k12.nj.us>

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Superintendent of Schools
Jacquelyn Blanton
Supervisor of Early Childhood

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Director of Special Programs

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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REQUISITOS:

- 3 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/13
- 4 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/13
- 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

SI USTED ESTA PREOCUPADO POR QUE SU HIJO/HIJA ESTA DESARROLLANDO ALGUN PROBLEMA DE APRENDISAJE O APRENDIENDO DIFERENTE FAVOR DE CONTACTAR AL DEPARTAMENTO DE SERVICIOS ESPECIALES EN EL DISRITO.



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January 17, 2014

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**In Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
The Orange Public School District will be closed
Monday, January 20, 2014**

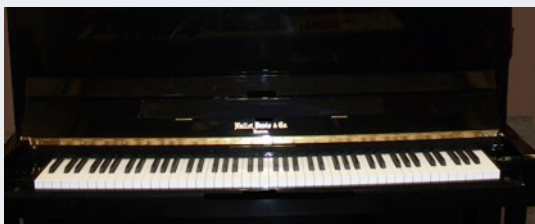


"I have a dream . . ."

(Artwork by students at Orange Preparatory Academy, under the direction of art instructor, Mrs. Irene Mayson)



Voices in Harmony Receives Piano for 4th Annual Christmas Concert Choir Contest



On January 15, 2014, Mr. David C. Milnes and Orange High School's Voices in Harmony

(VIH) choir received a new piano, curtesy of [Worldwide Piano](#) of Edison, NJ, for Orange High School. Worldwide's representative, Mr. Rick Aquino, was on-hand for the presentation to the choir. Also present was Mr. Dan Specht, Promotions Coordinator, for NJ 101.5 FM Radio, Mr. Peter Crosta, Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts and student teacher, Mr. Anthony Delany from Seton Hall University.

The piano was part of the prize the choir received for winning the radio station's *4th Annual Christmas Choir Contest*.

Receiving the gift follows a presentation made to the choir at the monthly Board of Education Meeting on January 14.

At the meeting, Superintendent Ronald C. Lee was joined by Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, Mr. Peter Crosta, in acknowledging the choir for their accomplishment and for representing the school and the district in this 4th annual event. The 15 students who took part in the contest were recognized and presented with a certificate of achievement. They are:

**Cyrain Anderson
Marlena Brown
Sarahnia Casseus
Bashli Clary
Serena Constant**

**Alisone Jacques
Serena Martin
Tarayah McGrill
Reginald Miles
Gilda Nicolas**

**Chinwendu Obi
Clinton Obi
Jaidia Taylor
Tyler Taylor
Avionne Wallace**

Mr. Milnes, who was unable to attend the board meeting, received his certificate from Mr. Crosta during the presentation of the piano.

Superintendent Lee stated, "I am proud of our students and their teacher for the effort they put forth in winning this contest." The presentation also included a 2-minute video presentation prepared by Mr. Crosta, with a special congratulation from the radio station and a preview of the winning song. The video can be viewed at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WE5iW0miPKE&feature=youtu.be>



Pictured above: Mr. Milnes shakes hands with Mr. R. Aquino from Worldwide Piano; Mr. Milnes poses with Voices In Harmony; Mr. Crosta, Mr. Milnes, Mr. Aquino and Mr. D. Specht pose with Voices In Harmony.



Pictured above: Voices In Harmony receives certificates from Superintendent Lee and Supervisor Crosta.



Pictured above: Mr. Milnes with student teacher Anthony Delany.



Orange Preparatory Academy Winter Performing Arts Concert

The Orange Preparatory Academy Winter Concert opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance" followed by the "Star Spangled Banner" sung by Ananda Guerrier and Faille Milrod and "Lift Every Voice and Sing" sung by Anessa Larathe.

The opening was a prelude for the Orange Preparatory Academy Chorus, directed by Mr. Peter Abazia. The students sang three selections before finishing with "Can You Hear" featuring Moesha Isador and Alice Agyekum. Brandon Creary and Andrew Moiett accompanied them on drums.

Drama director, Tash O'Neal presented Pearl Cleage's "We Speak Your Names", interpreted by Tatyana Clarke, Rajene Jones and Shannon Lake.

The Orange Preparatory Academy Concert Band directed by Dorcas Robinson added more music with several selections including "America the Beautiful" and a "Minuet" (Solo and Piano Accompaniment) featuring Herbert Villata and Rueben Morales.

The concert concluded with closing remarks from Principal Darrell Medley.



Pictured: Scenes from Orange Preparatory Academy's Winter Concert



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Orange Public Library Re-opened on January 13, 2014



On January 13, 2014, the City of Orange Township Public Library was reopened with a free public ceremony hosted by Mayor Dwayne D. Warren (pictured left), Esq. Students from Rosa Parks Community School participated in the ceremony and were the first student visitors to the library.



The event began with a ribbon cutting ceremony on the steps of the Library. Zara Hawkins cut the ribbon with help from Mayor Warren, the new Orange Library Director Timur Davis, Superintendent of Schools Ronald C. Lee, Library board members, Candace Goldstein, also Director of Special Programs for the district, and Mrs. Paula Desormes, Councilman Elroy Corbitt and others (pictured top right).

The program introduced the public to Mr. Davis and several noted speakers commented on the reopening of the library including Mayor Warren who was pleased to report that necessary repairs were made to make the facility safe for public use. Essex County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo also addressed the audience, expressing his support for providing additional funds for the Orange Public Library.



Orange Library Director Timur Davis (pictured left) stated in a recent press release, "We are delighted the Orange Public Library is reopening. We have a very aggressive agenda. There is a list of activities that will enhance the overall operation culturally, as well as provide the diversity of services and options that

will make Orange residents proud. It's a new day and a very exciting time for the library."



Among the guests attending the ceremony were Board of Education Vice President Mr. Arthur Griffa and Board President Patricia Arthur. They are pictured left with Essex County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo and

Superintendent of Schools Ronald Lee.

Pictured: (Top two photos) Ribbon cutting; (third photo) Rosa Parks Community School students; (bottom photo) OPL Board President, Ms. Tyshammie Cooper and board member, Ms. Esney Sharpe.



Forest Partners with the Orange High School Culinary Arts Program For "Project Achieve"

Twenty-one of the 6th grade students in the "Restaurant Reviews/Culinary Arts" Program of Forest Street School's (FSS) Project Achieve Initiative had the pleasure of participating in a partnership with the culinary arts students of Orange High School. In November 2013, students from Mrs. Nazi Badruddin's Culinary Arts class from Orange High School (OHS) voluntarily visited Forest to facilitate two workshops for students on food safety and making healthy food choices. Students from Forest were then invited to participate in a culminating activity at OHS, on December 18, 2013, where they had the opportunity to put all they learned, in the preceding workshops, into practice. Students demonstrated universal precautions, food safety and prepared a healthy dinner. They then dined together to enjoy the meal that had been prepared.

This was a rewarding opportunity for the students of FSS, as it supported the school's Project Achieve Initiative, promoted career awareness and exposed students to the programming at Orange High School. Students from Orange High School volunteered to participate in the initiative and were great role models for the students of FSS!



FSS 6th Grade students are preparing foods at OHS's culinary room.



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Submitted By: Mrs. Quiyon Peters, School Counselor

Forest Street School thanks Mrs. Nazi Badruddin, OHS Culinary Arts instructor and her student team for their support. The event was coordinated by Mrs. Quiyon Peters, School Counselor and supported by Ms. Yancisca Cooke, Principal, Ms. Tyarra Hunter, Mathematics Instructor/Restaurant Review Instructor, Project Achieve and Mr. Darren Bragg, Student Support Professional.



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Forest Students Participate In The World Against Violence Youth Conference At Caldwell College

On December 19, 2013, thirty 6th and 7th grade students from Forest Street School attended the World Against Violence Youth Conference sponsored by the Essex County Prosecutor's Office. The event was held at Caldwell College. The forum opened with a motivational presentation, "Overcoming Obstacles: Achieving Your Goals" presented by Mr. Hashim Garrett. Mr. Garrett charged the participants with learning to stay positive when others are not supportive of your thoughts, deeds and ideas.



FSS 6th & 7th grade students await the beginning of the workshop at Caldwell College

Students participated in three breakout sessions. The first was "Don't Shoot, I Want to Grow Up." This workshop was facilitated by Detective Maricelli of the Essex County Prosecutor's Office. The workshop focus was on drug trends and gang awareness. Students engaged in an interactive question and answer period regarding the topics of the workshop.

Students had the opportunity to participate in a second workshop, "Etiquette in the 21st Century" presented by Ms. Gwen Moten. In this workshop, students learned about first impressions as lasting impressions, etiquette and appropriate conversation.

Forest's students participated in a final workshop conducted by Mr. Matt Stevens of the Orange Township Public Schools. This interactive workshop focused on engagement in critical thinking and sound decision making and featured a panel of students from Orange High School who provided the middle school students with tips to succeed in high school and beyond.

Submitted By: Mrs. Quiyon Peters, School Counselor



FSS 6th and 7th Grade students break up into smaller groups for their respective workshops



FSS 6th and 7th Grade students engage in conversations in smaller groups for their respective workshops.

This event was a timely and informative session for students to collaborate with the anti-violence and Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights (ABR) initiatives. Mr. Vernon Pullins, Supervisor of Guidance, invited students from Forest Street School and Heywood Avenue School to participate in this event.

Chaperones for the students of Forest Street School were Mrs. Quiyon Peters, School Counselor, Mrs. Sheena Qualles, LAL Instructor and Mr. Darren Bragg, Student Support Professional. Forest would like to thank Caldwell College for hosting the event and allowing its students to attend.



Rosa Parks Community School Hosts School-wide Art Exhibit

Showcasing the best of the best and examples of the various art forms being taught to the students, Rosa Parks Community School art teacher, Ms. Agnes Wszolkowski, presents an eclectic display of art, from traditional African Masks, to Pablo Picasso's modern art, from Mexican artist Frieda Kahlo's self-portraits to African American artist Faith Ringgold's story quilts and more. The display is colorful and students were proud to show their work and explain the style of art demonstrated. The display also includes critiques by students linking the art to writing samples.

Students in the afterschool classes and staff members toured the exhibit, admiring the work and learning a little about the artists represented. Other visitors included Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, Mr. Peter Crosta. The display will grace the first floor lobby and hallway for the remainder of the month. All are invited to visit, during normal school hours.




Pictured (left and above): Scenes from Rosa Parks Community School's School-wide Art Exhibit including, Ms. Wszolkowski and Mr. Crosta (center left) and student Angel Flores (bottom left) sharing his work.

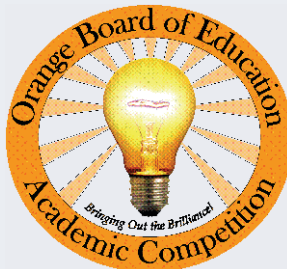
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5th Annual M.L.K. Basketball Classic

BLOOMFIELD (HOME) VS WESTSIDE (AWAY) 1PM
UNIVERSITY (HOME) VS FRANKLIN (AWAY) 3PM
COLUMBIA (HOME) VS BAYONNE (AWAY) 5PM
ORANGE (HOME) VS E.O. CAMPUS (AWAY) 7PM



Monday January 20th 2014

Game Admission:
Students/Seniors (over 60) \$2.00
Adults: \$5.00

***No re-admission and no outside passes or food allowed**



M.Abdelaziz - Assistant Principal

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MEASURES FOR
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O
Orange Board of
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Academic Competiton

Invitation to
Participate



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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

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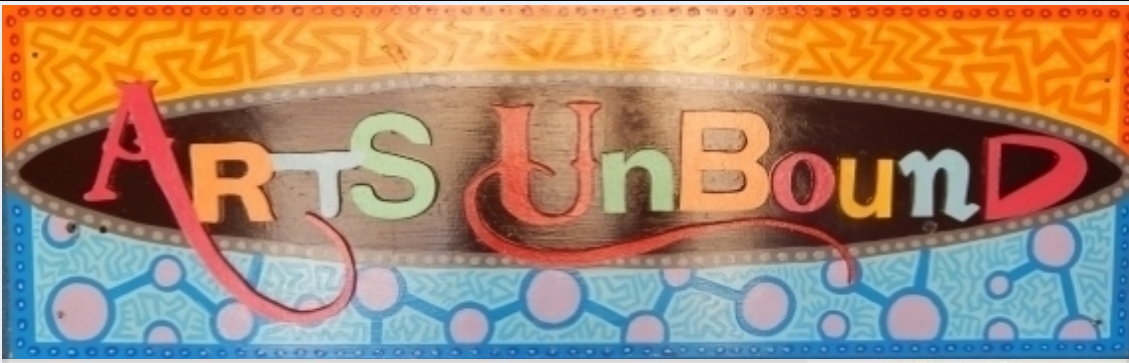
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CSI: Competitive Science Investigation 4-7 5/5/14

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

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as dates are subject to change
www.orange.k12.nj.us

973-677-4000 EXT 6038
stewarer@orange.k12.nj.us



Live Auction to Benefit a Great Cause

On Saturday, January 18, **The Stefanie Garwin Gallery at Arts Unbound** will host a live auction to benefit the organization. The auction will feature a number of artworks from renowned artists such as Salvador Dali, Jonathon Talbot, Joan Miro, and Moses Soyer along with work from our own gallery artists.

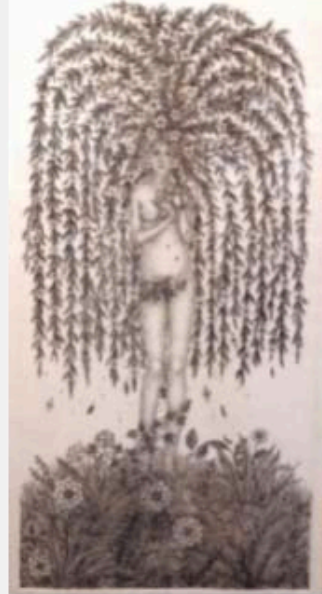
Proceeds from the auction will help keep our doors open but more importantly, allow us to continue our mission of working to improve the lives of a population that is often under-served.

We hope you will join us!

Date: Saturday, January 18, 2014

Time: 6pm-9pm

Location: Arts Unbound gallery at 544 Freeman Street, Orange NJ 07050



learn about arts unbound



For more information, visit www.artsunbound.org

Orange Public Schools
& ValleyArts
PRESENT

SATURDAY ARTS ACADEMY

At Lincoln Avenue
School

216 Lincoln Avenue
Orange, NJ

AGES:

5 and up

through all grade levels.

No prior experience necessary.
All students participate in all
three subjects each Saturday.

DATES OF SESSION:

January 25; February 1, 8, 15;
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29;
April 5, 12; May 3, 10, 17
June 7 Hat City Streets Festival

FEES:

\$45 for 14-week session
includes all three classes
(music, dance & visual arts)
\$25 for each additional child
from same household

Fun-filled Programs Organized by Age in Music, Dance & Visual Arts

Saturdays, January 25 - May 17, 9am to 12pm

ART Led by Romare Bearden
Foundation director Diedra Harris-
Kelley, with Avril Bogle

Through the lens of modern artist
Romare Bearden's life and work, we
will explore history and culture in
relationship to art — including engage-
ment with music, literature, language
and social change. Students will
express and expand their ideas
through collage, drawing, and other
techniques of visual literacy.

MUSIC Led by Jazz/Blues
musician Mike Griot, with Peter Abazia

Nationally regarded musician/producer
and Orange native Mike Griot reveals
the trajectory of American music
through the Blues and Jazz while
expanding basic understanding of
rhythm, melody, and composition.
Students will also create their own
music using unlikely objects as instru-
ments and their lives as inspiration.

ValleyArts participation is
made possible in part by the
National Endowment for the Arts



DANCE Led choreographer and
teacher Tiffany Taylor in consultation
with Deborah Rembert

This energetic and participatory series
introduces young people to how
movement and dance form a powerful
non-verbal language spoken the world
over. Included among the techniques
taught are jazz, modern, tap, ballet,
and martial arts — all designed for
maximum engagement by boys and
girls alike.

PLUS Featured assemblies
led by Mike Griot, Diedra Harris-Kelley,
and Tiffany Taylor

PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS

By appointment only / Grades 1 — adult
\$290 for 14 weeks / 30-minute lesson
Onsite registration only.

ZUMBA

Adult ZUMBA Exercise Group
9:15-10:15am for adults only
Weekly fee of \$5 cash (*paid each class session*)

REGISTRATION

ONLINE: valleyartsnj.com/saturdayarts  

IN PERSON: Saturday, January 25, 2014 from 8:30-9:00am.

PLEASE NOTE: Parents must be present the first day to complete additional forms.
Class sizes are limited. Contact Mrs. Mroz @ 973-677-4130
or mrozmari@orange.k12.nj.us for more information.

Office Use Only:

Received by _____

\$ _____

Cash Money order

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

School: _____

Phone: _____

Cash / Money Orders (*payable to ValleyArts*)



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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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- 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**

SI USTED ESTA PREOCUPADO POR QUE SU HIJO/HIJA ESTA DESARROLLANDO ALGUN PROBLEMA DE APRENDISAJE O APRENDIENDO DIFERENTE FAVOR DE CONTACTAR AL DEPARTAMENTO DE SERVICIOS ESPECIALES EN EL DISRITO.



OBOE-Mail Blast



January 24, 2014

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Orange High School HOSA Members Do Well in Regional Competition



Orange High School (OHS) students who are members of HOSA, Health Occupations Students of America, competed in the NJ Northern Regional Conference 2014 on January 11 at Passaic County Technical Institute. Of the ten students who competed, three placed and will compete in the State conference on Saturday, March 22 and Sunday, March 23, 2014 at Burlington County Institute of Technology-Westhampton Campus.

Student Abigail Gibson competed in "Life Support Skills" and came in 2nd place. Virginia Quiros Barboza and Lounie Germain competed in "First Aid CPR Skills" and came in 7th place. These students will have the opportunity to participate in the HOSA National Leadership Conference, July 25-28, 2014 in Orlando, Florida, when they place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in the state finals.

Other participants from OHS were: Brittany Beckley, Tyrell Edwards, Andre Espinoza, Donovan Hatcher, Nazanique Rowe, Lydia Tessaye, and Tamaya Howell. OHS Health Careers teacher, Ms. Denise DePalma, is the HOSA Advisor. All were commended for their efforts and representation of Orange High School. Superintendent of Schools, Ronald Lee was proud of the students for their commitment and accomplishment and he stated, "Congratulations, on a job well done."



The Saturday Arts Academy In-Person Registration, this Saturday, January 25, 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM at Lincoln Avenue School

Orange Public Schools
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SATURDAY
ARTS
ACADEMY

At Lincoln Avenue
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Through a new partnership with ValleyArts, the Orange Public School District is again offering the Saturday Arts Academy beginning January 25, 2014 and continuing through May 17, 2014. The Academy will provide classes in music, dance and visual arts to students, ages 5 and older, across all grade levels. Classes will be held at the district's Lincoln Avenue School, located at 216 Lincoln Avenue (Jackson Ave. entrance). The sessions will be offered from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. for 14 Saturdays,

The cost of the 14-week program is \$45 per student and \$25 for each additional child from the same household. The fee includes classes in all three subjects. This fun-filled program will give participants more depth and breadth in dance, music, and the visual arts.

Private 30 minute music lessons are also available for \$290 for 14 weeks and an adult Zumba Exercise Group will be available from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m., for a fee of \$5 payable at each class session.

To register online with a Visa or MasterCard, visit [Saturday Arts Academy On-line Registration](#).

The Saturday Arts Academy coordinator, Marianne Mroz can also be contacted for additional information at mrozmary@orange.k12.nj.us or visit the district website, www.orange.k12.nj.us.

as follows:

- January 25
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(See flyer below)



Brotherhood Reunion – 20th Anniversary Celebration

On January 16, 2014, Mr. Reggie Miller hosted a "Brotherhood Reunion", celebrating 20 years of service in the Orange Township Public School District. Mr. Miller, Program Coordinator of the Male Student Support Program (MSSP), the "brotherhood", organized the reunion to acknowledge the legacy of the school based dropout prevention program operating in Orange for the past 20 years.

The MSSP program is provided through the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey's (UMDNJ) Division of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine (DAYAM) in concert with the Orange Board of Education.



The reunion included the pouring of "libations" (shown above) with Mr. Miller and Mr. Shabazz) and a candlelight ceremony, underscoring the bond that exists between the mentors and mentees of this valuable program that teaches life skills and guides adolescent males.



It was a celebratory event with many special guests, former students and young members in attendance. The invitees included the Superintendent of Schools Ronald C. Lee, the Honorable Mayor Dwayne Warren, Mr. Adekunle O. James, Business Administrator for the school district (shown top right) and Ms. Bernita Waller,

Administrator, Division of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine at UMDNJ. Both Mr. James and Ms. Waller received a special presentation from Mr. Miller, on behalf of the MSSP, for their support. Mr. James said he was grateful for the role that Mr. Miller has played and for the services to the young men in Orange and called for increased efforts for the young women, as well.



Ms. Waller (pictured left) was honored for her management of the program, as she retires from her many years of service. She stated that she never worried about what Mr. Miller was doing in Orange because she knew that he had a well run and successful program.

Mr. Miller had a full agenda including a PowerPoint presentation by Mr. A. Shabazz stressing the importance of being true to one's

history, being respectful to one's self and one's community. Mr. Elijah Brown recited one of his poems, in tribute to the evening, and Mr. Abdul Muhammad gave a keynote address. He gave a strong voice to the need for our youth to have a foundation of morals and values to navigate the environment in which we live. He gave examples from his life and his work today to rehabilitate those who have lost their way and help others stay on the right path.

The event included dinner and ended with many thanks from Mr. Miller. There were remarks from former members and supporters and more awards to colleagues. Superintendent Lee noted that he was there when the program first came to Orange and applauded Mr. Miller and all those involved for maintaining this much-needed service. Mr. Miller ended with his mantra "If you love a brother, help a brother."



Pictured (left to right): Mr. A. Shabazz; Mr. A. Muhammad; Mayor Warren; Superintendent Lee.



Orange High School Winter Performing Arts Concert

Co-Principal Dr. Kalisha Morgan welcomed all to the Orange High School Winter Concert. The show featured the Strings Orchestra, directed by Ms. Sharon Turcotte, the Concert Choir and Voices in Harmony, directed by Mr. David Milnes and the Symphonic Band, directed by Mr. Steven Reeves. They performed a repertoire of songs, from classic compositions to contemporary tunes, skillfully performed by very talented students.

The Strings Quartet did two songs including "Rolling in the Deep" by Adele and Paul Epworth, followed by the Orange Strings Quartet playing "The Legend of Zelda Theme" by Koji Kando.



Pictured: The Concert Choir.



Pictured: The Strings Orchestra.



The Concert Choir performed Bob Marley's ever popular "One Love" and "Unwritten" by Natasha Bedingfield. A duo, Bashli Clary and Reginald Miles (shown left), then sang "Do You" by Neyo.

The Symphonic Band was next with an array of songs, among them, "Emperor Waltz" by F. Strauss and "Fire Dance" by D. Shaffer. There was a presentation of an "OHS Percussion Class Piece" and a performance of "Don't Judge Me" by Chris Brown with vocal accompaniment.

The grand finale was Voices in Harmony singing "Autumn Leaves" by Jonny Mercer and Joseph Kosma and their signature song, "Home Foundation" by Up With People. They were joined by the many alumni that were present to share this evening of music.



Pictured: The Strings Quartet.



Pictured: Scenes from Orange High School Winter Music Concert with the Symphonic Band and Voices in Hoamony and VIH with alumni (Photos taken by Mr. Peter Crosta).



Orange Bridge Club Students Win at Rye Regional Bridge Tournament

Oakwood Avenue and Park Avenue Schools' bridge clubs participated in the District 3 Winter Regional Bridge Tournament on January 20, in Rye Brook, New York. Oakwood Ave had 12 students and Park Ave had 13 students competing in this annual regional tournament. A total of 44 students from all over the tri-state challenged each other in bridge and socialized afterwards during lunch.

Ms. Clark thanked the director of the event, Mr. John Hogan, who "did an excellent job" and thanked "Ms. Venable and Ms. Harlem "for their continued dedication and support."



Park Avenue School had two students place third in the tournament, seventh graders Jamillah Coage and Joel Etinoff (pictured left).

Oakwood Ave and Park Ave Bridge Club teachers, Pamela Venable and Denise Harlem, were in attendance and thank Ms. Barbara Clark and the

American Contract Bridge League for making the day possible for the Orange students.

Ms. Barbara Clark, former district Director of Special Services and the Treasurer of the Orange Education Foundation, wrote, "Our youth bridge event was a huge success. Debbie Crisfield brought students from Summit, NJ and Amber Lin brought students from Edison, NJ. There were many supportive parents sharing in the enthusiasm, in addition to Gayle Velox from the Orange Education Foundation. All of the kids enjoyed the competition and are looking forward to the next youth bridge event."



Pictured: Scenes from District 3 Winter Regional Bridge Tournament

Contributed to by Dr. Denise Harlem, Technology Coordinator, Bridge Club Advisor and Ms. Barbara Clark



Preschool Registration Continues



The Orange Township Public School District is continuing preschool registration for the months of January and February. Registration takes place at Orange Early Childhood Center, located at 397 Park Avenue. The remaining registration dates are on Wednesdays, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, as follows:

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- February 5, 12, 2014

For more information, call 973 677-4000, ext. 1904 or ext. 1918 (See flyer below).



January Monthly Board of Education Meeting



Students from Heywood Avenue School (pictured above) hosted the January 14, 2014 Board of Education meeting. They entertained the audience with a combined choral and strings selection directed by the choral teacher, Ms. Jessica Garofano and instrumental music teacher, Ms. Erin-Leigh Van Orden. The performance was well received by Heywood parents, staff and board meeting attendees. Principal Karen Machuca thanked those attending for their support.



Following CIAO's presentation, Superintendent Lee and Board President Patricia A. Arthur recognized the Superintendent's Student of the Month (SOTM) for both November and December. 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). Since December's Board Meeting was a business meeting only, due to inclement weather, the November SOTM were recognized along with the current month's honorees. The following students were presented with certificates:

November Student of the Month

| Student | School |
|--------------------|---|
| Xivandell Emmanuel | Orange High School |
| Aneela Kanhai | Orange Preparatory Academy |
| Ahmir Copher | Career and Innovation Academy of Orange |
| Jerry Alexander | Cleveland Street School |
| Schundnax Emmanuel | Rosa Parks Central Community School |
| Ibrahima Sacko | Park Avenue School |
| Jameelah Wallace | Heywood Avenue School |
| Aniyah Wiggs | Forest Street School |
| Naomi Quinn | Oakwood Avenue School |
| Brielle Bethea | Lincoln Avenue School |

December Student of the Month

| Student | School |
|--------------------|---|
| Jennifer Alvarado | Orange High School |
| Roodline Doliscat | Orange Preparatory Academy |
| Melvin Bailey | Career and Innovation Academy of Orange |
| Gia Calixte | Cleveland Street School |
| Elliott Holmes | Rosa Parks Central Community School |
| Joanne Jeanty | Park Avenue School |
| Dana Lucas-Espinal | Heywood Avenue School |
| Aiden Dennisseur | Forest Street School |
| Nayelis Fernandez | Oakwood Avenue School |
| Diop Alkebu-Lan | Lincoln Avenue School |



There was a presentation of two benches (shown top right) by the Career and Innovation Academy of Orange (CIAO). Principal Jason Belton, accompanied students Davon Gillespie and Yolette Mathurin (shown above) discussed the gifts, built by CIAO students, for Orange High School and Orange Preparatory Academy. There was also a brief PowerPoint of the positive learning environment at CIAO, introduced eloquently by Ms. Mathurin, its author.



The November SOTM, Xivandell Emmanuel, for Orange High School, was also recognized by being the second place winner in the *Local Talk Public Speaking Contest*.

Miss Danelle Welcome, student representative to the school board was also congratulated for being the contest's first place winner. She is show right being congratulated by Board President Arthur.



Pictured: Xivandell Emmanuel with December's honoree, Jennifer Alvarado, Co-Principals Ms. Faith Alcantara and Dr. Kalisha Morgan, Superintendent Lee and Board President Arthur.



Pictured (left to right with Mrs. Arthur and Mr. Lee): CIAO student Melvin Bailey with Principal Belton and parent; Cleveland student Gia Calixte with parent and Principal Dr. Cummins; RPCS student Elliott Holmes with family and Principal Joseph-Charles





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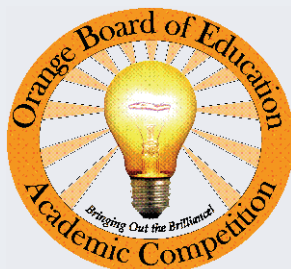
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Pictured (left to right): Scenes from Park Avenue Spelling Bee.



Pictured (left to right): Scenes from Cleveland Street Spelling Bee.



Orange Goes Green

Park Avenue School had a school-wide recycling program kick-off this past week. Students participating in the after school computer club and science club programs organized the school-wide program. These recycling ambassadors created posters and an informational video, which they shared with the school during lunch periods on January 23.

Science teacher Naomi Rogers and technology coordinator Denise Harlem spearheaded the program. They met with the Department of Public Works, Waste Management, school custodians, Councilwoman Linda Jones-Bell, school administrators and the Orange Board of Education Business Office to prepare for the massive restructuring of waste disposal throughout the entire school. All classes, offices, hallways, the gym and the cafeteria are now outfitted with garbage and recycling containers, which were distributed by the students.

The Recycling Ambassadors are to be commended for their hard work and dedication to the cause. They continue to assist other students and faculty in the building, helping them to sort the various materials to be recycled. During the first week of the recycling program, the group observed a massive reduction in the amount of trash placed in the outside receptacles. They also shared that many of their classmates are equally enthusiastic about helping the environment.

Naomi Rogers and Denise Harlem would like to thank all staff at Park Avenue School for their support.



Pictured: Park Avenue Recycling Ambassadors with Dr. Harlem and Ms. Rogers.

Submitted by Dr. Denise Harlem, Technology Coordinator



The Female Achievers Headline "Celebrity Read" Kick Off for the United Way

United Way of Essex and West Hudson kicked off their annual Celebrity Read program on January 30, with breakfast at the Newark Museum. Celebrity Read is an enduring literacy initiative designated as a "Local Legacy" by the Library of Congress that has served the community for over 20 years.

This year The North Jersey Chapter of The Links partnered with the United Way to include students from the Orange School District, as volunteers for the Celebrity Read program. Four students, who are members of the Female Achievers mentoring program, Alisone Jacques, Avondaya Wardlaw, Adriana Taylor and Bianca Guilbaud, addressed the audience, speaking proudly about Female Achievers and their involvement in this worthy cause.

As mentees for the North Jersey Links Services to Youth program, the Female Achievers volunteered to support the Celebrity Read Kick-Off Breakfast by designing the theme-based table centerpieces and participating in the Celebrity Read Day at Orange's Lincoln Avenue School on Wednesday, February 5. Twelve Female Achievers will read to Lincoln's elementary students. They are also conducting a book drive to support the library at the Orange Preparatory Academy. Their program director, Ms. Karen Cooper was proud of the students and the standing ovation they received from the audience, commenting, "I hope they continue to represent the Orange Public School District."

Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, and Business Administrator, Mr. Adekunle O. James accompanied Ms. Cooper and her mentees to the event.



Also present were the Chair and Co-Chair of the Links Services to Youth, Ms. Patricia L. Thomas and Ms. Robyn Pitts, respectively. Ms. Pitts (pictured left) introduced the Female Achievers, applauding them for their hard work in preparing the centerpieces for the event.

The featured guest at the kick off was Congressman Donald Payne, Jr., son of the late Congressman Donald Payne. He spoke of his father's commitment to literacy, which instilled in him the importance of reading. Author Ron Johnson also read his book "The Esteem Engine, I Can Be Who I Am", supported by a pictorial display of the book's illustrations by Kenny Velez.

The United Way states, "The foundation of the Celebrity Read program is the Celebrity Volunteer Readers. These are individuals from all walks of life who wish to model their love of reading and the pursuit of education as a pathway to success." They invite all interested members of the community to [become a Celebrity Reader](#).

The Orange Public School District is a long-standing participant in Celebrity Read. This year, along with Lincoln Avenue School, Heywood Avenue School and Rosa Parks Community School will hosts Celebrity Read Day on Wednesday and Thursday, February 5 and 6.



Pictured (left to right): Female Achievers Alisone Jacques and Avondaya Wardlaw.



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Pictured (left to right): Ms. Karen Cooper, Director, Female Achievers; Mr. Adekunle O. James, District Business Administrator; Miss Alisone Jacques; Mr. Ronald C. Lee, Superintendent of Schools; Miss Avondaya Wardlaw; Congressman Donald M. Payne, Jr.; Miss Adriana Taylor; Miss Bianca Guilbaud.



Pictured (left to right): Mr. James; Miss Wardlaw; Miss Jacques; Miss Taylor; Miss Guilbaud; Ms. Cooper; Mr. Ronald C. Lee.



“He Said, She Said” Public Speaking Competition

On January 27, Orange Public Schools hosted “He Said, She Said”, an Annual Speaking Competition which meets Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts, fostering required skills in speaking and listening. In the second year for this event, held at Lincoln Avenue School, there was a notable increase in student participation and preparation.

The “He Said, She Said” competition challenged students in grades 3 - 7 through 7 to sharpen their speaking and presentation skills and to engage in research and writing processes.

There were three categories in the competition. The first category was Prepared Speech. Students selected:

- Macbeth or Hamlet Soliloquy by William Shakespeare
- Strength and Decency by Theodore Roosevelt

The winner of this category was third grader Tamyra Rumble from Park Avenue School. Dressed in a vest with spectacles dangling from the lapel for a bit of authenticity, she delivered Roosevelt’s “Strength and Decency” speech. She was expressive in her presentation and had stiff competition from future Shakespearian thespians and orators.

The second category, Extemporaneous Speech, included topics on Mandatory Health Insurance/Obamacare, Social Media, Online Student Assessment and Media Piracy.

Kashema Smith, Lincoln Avenue fourth grader, won with her speech about the efficacy of online testing, sparked with a bit of humor. She removed herself from the podium and was aware of the audience, as were her very challenging and opinionated competitors delivering discourse on the need for healthcare, the ethical dilemma of media piracy and pitfalls and benefits of social media.

The final category called for a duo to deliver a Tech-Assisted Presentations on the following topics:

- Bring Your Own Device To School: Will students power up or will teachers be powerless?
- Music Downloads: Sharing or Stealing?
- Cyber bullying: Is out of sight, out of mind?
- Recycling: Paper, Plastic, Purpose?
- Mandatory Health Insurance: Does it violate a person’s right to choose?

The winning duo was from Park Avenue School. Sixth graders Ibrahima Sacko and Jonathan Dulce presented a well organized and supported PowerPoint presentation on recycling. They competed against strong content driven presentations with shared narration.

Along with individual winners, team winners were selected based on individual points totaled by school.

With a total score of 748, Lincoln Avenue School was the first place team. Coming in second, with a combined score of 718 was Park Avenue School and Forest Street coming in third with 577 points.

The district appreciated the efforts and commitment of the students, staff, and families who supported this event. In particular, event host, Dr. Paula Howard, Deputy Superintendent, judges, Superintendent Ronald C. Lee, Orange High School history teacher Jean Jackson and Director of Curriculum and Testing, Dr. Terri Russo along with student assistant, Danella Welcome, winner of the Local Talk Public Speaking Competition. Event organizer, Ms. Erica Stewart, Administrator for Special Projects, expressed gratitude to the teachers who coached and prepared the students from each of the participating schools. She stated in a note thanking them for their work, “The performance of your students on Monday night, at the second annual “He Said, She Said” public speaking competition, should serve as a thank you for all of your hard work and commitment to the students you serve.”

All students are commended for their participation.

| Place | Student | School | Grade | Presentation |
|----------------------------|--|----------------|---------------|--|
| First | Tamyra Rumble | Park Avenue | Third | Theodore Roosevelt’s Strength and Decency |
| First | Keshima Smith | Lincoln Avenue | Fourth | Online Assessments Extemporaneous Speech |
| First | Ibrahima Sacko and Johnathan Dulce | Park Avenue | Sixth | Recycling Tech Assisted Speech |
| Second | Tamara Aguetse | Lincoln Avenue | Third | Macbeth Soliloquy |
| Second | Nahome Hagos | Lincoln Avenue | Sixth | Mandatory Health Insurance Extemporaneous Speech |
| Second | Tracy Ware Jr. and Jermaine Jackson | Lincoln Avenue | Fifth | Cyber Bullying Tech Assisted Speech |
| Third | Akasha Baranello | Heywood Avenue | Third | Theodore Roosevelt’s Strength and Decency |
| Third | Ruth Diege | Lincoln Avenue | Sixth | Online Assessments Extemporaneous Speech |
| Third | Medina Purefoy Craig and Ruthchamar Jolibois | Forest Street | Sixth/Seventh | Cyber Bullying Tech Assisted Speech |
| First Place school | | Lincoln | 748 pts. | Trophy and \$500 curriculum cash |
| Second Place school | | Park | 718 pts. | Trophy and \$200 curriculum cash |
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Pictured (left to right): Winners Prepared Speech; Winners Extemporaneous Speech; Winners, Tech-Assisted Presentations



Pictured (left to right): First place, Lincoln Avenue School; Second place, Park Avenue School; Third place, Forest Street School (with Superintendent Lee, teachers and coaches.



Lincoln Avenue School Winter Concert

Assistant Principal, Mr. Patrick Yearwood opened the program with a welcome message to a near capacity crowd of parents, staff and students for the long awaited Lincoln Avenue Winter Concert. The show featured the Lincoln Avenue Band and Guitar Ensemble, directed by Mrs. Marianne Mroz, the Lincoln Avenue Chorus and general music students in K – 4th grade classes, directed by Mrs. Wendy Mir, and 5th through 7th grade dance classes, directed by Mrs. Michelle Rosolen.

The concert, delayed from December due to inclement weather, included many holiday favorites such as "Jingle Bells" played by the band and "Let it Snow", by a trumpet duo, and "Jolly Old St. Nicholas" by an alto saxophone soloist.

The Chorus of 5 – 7th graders performed several seasonal tunes, as well, including "Deck the Rooftop" and "All on a Cold Winter's Night". They were followed by the Guitar Ensemble playing "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" and the Beatles "Here Comes the Sun" with vocal accompaniment.

Before the dancers, comprised of two 5th grade, 6th grade and 7th grade classes graced the stage with several numbers including dance pieces choreographed to "The Nutcracker: Polichinelles", a "Jackson 5 Medley" and "I'll Stand By You", there was more singing by students in Kindergarten through fourth grade. Mrs. Mir conducted the choral group in several selections, most notable "Ocho Kandelikas" led by a second grade soloist.

The performances were well received and appreciated by the audience.



Pictured: Scenes from Lincoln's Winter Concert



Pictured: Scenes from Lincoln Avenue School's Winter Concert.



Orange High School Students Attend Medical Symposium

On January 28, 2014, three high schools students and their adviser, Denise DePalma, attended a full day medical symposium at St. Barnabas Hospital in Livingston. The program was arranged through collaboration with New Jersey Institute of Technology. The Orange students who attended were Virginia Quiros Barboza, Shanelle Taylor and Andres Espinoza. The students observed doctors performing surgery. Some of the students also viewed a robotic surgical procedure.

The students went on rounds in the Intensive Care Unit with the medical team of the hospital. At the end of the day, the students shared their experience and ideas for future learning with Dr. Chamberlain, Chief of the Surgical Department.

Six other students, from other New Jersey schools, who share an interest in the medical field, were also present at the event.



Pictured: Students at medical symposium.

Submitted by Denise DePalma, Health Careers Teacher



Digital Learning Day is Wednesday, February 5, 2014



Digital Learning Day is a nationwide celebration of innovative teachers and common-sense, along with effective applications of digital learning in America's schools that supports teachers, improves learning, and provides options for students to achieve at their maximum potential. Digital Learning Day materials and resources support educators at all levels, as they navigate the shift to more robust digital learning environments and achieve higher standards for students.

The school district will be participating in Digital Learning Day. Each school's technology coordinator will be assisting in the development of activities and projects for Digital Learning Day. For more information, visit: <http://www.digitallearningday.org/learn-and-explore/>.

Submitted by Ms. Linda Epps, Supervisor of Social Studies and Technology Coordinators



Parent of the Month Honored at January Board of Education Meeting

On a monthly basis, the school that hosts the Board of Education meeting selects a parent as the recipient of the Superintendent's Parent of the Month (POTM) award, for service to their school and the community. During the January Board of Education Meeting, POTM for November and December were recognized and presented with certificates.



Pictured: Mr. Ritchards with Principal Pettit, Board President Arthur and Superintendent Lee.

For November, the Parent of the Month, from Oakwood Avenue School was Mr. Sean Ritchards.

Mr. Sean Ritchards is a dedicated single parent who goes the extra mile to make certain that his children attend school ready to learn. He stresses the importance of a quality education and encourages his children to be respectful and work to their full potential. If a problem arises Mr. Ritchards takes time from his job in order to come to Oakwood Avenue School to address the issue. He attends every parent-teacher conference, as well as grade level parent meetings. He volunteers his time and makes the effort to ask questions, in order to improve how effective he can be when it comes to helping his daughter Asiyah, and his sons Jaylen and Quameen.

For December, the Heywood Avenue school community was proud to present the Parent of the Month award to Mrs. Maria Lucas-Espinal.










Pictured: Mrs. Lucas-Espinal and her daughters with Principal Machuca, Board President Arthur and Superintendent Lee.

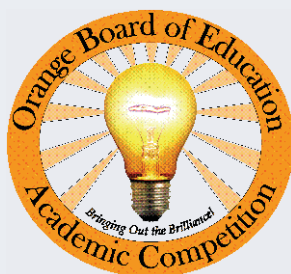
Mrs. Lucas-Espinal has been a volunteering parent for several years and has two daughters that attend Heywood: Dana in 4th grade and Edna in 5th grade. Over the past several years, Mrs. Lucas-Espinal has asked classroom teachers what supplies they needed for the classroom, in general, or for other students. She has been known to arrive with bags of goodies for the classroom, just hours after finding out what was needed. She participates in classroom engagements with set-up, distribution of materials, and cleanup. Mrs. Lucas-Espinal has a warm and cheerful demeanor when interacting with the students.

Mrs. Lucas-Espinal is not only involved in the classroom but at home with her children's study. She is the ideal parent when speaking about the home/school partnership for the educational learning experience. It is because of her outstanding efforts with her children and communication with the teachers that her daughters excel at Heywood Avenue School. She is dedicated to the educational process and truly keeps the Orange school district's motto to heart: Keeping Children First! The school is lucky and honored to have Mrs. Lucas-Espinal as part of the Heywood family.

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| February 2014 | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 <small>Pre-school Registration Celebrity Read at Lincoln & Heywood Lincoln Avenue Board Lobby Art Reception, 6 PM</small> | 6 <small>Celebrity Read RPCS</small> | 7 | 8 <small>Wee Bee (Pre K- Kindergarten) 11 AM at OPA; Spelling Bee of Champions (grades 1-8) 1 PM at OPA</small> |
| 9 | 10 | 11 <small>Monthly Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 PM OPA Auditorium</small> | 12 <small>Pre-school Registration (See flyer below)</small> | 13 | 14  | 15 |
| 16 | 17   | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21  | 22 |
| 23 | 24 <small>Departmental Meetings 2:30 PM Dismissal for Students</small> | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 <small>Father's Reading Club – (Check with home schools for more information)</small> | |

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

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REQUISITOS:

- 3 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/13
- 4 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/13
- 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**

SI USTED ESTA PREOCUPADO POR QUE SU HIJO/HIJA ESTA DESARROLLANDO ALGUN PROBLEMA DE APRENDISAJE O APRENDIENDO DIFERENTE FAVOR DE CONTACTAR AL DEPARTAMENTO DE SERVICIOS ESPECIALES EN EL DISRITO.