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Important Orange Public School District Events:

- **"On the Write Track", Writer's Festival – Saturday, June 8 at Lincoln Avenue School, 1 – 3PM (See flyer below)**
- **District Science Fair, June 11 – 13 at Park Avenue School, daily exhibit and Final Opening on June 13, 4:30 – 6PM and Awards Ceremony, 6 – 7 PM (See flyer below)**



Host School, Lincoln Avenue, Wins District Robotics Competition

On May 31, 2013, Lincoln Avenue School was the host of the first Lego Robotics Competition for the elementary school level! The competing teams included Hey-wood Ave. School, Forest St. School, Lincoln Ave. School, Rosa Park Central School, Park Ave. School, and Cleveland Street School.

The teams, selected from the Robotics Clubs at each school, worked very hard to build and program their robots in order to prepare for the Lego Competition. They not only programmed their robots, they had to make sure to follow the Lego Competition rules and regulations.

The competition featured 4 events. Points were awarded to the top 3 teams in each event. They were:

Robot Race - This event consisted of a racecourse with walls where the robots had to complete 2 laps in the quickest time.

Lucky Number - Each team had preprogrammed their robot to be able to hold a marker and draw a number of their choice on a piece of paper.

Follow The Line - In this challenge, each robot had to follow a black line through a course and the one with the fastest time won.

Tug-O-War - This event consisted of 2 robots going head-to-head in a tug-o-war battle! Each team tied a rope to their robot, and they had to pull until one was dragged over a line.

The winning team was Lincoln Avenue School. The 2nd place winner was Cleveland Street and the 3rd place winner was Forest Street.

Lincoln's team (pictured left – celebrating their victory) consisted of Kyere Moore, Franklin Okoye, Sharif Thomas, and Rigoberto Velez. Principal Robert Pettit said, "These young men did an awesome job working together to build and program their team's robot, which led us to a 1st place victory! Go Lincoln!"

The robotics coaches were:

- Lincoln - Cindy Varela
- Rosa- Christopher Anderson
- Cleveland - Pam Davis
- Heywood - Terrance McCaffrey
- Forest - Nicole Pendola
- Park - Naomi Rogers

STEM teacher, Jessica Liatys, and Patrick Arlea, who is the high school robotics coach, assisted them.





Pictured: Scenes from the First Annual District Robotics Competition.

Submitted by Lincoln Avenue School with contribution by Jessica Liatys.



Mental Math Winners at Rosa Parks Central Community School

Rosa Parks Central Community School hosted its Mental Math Competition on June 3rd and 4th at the Central School Auditorium. They continue a tradition of providing this stimulating academic competition for students, in grades 4 – 7, who can memorize basic facts, are good listeners and are able to think on the spot. Organized by math instructor, Ms. Louise O'Shea, the event yielded the following winners:

4th Grade	5th Grade	6th Grade	7th Grade
First Place: Stherlie Previlon Second Place: Joron Francis Third Place: Bryan Morocho Fourth Place: Starrell Hearn	First Place: David Ortega Second Place: Larry Rojas Third Place: Da Shawn Davis Fourth Place: Anabel Pierre	First Place: Schundnax Emmanuel Second Place: Alexander Sanchez Third Place: David Lopez Fourth Place: Christell Noel	First Place: Jemima Pierre Second Place: Armand Jacques Third Place: Jair McClair Fourth place: Aneela Kahnai

Principal, Ms. Cayce Cummins proudly congratulates the winners and all of the contestants for their accomplishments.



Oakwood Presented Willy Wonka Jr. at Spring Concert

On May 31, 2013, the Oakwood School community gathered for the School-wide Art Exhibit and Spring Concert featuring an art display in the lobby area, organized and hosted by art instructor, Helen Kwon, a performance by the Strings Ensemble, led by Beulah Cox, and the stage production of "Willy Wonka, Jr.", led by Mr. Michael Sidel, drama teacher and supported by vocal music teacher, Annmarie Guenther and instrumental music teacher, Erin-Leigh Van Orden.

The students, through memorable tunes, such as "The Candyman" and "Oompa-Loompa" told Roald Dahl's timeless story of the world-famous candy-man, Willy Wonka, and his quest to find an heir to his Chocolate Factory.

Principal Debbie Luckey thanked parents, staff and students for their attendance and congratulated the students and Visual and Performing Arts staff for the art, music and stage production that included great costumes, splendid scenery and visual effects, not to mention wonderful actors, musicians, singers and stage crew.



Pictured: Scenes from Oakwood Avenue Spring Concert with art display, concert and play.



Orange High School 9th Annual Art Show

On June 3, 2013, Orange High School's art department proudly exhibited student artwork at the 9th Annual Art Show held in the gymnasium. Art instructors Nathaniel Brown, Christopher L. Cosmillo, Shana P. Falda and Megan Guerriero, displayed the breadth of work completed by students in their classes and students who participate in clubs. The eclectic mix of work include ceramics, fiber arts, jewelry, paintings and a large installation piece with signature skateboards. The artwhos was displayed in the gymnasium for two days, allowing grade school students to attend and view the work of more "seasoned" artists. The work was creative and showed the abundant talent of Orange High School students.





Pictured: Students at OHS before their trip to NYC; At Hard Rock Café; At Gershwin Theatre.



OPA Art Opening at the Board of Education Building

The monthly Board of Education Art Show had its opening at the administration building on June 5, 2013, featuring the artwork of the Orange Preparatory Academy students. Art instructor, Mrs. Irene Mayson presented certificates to her students for their work. Some of the artwork displayed is also featured on artsonia.com, which Ms. Mayson uses to showcase the work of her students including ceramics, watercolors, pencil drawings and more. Principal, Mr. Darrell Medley, and Assistant Principal, Mrs. Samantha Sica-Fossella, were present to congratulate the students whose work will be on display for the remainder of the month. Also there to congratulate the students were Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, Mr. Peter Crosta, the Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Professional Development, and Data Assessment, Dr. Terri Russo and the Director of Language Arts and Testing, Ms. Kathryn Carter. District staff, parents, students and members of the community are encouraged to stop by during office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., to view the gallery display.



Pictured: Scenes for OPA Art Opening.



Parents as Literacy Supporters

The Parents as Literacy Supporters (PALS) was born out of an initiative to celebrate parents as their child's first teacher, to provide families with a format to experience the joy of literature and to help parents reinforce important early literacy skills at home. The program establishes and sustains a home school connection and supports preschool student's literacy achievement.

PALS is sponsored by the Office of Early Childhood and is a true team effort. The program consists of a series of sessions for parents, their preschool aged children and siblings. The facilitator leads the group through literacy rich activities such as stories, songs and games that focus on rhyming, comprehension and phonemic awareness. In addition, the facilitator points out what skills are being reinforced and explains how adults might do a similar activity at home. We endeavor to

present the workshop in English and Spanish whenever possible. All children, in attendance, receive a new developmentally appropriate book.

PALS was held at Heywood Elementary School, in Ms. Springer's classroom, on May 30, 2013. Another session was held on June 6, 2013.



Photo shown above: Julia Jasper, Barbara Berger, Maria Harsh and Jaclyn Klarmann of the Office of Early Childhood lead, as group of enthusiastic students, siblings, parents and grandparents in a PALS session at Heywood Ave. School. They enjoyed participating in stories, following a recipe to make a healthy snack and playing games focused on literacy skills.



Little Kids Rock Selects Cleveland Student as a 2013 Songwriting Honoree

Little Kids Rock has announced winners for their Songwriting Exhibition Honorees 2013. With close to 300 "incredibly inspiring and creative entries" the organization selected honorees in several categories. Cleveland Street student, Trameesha Robertson, under the direction of music teacher Brian Silvoy received Top Honors in the category of Hobby/Interest for Middle and High School students, for her song "Dream". She will receive an electric guitar pack for her entry. "I am extremely proud of Trameesha," said Mr. Silvoy.

Little Kids Rock provides music instruction for public school students, through the gracious support of donors, as well as their Honorary Board Members, including Bonnie Raitt, Paul Simon, BB King and a host of other celebrities and friends.

The program trains instructors involved in the program in a "unique Little Kids Rock methodology" to teach students to play musical instruments. The program focuses on popular music styles, including rock, blues, rap and hip-hop. It places heavy emphasis on composition, improvisation and recording, and kids regularly get to record their own music, create CDs and sometimes make their own rock videos. The program builds on the "expertise and skills of music teachers and gives schools the flexibility to offer classes within the core curriculum or as after-school enrichment." Because all instruments are donated free of cost, students have the chance to learn, play and rock out! (from Little Kids Rock)



Forest Street Science Fair Winners

Below are the names of the Forest Street School Science Fair winners. Students from grades 2 - 7 participated in the science project competition organized by Onnolee Jansen, Science Content Coach.



	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade
1	Kennedy Boncamper	Jaden Daughtry	Celine Jobson	Victoria Solarin	Paulina Flores	Feven Negussie
2	Nevaeh Pierre	Kyle Robinson	Adrian Silva	Emely Diaz	Glenmarie Alonzo Perez	Elsi Valle
3	Enrique Solz	Jalen Reece	Diana Mendoza	Aniyah Wiggs	Alex Calderon	Litzy Aguayo

The Forest Street Science Fair winners are pictured left.
(Submitted by Mr. Omar Veloz, Technology Coordinator)



Forest Students Practice Spanish at a Local Restaurant

As a culminating activity for their unit "La comida y el restaurante" (The food and the restaurant), students in Ms. Edel Portillo's Spanish class went out to eat at "La Galera" restaurant, located on 49 Freeman Street, West Orange. The students had been practicing how to order food in Spanish from a restaurant. They visited the restaurant to make their lesson more realistic and give them a sense of real life. They were able to experience ordering, eating Spanish food and paying for their food while speaking Spanish.

Students in Ms. Portillo's Spanish 7A class went to the restaurant on May 30th and those in Spanish 7B went on June 4th. Ms. Portillo explained, "This was an enriching experience for our 7th grade students and they were really excited about it".

Students expressed:

Student Ali Williams commented that this was "my first time going to a Spanish restaurant with friends" and "asking for food in Spanish." Serena Mckay said, "This is my first and probably last dinner out with my friends," and Michelle Lawrence stated, "After this experience, I was able to go to the store and ask for food in Spanish."



Submitted by Ms. Edel Portillo, World Languages Teacher



The Hat City Streets Festival

The Hat City Streets Festival takes place on June 15, 2013, from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Valley Arts District on forest and Tompkins Street. It will be a mix of music, art and food for the entire community. Students from the Orange Public School District will play a prominent role in the event, including art displays, vocal performances by Orange High School's (OHS) Voices In Harmony and OHS's Strings Ensemble and a group of OHS student performers and alumni called "Tasty Productions". (See flyer below)

Coming Attractions

See below for revised Spring 2013 - Visual and Performing Arts Calendar

- **Saturday, June 8, 2013 – "On the Write Track", Writer's Festival, at Lincoln Avenue School, 1 – 3 PM (See flyer below)**
- **Tuesday, June 11 – Thursday, June 13, 2013 – District Science Fair at Park Avenue School – daily exhibit and final opening on June 13, 4:30 – 6PM and Awards Ceremony 6 – 7P (See flyer below)**
- **Saturday, June 15, 2013 – Hat City Streets Festival, Forest and Tompkins Streets in the Valley Arts District, 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. (See flyer below)**
- **Monday, June 17, 2013 – Students dismissed at 2:30 p.m.**
- **Monday, June 17, 2013 – TryMathlon for Grades 1 – 3, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and Mathquest for grades 4 – 7, 4:30 – 8:00 p.m. at Lincoln Avenue School**

Orange Township Public Schools Visual & Performing Arts Department 2013 SPRING ARTS EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
May 16, 2013	OPA Spring Dance Concert	7:00 PM	OPA Auditorium
May 20, 2013	Lincoln Avenue School-wide Art Exhibit	6:00 PM	Lincoln Cafeteria
May 20, 2013	Lincoln Avenue Spring Concert	7:00 PM	Lincoln Gymnasium
May 21, 2013	OPA Spring Music Concert	7:00 PM	OPA Auditorium
May 22, 2013	Heywood Avenue Spring Music Concert	6:30 PM	Heywood Auditorium
May 23, 2013	Central Spring Concert	6:00 PM	Central Auditorium
May 28, 2013	Park Avenue School-wide Art Exhibit	5:30 PM	Park Hallways
May 28, 2013	Park Avenue Spring Concert	6:30 PM	Park Cafetorium
May 29, 2013	OHS Spring Music Concert	7:00 PM	OPA Auditorium
May 31, 2013	Oakwood Avenue School-wide Art Exhibit	5:30 PM	Oakwood Auditorium
May 31, 2013	Oakwood Avenue Spring Concert	6:00 PM	Oakwood Auditorium
June 3, 2013	9th Annual OHS School-wide Art Exhibit	6:00 PM	OHS Gymnasium
June 4, 2013	4th Annual Drama Project	7:00 PM	Lincoln Gymnasium
June 5, 2013	OPA Art Reception	6:00 PM	Administration Building
June 6, 2013	Forest Street School-wide Art Exhibit	6:00 PM	Forest Hallways
June 6, 2013	Forest Street Spring Concert	7:00 PM	Forest Gymnasium
June 7, 2013	OHS Spring Dance Concert	7:00 PM	OPA Auditorium
June 12, 2013	Cleveland Street School-wide Art Exhibit	5:30 PM	Park Lobby
June 12, 2013	Cleveland Street Spring Concert	6:00 PM	Park Gymnasium
June 13, 2013	OHS 2 nd Annual Drama Showcase	7:00 PM	OPA Stage
June 17, 2013	Park Spring Dance Concert	7:00 PM	OPA Auditorium
June 18, 2013	Rosa Parks Spring Music Concert	6:30 PM	Central Auditorium
June 19, 2013*	Park Spring Dance Concert (Tentative Date)	7:00 PM	OPA Auditorium

* Park Spring Dance Concert postponed from May 30, 2013

On The Write Track

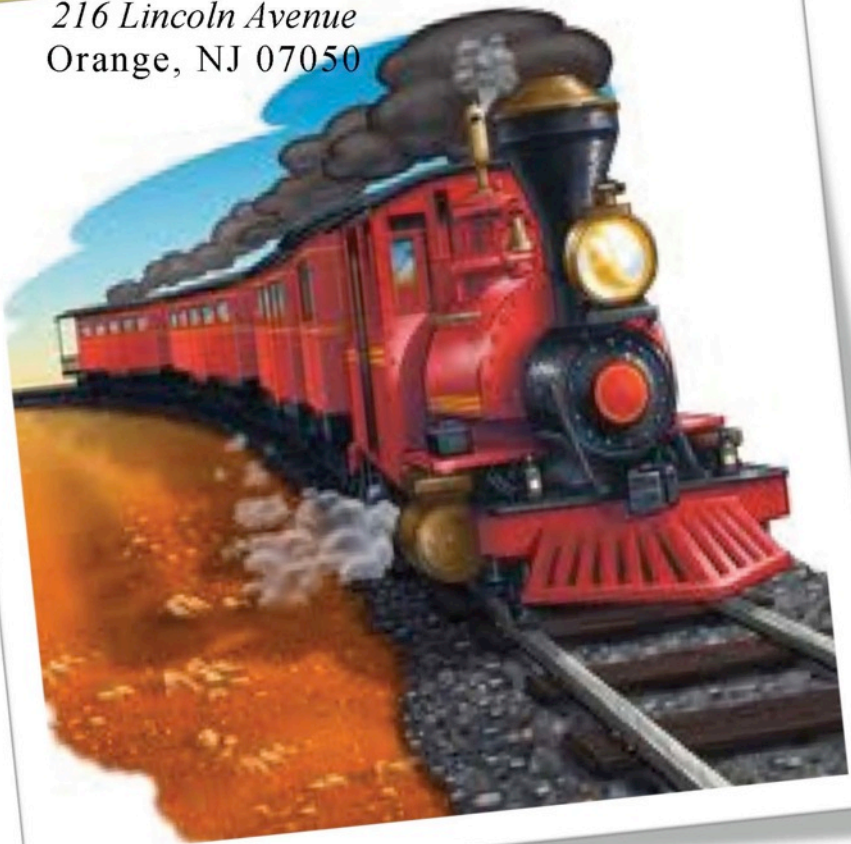
**Save The
Date**

The Writer's Festival 2013

Saturday, June 8, 2013

1PM-3PM

Lincoln Avenue School
216 Lincoln Avenue
Orange, NJ 07050



Featured Authors

To Be Determined

**Orange Public School
Students**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
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Students should select their best work from their portfolios to develop into an award winning presentation.

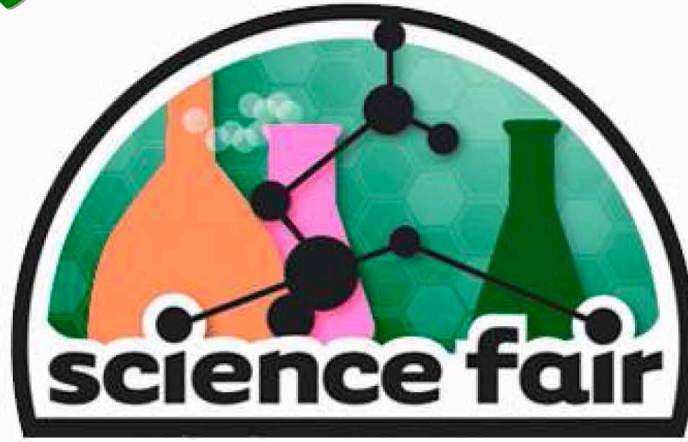
- **Meet the Author Book Sale**
- **Book Pantry Book Give A Ways**
- **Refreshments for Students**

Orange Public School District



Proudly Presents Our

5th Annual District



Walkthrough viewings:

Tuesday, June 11th - 8:30 AM ~ 3:00 PM

Wednesday, June 12th - 8:30 AM ~ 3:00 PM

Open to Public

Thursday, June 13th - 4:30 PM ~ 6:00 PM



AWARD CEREMONY



Thursday, June 13th - 6:00 PM ~ 7:00 PM

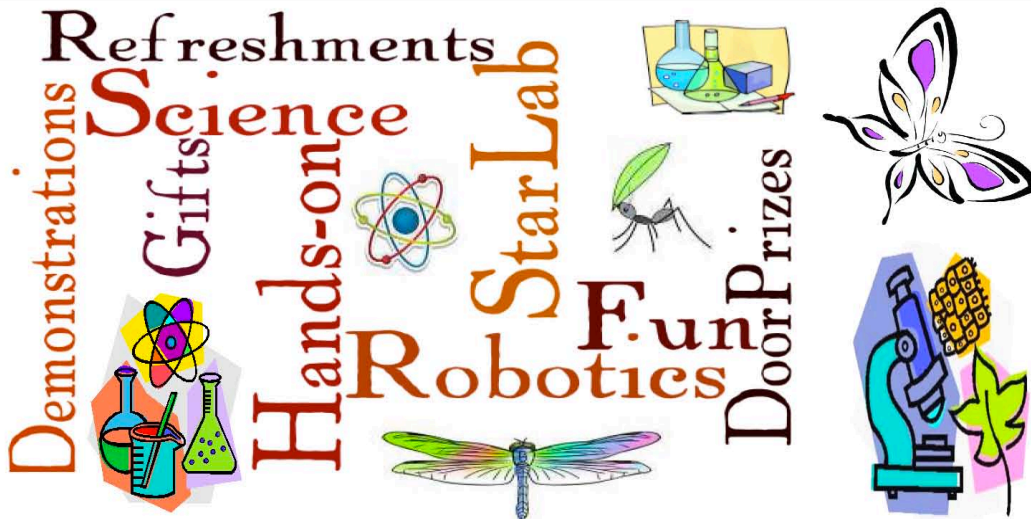
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Orange, NJ



ValleyArts PRESENTS

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Saturday
June 15
11am-9pm



Forest & Tompkins Streets
in the Valley Arts District,
Orange NJ 07050

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Creative Orange

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Ray Rodriguez & Swing Sabrosa

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FAMILY FRIENDLY ARTS ACTIVITIES

Create your own hats, paint in the streets, go on a storytelling adventure, explore music, join a drum circle, and dance in a parade!

ARTS EXHIBITIONS

Visit more than 25 arts booths and experience exhibitions at the Firehouse Gallery, Ironworks Gallery, and Yema Gallery.

DELICIOUS FOOD

Enjoy the flavors of the Orange Valley including American, Colombian, Italian, Mediterranean, Peruvian, and Southern. The Festival is alcohol free.

Hat City Streets is a program of **ValleyArts**
Richard T. Bryant, *Executive Director*

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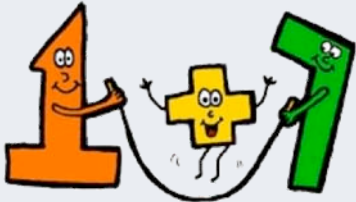
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Orange Public School District Math Competitions



On Monday, June 17, 2013, "mathletes" in grades 1-3 will represent their school in the Orange Public Schools' **TryMathlon**. Students will compete in activities ranging from number sense to algebraic readiness. The event will be held at Lincoln Avenue School, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. From 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., students in grades 4 – 7 will be challenged in the district's **Mathquest**, also at Lincoln Avenue School.

All of the district's elementary schools will be represented in both the **TryMathlon** and the **Mathquest**. Over 240 students will participate in these stimulating and fast passed competitive events that will strengthen the mathematical capabilities of our students. Ms. Erica Stewart, Administrator for Special Projects, says that the competitions are for our math "Superheroes" and invites the Orange community to "Come see our Superheroes demonstrate the unstoppable force of Mathematics."



"On the Write Track" Writers Festival at Lincoln Avenue School *Lincoln Receives Gold Pen Award at Monthly Board of Education Meeting*

On June 8, 2013, the Orange Public School District held its Writer's Festival at Lincoln Avenue School. "On the Write Track" included over 50 creative displays of books produced by student authors from PreK-12. The event was conceived and organized by Ms. Erica Stewart, Administrator for Special Projects, to foster writing as a focused discipline for students.

Language Arts Master Teachers assisted with the event, coordinating each school's work, and volunteers from each school helped to set-up the displays for a successful festival. Ms. Stewart expressed gratitude for their help.

At the event, Lincoln Avenue School won 1st place overall and was given a Golden Pen award at the Monthly Board of Education meeting along with the Silver and Bronze Pen awards given to Heywood Avenue School and Orange Preparatory Academy, respectively. Student authors, who were "liked", through balloting, were present at the board meeting and were acknowledged for their hard work. They will receive certificates, at a later date (See group picture below).



Pictured: Principal Robert Pettit received the Gold Pen Award from Superintendent Lee and Board President Arthur; Principal Karen Machuca received the Silver Pen Award and Principal Darrell Medley received the Bronze Pen Award.



The schools earned their awards based, in part, on student attendance and participation and, among other criteria, the following:

1. Most liked displays

- Andrew Coates, Lincoln
- April Stokes, Heywood
- Keshima Smith, Lincoln
- Dinah Beckford, OPA
- Kezia Ofofu-Oware, OPA
- Sakeynah Sawyer, Lincoln

2. Judges Pick Rankings (see chart below)

- Heywood
- OPA
- Cleveland; Lincoln
- Forest
- Rosa Parks; Oakwood; Park

Heywood	OPA	Lincoln	Cleveland
Claude Morinville Destiny Miles Jennie Jean Keturah Cohen Emma McPherson Basheer Saleem Alree Evans Aaliyah Mustafa	Garianne Baucicaut Dinah Beckford Brittany Beckley Ryazia King Kayla Noel	Andrew Coates Minoucha Previlon Rose Mary Jones Jonathan Certuche Keshima Smith Ms. Sawyer's Class Display & Writing	Trey Dunn Jazy Desravine "The Perfect Couple" by Morosco, Raheem, Henderson, and Lindsay
Forest	RPCCS	Oakwood	Park
Kelea Epitime Kennedy Boncamper Joshua Lunis	Jules McFarlane	Essence Wilson Joshua Mora Serrano	Aja Walker

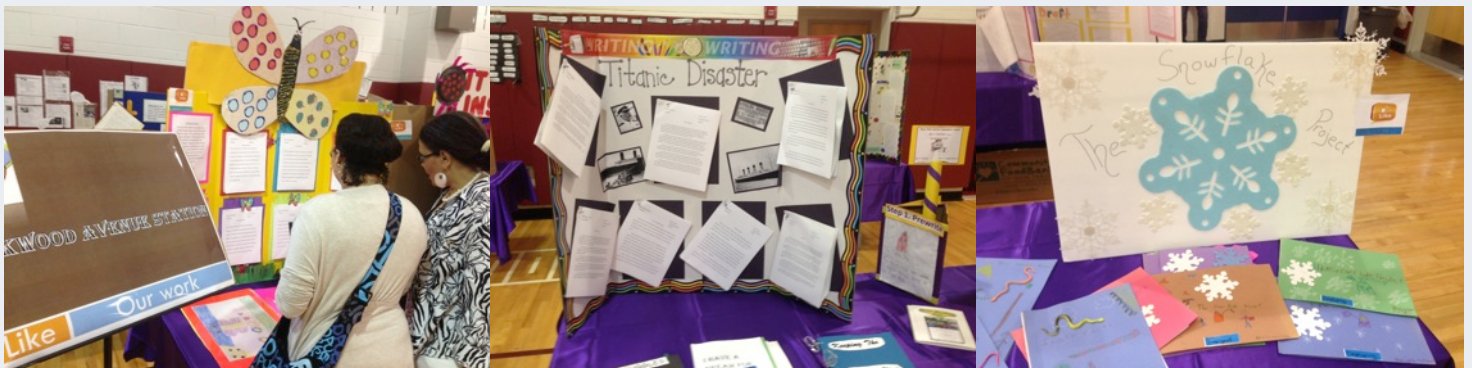
Lincoln Avenue and the other participating schools, presented writings and displays from various academic areas such as English language arts, science, foreign language (Spanish and French) as well as social studies. The displays and writings were combinations of individual and class submissions, as well as writings from various members of the staff.

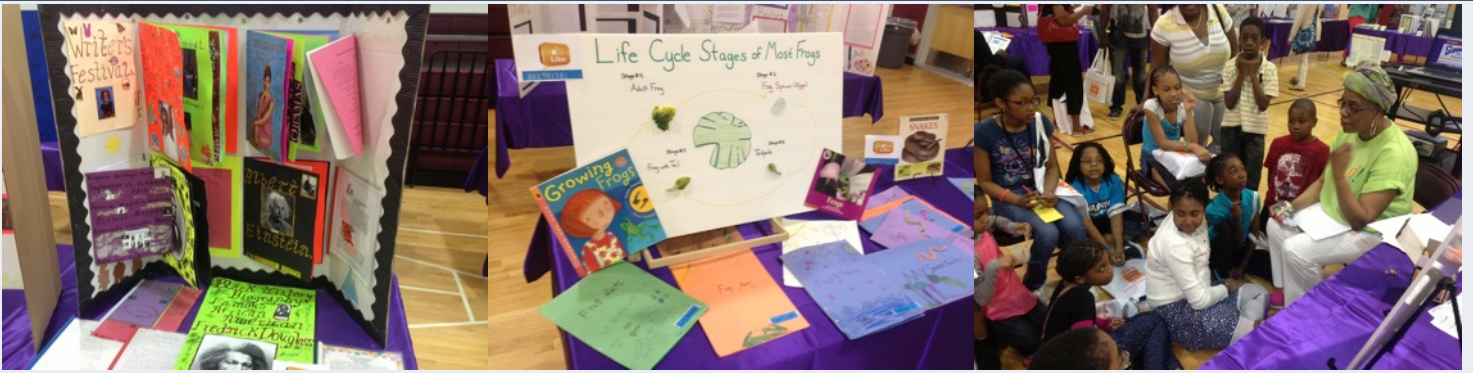


"It was all hands on deck as the students and staff enthusiastically prepared for this competition and celebration of aspiring writers," said Principal Pettit (shown left accepting his school's award from Superintendent Lee and Board President Arthur)). "The cross representation from various subject areas and academic abilities produced a rainbow of colorful displays and eclectic pieces of creative writing." He further commented that Lincoln's participation by students and staff in the various district competitions "stands as a beacon of light" that exudes the district's motto "Keeping Children First."

District administrators, Ms. Kathryn Carter, Director of Language Arts, read to students from her soon to be released, first children's book, "Summer Time with Lizzie B. Hayes. Author, Mr. Matthew Stevens, District Community Relations, conducted a work-shop/discussion on self-publishing and Ms. Carol Lukoff, Cleveland Street's school counselor and organizer of their Book Pantry gave out free books to attendees. The

festival also featured four activity stations for promoting writing and literacy including a technology station fostering necessary computer/technical skills to enhance writing.





Pictured: Scenes from "On the Write Track" Writers Festival contributed by Lincoln Avenue School.

(Contributions by Lincoln Avenue School)



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Park Avenue Students Are Winners Again in the 6 Sounds Contest



Park Avenue is extremely proud to announce that they have two winners in the 6 Sounds Contest sponsored by the New Jersey Association for Educational Technology (NJ AET). Giovanni Peterkin (left) and Samar House Taylor (right), both 5th graders, won for best drama and best comedy, respectively. They are pictured with Principal Dr. Myron Hackett (extreme left) Dr. Denise Harlem, technology coordinator, and Assistant Principal Ms. Devonii Reid (extreme right). Each winner will receive mini-digital camcorders as prizes.

Park Avenue's Computer Club participated in the contest along with students from across the state of New Jersey. The contest was open to students in grades 3-12. Contestants had to create a 60-second story in the form of a podcast and incorporate six particular sounds. The goal of this project was to teach students and educators how to create and mix existing content media in original ways. It's a challenge and opportunity to get creative within specific boundaries and rules.

For more information about the contest, go to [NJ AET Technology Grants and Contest page](#).

(Submitted by Dr. Denise Harlem)



Students from Orange and Trenton High Schools Graduate from New Jersey SEEDS (Reprinted from NJ SEEDS)

Newark, NJ—June 11, 2013—New Jersey SEEDS is pleased to announce that 30 seniors from Orange and Trenton Central High Schools graduated last evening from the organization's College Preparatory Program (CPP). CPP was launched in 2007 to develop the academic potential of the students in public high schools, with the goal of increasing the number of students who aspire to, enter and graduate from competitive colleges. This year's graduating class is the first to include students from Trenton Central High School.

"Our CPP scholars are tremendously committed to advancing their education," explains SEEDS' President Ronni Denes. "It isn't easy for high school students to give up two weeks each summer and every Saturday during the school year for three

consecutive years. Our students realize what they are working toward and we support their journey through academic development, college exploration, the application process to competitive institutions and advocacy for robust financial aid packages."

This year's graduating class is the third from the College Preparatory Program. Over the past two years, nearly 60 students from Orange and Englewood (Academies at Englewood and Dwight Morrow High School) have completed the program and enrolled in colleges and universities across the country.

"The Class of 2013 is an extremely hard-working and motivated group of students," says Barry Ford, Dean of the College Preparatory Program. "I'm extremely proud of all they have accomplished over the past three years with SEEDS, and am confident they will continue to strive for academic success in the future."

During their time with SEEDS, students take academic classes focusing on mathematics, language arts, writing, science, and ACT preparation. Beginning in their junior year, scholars work closely with a corps of volunteer mentors and SEEDS staff to navigate the college application process, negotiate a financial aid package, and enroll in a higher education institution.

"I'd like to thank our students, their families, and their CPP mentors for their dedication over the past three years," continues Denes. "Because of their persistence – and the unwavering support of the Orange and Trenton School Districts – our students are looking ahead to successful first semesters of college this fall. A very special thank you to Mr. Brian Maher, the evening's keynote speaker, who supported the Orange High School graduating class throughout their SEEDS experience, and NRG for supporting this year's graduating class from Trenton Central High School."

The seniors who completed the college admissions process from the Class of 2013 received 124 acceptances from 53 colleges across 14 states. Of these acceptances, 56 percent are to most, highly and very competitive institutions, as ranked by *Barron's*.

The New Jersey SEEDS College Preparatory Program (CPP) Class of 2013 College Decisions:

Orange High School

Louis Aduko – Manhattanville College
Samuel Akande – Denison University
Timothy Beckford – Albright College
Shaquille Brown – Rider University
Muldrice Ceus – Rider University
Tamisha Ceus – Ramapo College
Sherley Dorcelian – Albright College
Uchenna Eze – University of Southern California
Aphnie Germain – Dickinson College **Valedictorian of OHS**
Micaelia Gibson – Rider University
Shahin Gumbes – Elizabethtown College
Tyla McAlmont – Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Kienesha McDonald – Hood College
Najeer McEachin – Caldwell College
Cassania Smith – Albright College

Trenton Central High School – Main Campus

Rosmery Almonte – Gettysburg College
Nordia Bennett – Denison University
Johnson Browne – Armed Forces
Monayasia Davis – Albright College
Jose Granda – Mercer County Community College
Liz Lopez – Albright College
Karla Ramirez – Mercer County Community College
Henry Santizo – Mercer County Community College
Irene Suarez – Mercer County Community College
Eddy Torres – Lehigh University **Valedictorian of TCHS – Main; SEEDS Commencement Speaker**

Trenton Central High School – West Campus

Chartae Anderson – Denison University
Torrie Garvin – Lasell College
Sulamit Quezada – Albright College
Khadijah Thompson – Albright College
Tayanna Washington – Rowan University

The Class of 2013 Dinner and Graduation Celebration was held at The Newark Club on Monday, June 10. Students and their families were joined by New Jersey SEEDS Trustees, donors, staff, mentors and friends to celebrate their accomplishments.

For additional information, or to receive high-res photos or video from the event, please contact Theresa Murray at tmurray@njseeds.org or at 862.227.9145.

About New Jersey SEEDS

Since its inception more than 20 years ago, New Jersey SEEDS has provided educational access for highly motivated, low-income students and created a viable path for them to achieve their full potential. SEEDS strives for a world in which young people's initiative, creativity and intellect can flourish without regard to socioeconomic status. To date, nearly 2,000 scholars have benefitted from its programs. For more information, visit www.njseeds.org.

New Jersey SEEDS is grateful to the following corporations, foundations and individuals for providing major support for the College Preparatory Program: Barclays; C.R. Bard, Inc.; Roy and Marie Cohen; Community Chest of Englewood; Paul and Elizabeth DeRosa; Elizabeth and Baretts O. Benjamin Charitable Foundation; HAPI Foundation; Harbourton Foundation; Horizon Foundation; JPMorgan Chase Foundation; The Laurenti Family Charitable Trust; Brian and Sandra Maher; Mary Owen Borden Foundation; Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation; Novo Nordisk, Inc.; NRG Energy, Inc.; Orange Orphan Society; Overdeck Family Foundation; and Prudential Foundation



NJ Seeds in the news:

WABC TV (Channel 7) attended the CPP graduation on June 10, 2013. They aired a brief piece on the 11:00 p.m. news that night and a more in-depth interview with Aphnie Germain on June 11, 2013 at 5:30 am.

Aphnie Germain was also interviewed by WBGO radio in a segment highlighting the SEEDS College Preparatory Program. [Click here for interview.](#)

OHS SEEDS student, Sam Akande appeared on NJ Today discussing his experience with the program: [Click here for interview segment.](#)



Lincoln Avenue Students End the School Year on a "High Note"

On June 7th, the Lincoln Avenue Band and Chorus traveled to Freehold, New Jersey to participate in the High Note Festival, an annual adjudicated music festival. Through the pouring rain, 68 excited boys and girls, along with their chaperones, made their way to St. Rose School to sing and play their repertoire of music. They sang and played exquisitely, and came back with trophies and grades. Congratulations to the LAS Band, conducted by Dorcas Robinson, Orange Preparatory Academy instrumental music instructor, who substituted for Lincoln's band director, Ms. Marianne Mroz. The band received a score of 'Excellent'. Congratulations also to the LAS Choir, conducted by Wendy Mir, who received a score of 'Superior' in the competition.

Unfortunately, their trip to Great Adventure, the second half of the festival, was rained out, but all participants received a ticket, good for one year, to visit the park.

The Lincoln Avenue music staff thanks the chaperones Aaron Gulko, Daniel DeJesus, Michelle Rosolen, Lisa Farrar and Jose Felix for their assistance and Dorcas Robinson for pinch-hitting as a substitute director. They also congratulated the students for a job well done, and for representing Lincoln Avenue School so well!



Pictured (left to right): Band students at High Note Festival; LAS Chorus at High Note Festival; Music teachers Marianne Mroz and Wendy Mir with trophies.

(Submitted by Marianne Mroz, Lincoln Avenue School)



OPA Robotics, Student of the Month and Parent of the Month Presentation at Monthly Board of Education Meeting

Orange Preparatory Academy hosted the June 11, 2013 Board of Education meeting with a special opening presentation and remarks from Principal Mr. Darrell Medley. The six young men who will be going to the Netherlands to compete in the *RoboCupJunior World Competition* demonstrated their dance routine with their two robots. The Team members are Lopez Georges, DeJan Carlisle-Miller, Deshaun Maisonable, Angelo Raymond, Fabian Spann and Ernest Bynum, Brittany the Robot and Ashley the Robot, who recently joined the team. The audience was thrilled to see the efforts that have gone into programming the robots to move to the music of "Jump On It". Mr. Medley acknowledged that they continue to refine their "routine" and are ready to represent the United States in the prestigious competition in a few short weeks.



Pictured: OPA Robotics Club Members performing with Brittany and Ashley.

Following the robotics presentation, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, Superintendent of Schools, and Mrs. Patricia A. Arthur, President of Board of Education, presented students with certificates for being selected Student of the Month. On a monthly basis, students are recognized for exemplary behavior, academics and citizenship by their school. Students selected for May 2013 are as follows:

Name	School	Grade
Stephanie Jacques-Simon	Orange High School	12
Garianne Baucicaut	Orange Preparatory Academy	9
Omar Lliquicota	Career and Innovation Academy of Orange	10
Miracle Obianuwe	Cleveland Street School	3
Angela Mercie Davis	Rosa Parks Central Community School	K
Deicka Jean-Charles	Park Avenue School	1
Abdur Green	Heywood Avenue School	1
Francisco Quiros	Forest Street School	7
Anahyah Muldrow	Oakwood Avenue School	6
Takai Gomez	Lincoln Avenue School	2



Pictured: Student of the Month recipients pose with their Principals, Superintendent Lee, Board President Arthur and family members

Parent of the Month



Orange Preparatory Academy's Parent of the Month is Mrs. Lakeesha Tyler. Mrs. Tyler is the mother of Orange Preparatory Academy 8th grade student Samiah Tyler. She is a parent who is always in the background supporting her daughter and the different activities of her school. Known to the Orange District for her supportive efforts, in regards to the arts program, Ms. Tyler travels near and far to show her Orange Pride in support of Samiah and Orange Prep. Like most parents, Ms. Tyler is a very strong advocate for her daughter and works tirelessly to ensure Samiah receives the best education. This year she has stepped in, to do the same, for one of OPA's students whose mother died recently. She not only attends parent conferences for her own daughter but also for the other Orange Prep student, as well. She was not asked to do this, but volunteered, because someone needed to fill in the gap for this student. As it has been said many times, it takes a whole village - Ms. Lakeesha Tyler demonstrates this each time she enters Orange Preparatory Academy. OPA is extremely proud to have her and her family as part of the Orange Preparatory Academy school community.

Outgoing Board of Education Member Honored



Ms. Stephanie Brown was presented with a plaque by Board of Education President Mrs. Patricia A. Arthur, which expressed the Board's appreciation for her service and commitment to "Keeping Children First" in the Orange Township Public Schools.

The members of the Board thanked Ms. Brown for her three years of dedicated service. They are pictured (left to right), as follows: Superintendent Ronald Lee, Board Members, Dr. Thomas Johnson, Mrs. Daniela Small-Bailey, Mrs. Emily Jukes, Board President Mrs. Patricia A. Arthur, Ms. Stephanie Brown, Board Members, Mrs. Marion Graves-Jackson, Dr. Harris Enobulele and Board Vice President Mr. Arthur J. Griffa.



A Renaissance Evening at Forest Street School

On June 6, 2013, Forest Street School presented its Spring Concert, A Renaissance Evening, featuring displays of student Science Fair projects and a school-wide art exhibit. From 5:00 – 6:00 p.m., guests could view the science fair winners and art projects, representing all grade levels, displayed throughout the building. Friends and family members were then treated to a concert featuring a mini production, "The Mighty Meter Gnome Musical", led by vocal music teacher, Mr. Jayson Martinez. Students in K – 3 sang enthusiastically as Freddy the Frog and Eli the Elephant fixed the Mighty Meter Gnome and saved the day on Treble Cleft Island. The story teaches students about friendship, teamwork, and music concepts. There were performances by the Violin Ensemble and solo recitals with Raffael Davila on the piano, a guitar improvisation by Francisco Quiros and a vocal performance by Anessa Larathe. The Concert Band, Select Choir and the Guitar and World Percussion group performed separately to great audience appreciation.

Assistant Principal Dr. John Young thanked parents, staff and students for their attendance and congratulated the students and Visual and Performing Arts staff for their efforts.



Pictured: Scenes from Forest Street's Spring Concert with science and art displays.



Cleveland Street School's Student Council Recognize High Honor Roll Students

On June 10, 2013 Cleveland's student council used part of the money they have raised during the school year to reward the 2012-2013 High Honor Roll students by taking them to Branch Brook Roller Skating Rink. In order for students to qualify, they had to receive an A average in all 4 marking periods. Students had a great time skating and celebrating their school year achievements. The skating rink also had a small ceremony where all the high honor roll students were recognized and given a certificate.



Pictured: Cleveland's High Honor Roll students at Branch Brook Park.

(Submitted by Ericka Arias, Cleveland's Student Council Advisor)



Cleveland Street Students Eat Out at a Spanish Restaurant

As a complement to the unit on foods and restaurants, Cleveland Street School's Spanish teacher, Ericka Arias, took the honors 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grade Spanish classes to a Mexican restaurant on June 12 and 13, 2013 to experience Spanish food in an authentic Spanish setting. The students had the opportunity to practice ordering food in Spanish and were involved in speaking Spanish using the conversation topics/questions assigned for each table. Students said they had an amazing time and it was nice to try something different from their own culture.



Pictured: Cleveland students and staff enjoying a visit to a Spanish restaurant.

(Submitted by Ericka Arias, Spanish teacher)



Cleveland Street Spring Concert Featuring "Guys and Dolls Jr."

On June 12, 2013, Cleveland Street School presented their Spring Concert at the Park Avenue Cafetorium. Friends and family were greeted with an art display as they entered the cafetorium. The show opened with instrumental music director, Mr. Thaddeus Hammond's strings students doing a medley for beginners. He conducted several instrumental selections by the Concert Band and solo performances.

Mr. Brian Silvoy, music teacher, conducted the second graders in Ms. Copeland's and Ms. Smith's classes in "a musical celebration of life on our mother earth." He also introduced the 6th grade Guitar Ensemble doing a number of captivating impromptu selections.

Taking the stage next were the Cleveland Street actors directed by Ms. Amanda Pioppi, drama instructor, in the stage production of the musical "Guys and Dolls Jr.". The students were in character as they presented this youthful version of a legendary Broadway musical.





Pictured: Scenes from Cleveland Street's Spring Concert.

Coming Attractions

- ***Saturday, June 15, 2013 – Hat City Streets Festival, Forest and Tompkins Streets in the Valley Arts District, 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. (See flyer below)***
- ***Monday, June 17, 2013 – Students dismissed at 2:30 p.m.***
- ***Monday, June 17, 2013 – TryMathlon for Grades 1 – 3, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and Mathquest for grades 4 – 7, 4:30 – 8:00 p.m. at Lincoln Avenue School***
- ***Tuesday, June 18, 2013 – Orange Department of Early Childhood Presents Parent Preview Night, Scholars Academy, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. (See flyers below)***
- ***Tuesday, June 18, 2013 – Rosa Parks Spring Music Concert, 6:30 p.m. at Central Auditorium***
- ***Wednesday, June 19, 2013 – Park Avenue Spring Dance Concert, 7:00 p.m. at Orange Preparatory Academy Auditorium (Tentative Date)***

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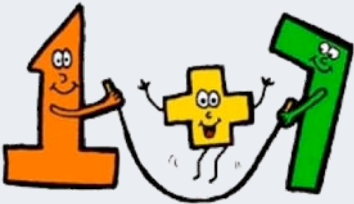
Next week is the last week of school and many may be wondering about the "Pages for all Ages" - 25-Book Challenge. Well, the results have been tallied and prizes are ready to be delivered to schools. So be on the lookout, *next week*, for the "Prize Patrol". District Administrators are ready to visit each

school to acknowledge the reading prowess of Orange's students. The participation levels increased dramatically, during the second year for this challenge, resulting in thousands of book tickets to be counted and many more prizes to be awarded.



Orange Public School District Math Competitions Produces School Champions and Individual Academic Winners

TryMathlon



On Monday, June 17, 2013, approximately 90 "mathletes", in grades 1-3, competed in the Orange Public Schools' TryMathlon. The students, representing the district's elementary schools, eagerly engaged in "field events" and passed their baton on to teammates once they had completed their math challenge, as if in a decathlon. There was much team spirit in the game of math skills, speed and accuracy. The students solved grade level activities including "Yard Sale", where students had to show the correct monies for amounts shown on an index card, solving math equations in a "beach ball pass", creating the highest pyramid and showing team work to create outfits using combinations. The skills tested

included numerical operations, data analysis, patterns and measurements. The overall winner of the competition will get to display the 6' trophy in their school for the next school year. The TryMathlon winners are:

- Forest Street School – 1st Place
- Heywood Avenue School - 2nd Place
- Park Avenue and Cleveland Street Schools tied for 3rd Place





Pictured: TryMathlon participants (left to right): Group photo; Park Avenue School (3rd Place); Cleveland Street School (3rd Place); Heywood Avenue School (2nd Place); forest Street School (1st Place).

Mathquest

The Mathquest, another brainchild of Ms. Erica Stewart, Administrator for Special Projects, continued where the TryMathlon left off, for grades 4 – 7, later that evening. Students were challenged, solving math problems during in-class sessions proctored by district math teachers who served as “examiners”. Students had to solve 8 grade specific problems in each of 4 rounds. The problems were drafted from NJ model curriculum. After the assessment, all of the student responses were scored. The process took approximately 2 hours and while students ate dinner, scores were tallied and the winners were announced at the conclusion of the event. Below are the Mathquest winners:

Place	Name	School	Place	Name	School
4th Grade			6th Grade		
First	Sandra Adablah	Heywood	First	Rafael Davila	Forest
Second	Hope Stansbury	Heywood	Second	Brian Caceres	Cleveland
Third	Ibrahima Sacko	Park	Third	Elijah Mustafa	Heywood
Fourth	Tairi Johnson	Forest	Fourth	Mageenah Dacy	Forest
Fifth	Nicholas Andrade	Cleveland	Fifth	Melen Negussie	Forest
Sixth	Rhea Davis	Park	Sixth	Pierre Senat	Lincoln
5th Grade			7th Grade		
First	David Ortega	RPCCS	First	Sabrina Paul	Lincoln
Second	Nahome Hagos	Lincoln	Second	Jemima Pierre	RPCCS
Third	Arianna Thompson	Park	Third	Sayeed Bennett	Park
Fourth	Jason Jean-Baptiste	Cleveland	Fourth	Ahsley Moscoso	Cleveland
Fifth	Angelica Deoleo Valentin	Heywood	Fifth	Cornelius Aladeniyi	Cleveland
Sixth	Etienne Valentz	Park	Sixth	Eduardo Fajardo	Forest



Pictured: Scenes from MathQuest.



Pictured: Mathquest winners with Superintendent Lee (left to right): Sandra Adablah, 4th grade; David Ortega, 5th grade; Rafael Davila, 6th grade; Sabrina Paul, 7th grade.



Orange Public School District's Fifth Annual Science Fair

Over 200 individual projects were showcased at the Orange Public School District's Fifth Annual Science Fair at Park Avenue School, held from June 11 – 13, 2013. Students from grades 2 to 12 participated in the fair where projects displayed illustrated an array of scientific areas. All the exhibited projects represented individual school winners, by grade level. The culminating event was the final Science Fair Tour and Awards Ceremony on June 13. During the tour, students readily explained their projects to guests, including Board of Education President Patricia A. Arthur and Vice President Arthur J. Griffa, Superintendent Ronald Lee, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Paula Howard and other staff members, along with many family and friends. There were many partner exhibits and activities for all to enjoy:

- The District's StarLab Planetarium
- Rat Maze Demonstration And Frog Dissection
- Worm Composting With Tenafly Nature Center
- Paper-Making And Recycling With Essex County Environment Center
- Live Robotics Demonstrations

Following the tour and exhibits, the Awards Ceremony opened with giveaways and door prizes. The Orange Dance conservatory students, led by Mrs. Deborah Rembert, opened the program and Superintendent Lee gave introductory remarks before the Science Fair winners were announced. Master Science Teachers and partner organizations evaluated the displayed projects and awarded first, second and third place winners for each grade level and group projects for Orange High School participants. Winners received a trophy and "Honorable Mention" received medals, to acknowledge their award winning work.

Ms. Erika Hackett, Supervisor of Science K-7, for the district, announced winners of the recently held District Robotics Competition and Principal of Orange Preparatory Academy, Mr. Darrel Medley, introduced OPA's Bisons Robotic Club, demonstrating the dance routine they will perform at the RoboCupJunior World Competition in the Netherlands.

The Master Science Teachers introduced the winners, they are:

- Lillian Lugo - Park Avenue & Cleveland Street Schools
- Onnolee Jansen - Forest Street & Heywood Avenue Schools
- Dennis Peterson - Lincoln and Oakwood Avenue Schools
- Shirley Colman - Rosa Parks Central Community School

Also, all grade level science teachers were thanked for their in-class support of student science fair project research.



Pictured: 2013 District Science Fair Winners with District Administrators.

Place	Grade	School	Name	Project
3rd Place	2	Park Avenue	Kamaya Flemming	Bumblebee
2nd Place	2	Park Avenue	Autumn Tarver	Monarch Butterfly
1st Place	2	Lincoln Avenue	Kevin Certuche	Ants
Honorable Mention	3	Park Avenue	Jonathan Tarver	Magnets & Electromagnetic Rotation
3rd Place	3	Rosa Parks	Tasneem Mohammed	Poppin' Popcorn
2nd Place	3	Park Avenue	Ahnyee Colman	Yuck! What Happened to My Apple!
1st Place	3	Forest Street	Jalen Reece	The Gaming Master
Honorable Mention	4	Lincoln Avenue	Rashon Spotwood	Fantastic Foamy Fountain
3rd Place	4	Lincoln Avenue	Tracy Ware, Jr.	Balloon Pop
2nd Place	4	Heywood Avenue	Simeon Davis	How do different materials react to static electricity?
1st Place	4	Park Avenue	Ibrahima Sacko	3, 2, 1 Blast off!
Honorable Mention	5	Park Avenue	Jonathan Dulce	Where There is Charge There Will Be Sparks
Honorable Mention	5	Forest Street	Emely Diaz	The Egg Float
3rd Place	5	Heywood Avenue	Dyson Mitchell	Newton's Apple - A Video Game for the Blind
2nd Place	5	Heywood Avenue	Angelina Deoleo	What are you drinking?
1st Place	5	Oakwood Avenue	L'Nai Bryant	A Battery That Makes Cents
Honorable Mention	6	Heywood Avenue	Muhammad Haque	The Electricity Conduction Experiment
3rd Place	6	Lincoln Avenue	Jonathan Certuche	Rust Challenge
2nd Place	6	Cleveland Street	Ashorkor Ashithey	Seed Racing
1st Place	6	Rosa Parks	Matthew Bonnaeus	Rethink your drink
Honorable Mention	7	Park Avenue	Sayeed Bennett	Sling, Chop, Boing!
Honorable Mention	7	Rosa Parks	Anela Kanhai	Saturated Solution
3rd Place	7	Cleveland Street	Cornelius Aladeniyi	The Effect of Friction on Objects in Motion
2nd Place	7	Oakwood Avenue	Quasean Waithe	Nothing But Net
1st Place	7	Cleveland Street	Ashley Moscoso	The Grape Escape
3rd Place	8	OPA	Erick Palomeque	Extracting DNA
2nd Place	8	OPA	Najee Quashie	Measuring Surface Tension
1st Place	8	OPA	Ernest Lovaniece	Red Bull and Daphnia
1st Place	10-11	OHS	Nesly Christophe, Jeffery Pillcorema, Brittany Jones and Marc Cadet	The Effect of Soil Pollution on the Germination of Radish Seeds



Pictured: Scenes from District Science Fair at Park Avenue School.



Park Avenue Sewing Club Honors the Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent

Park Avenue School's Sewing and Fashion Club had an outstanding year. They made dresses, scarves, pillowcases and hats, just to name a few of the items created in class. One the most challenging things they made were pajama tops for Mr. Ronald Lee, Superintendent of Schools and Dr. Paula Howard, Deputy Superintendent.

The sewing and fashion club worked under the guidance of Ms. Vandarra Robbins, Substitute Teacher in the Orange School District. She volunteered 2 hours every week to teach the class.



Pictured (left to right): Sewing Club members Nadjulia Constant, Lovely Charles, Raquel Osorio and Yanibel Chavez with Superintendent Lee and Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Howard; Dr. Myron Hackett, Principal at Park Avenue School, joins the group; Dr. Howard and Mr. Lee admire their gift.



The Hat City Streets Festival

The Hat City Streets Festival, which took place on June 15, 2013, was a true community event. Orange Public Schools' students and staff were strong participants in the festival, which took place in the Valley Arts District, on Forest and Tompkins Street. The event was a mix of music, art and food. Students Orange High School had an art display and did

facepainting, there were vocal performances by Orange High School's (OHS) Voices In Harmony, OPA's Strings Ensemble and a group of OHS student performers and alumni called "Tasty Productions" all took to the festival stage to perform for community members.

Approximately 10 students from OPA worked at the "Kids by Kids" craft area, supported by staff members, giving temporary "tattoos". The school's Female Achievers were on hand as volunteers, as well offering assistance to patrons.



Pictured: Scenes from Hat City Streets Festival.



Lincoln Students Visit Washington D.C.

As part of the 7th grade curriculum, students from Lincoln Avenue School went on a field trip to Washington DC on May 23, 2013. Students were able to experience and see first-hand some of the amazing places, people, and art works that represent our country and government, as a democracy made by the people, for the people. In the United States Capitol Building students walked on the compass stone, which marks the geographic center of the city. In the crypt they also saw statues of Samuel Adams, Robert Livingston, and Richard Stockton, important figures in America's fight for independence and creators of our government. Upstairs in the National Statuary Hall, they learned about the history of the building, and how like our government, it too is always changing. The most recent changes included the brand new Rosa Parks statue. They also visited the Supreme Court and Lincoln Park, where they saw the Emancipation Monument. On their way to the White House students waited patiently to catch a glimpse of President Barack Obama as he passed in his motorcade to the White House! What a great moment!

On their tour of the National Mall students saw the Washington, Lincoln, and Jefferson Monuments, not to mention, the new Martin Luther King Jr. Monument, which reads: "Out of the Mountain of Despair, a Stone of Hope." As they too continue to hope and plan for the future by studying hard and learning much!



Pictured: Scenes from Lincoln's 7th grades students on their visit to Washington, DC.

(Submitted by Mr. Aaron Gulko, Social Studies Teacher)



OPA Playwright is Finalist for "My World" Young Playwrights' Project



Denisha Holder, 9th grade student at Orange Preparatory Academy, was recently chosen as a finalist for Action Theatre Conservatory (ATC) Studios, Young Playwrights' Project, "My World". ATC Studios is a private acting/performing arts school in Clifton, NJ. "My World" was the second annual competition sponsored by ATC Studios, which encourages young writers to create dramatic works based on their personal feelings and experiences.

Denisha composed an original monologue entitled, "Him", in her Beginning Drama class. The work was submitted to ATC Studios and ultimately chosen as one of the 12 finalists. As a result, Denisha and her family had the pleasure of seeing her work performed at the Finalists' Showcase on June 14, 2013 at ATC Studios in Clifton. On June 20, 2013 Deneisha was notified that,

based on both judges' evaluations and audience surveys, "Him" was chosen as one of the top five scripts. The video of the showcase performance of Denisha's work will be featured on [ATC Studios' website](#) and their [Youtube channel](#). Congratulations to this talented, budding young playwright!

Denisha is pictured (right) with Kathleen Kellaigh, ATC Studios' Artistic Director with her certificate award.

(Submitted by Mrs. Maren Sugarman, OPA Drama teacher)



Comic Book Signing at Arts Unbound

It was a festive event to celebrate the latest student authors in the Orange Public School District. Students attending Rosa Parks Central Community School (RPCCS), Forest Street School and students now enrolled at Orange Preparatory Academy were invited to a comic book release and book-signing event, at *Arts Unbound*, in Orange, on June 12, 2013, for the RPCCS's (and Forest Street School's) "Academic Comic Book Program". It is a unique twelve-week incentive based educational program designed to increase student achievement in language arts and visual arts. The program is a collaborative effort that combines certified instructors and lesson plan development from Arts Unbound, software developed by 12 Comics and elementary school students at RPCCS, as well as Forest Street School.

Using a computer based program the students created superhero characters. After their character was finalized, using

basic graphic design and color theory, the students completed writing assignments following a theme. As their writing improved, their superheroes earned certain powers. The end result is a well-crafted character with superpowers for each student and a synopsis of their writing assignments, which were used to create the comic book.

Students celebrated their success, signing their comic books, with their families, school administrators, including Ms. Cayce Cummins RPCCS Principal, who helped to launch the program in Orange, Forest Street's Principal, Yancisca Cooke and OPA Principal Mr. Darrell Medley.



Pictured: Scenes from the Comic Book-signing at Arts Unbound with student authors.



Rosa Parks Central Community School Spring Concert



Opening the Rosa Parks Central Community School's Spring Concert, for grades 4-7, was the Orange staff chorus, Sankofa, led by Mr. Ryan LaBoy, one of the music instructors for RPCCS. Following their inspirational performance, the talented students of RPCCS entertained family and friends with a rousing selection of songs, instrumental music and dance. The evening's performance featured the 4th Grade Recorder Chorus, Concert Choir and Ukulele and Guitar Orchestra, directed by Mr. LaBoy, the String Ensemble, directed by Ms. Sini-Tuulia Vineyard, the Concert Band conducted by Ms. Jesenia Cruz and the Dance Studio performers, directed and choreographed by Ms. Nadiyah Smith-McCoy.

The program was well coordinated, moving from one performance to another seamlessly. At the close of the concert, Principal, Ms. Cayce Cummins, thanked all for their attendance and congratulated the performing arts instructors. Students then presented each with flowers while giving speeches of gratitude and appreciation for their guidance and instruction pictured above, left, in the forefront, are Mr. LaBoy, Ms. Smith-McCoy, Ms. Vineyard and Ms. Cruz (left to right). Also pictured in the photo are Ms. Cummins and Mr. Scott Clark who was also thanked for his management of the "stage crew".





Pictured: Scenes from RPCCS Spring Concert.



Park Avenue Dance Ensemble

Mrs. Debbie Rembert's dancers ended the Orange Public School District's Spring Concert season with beautifully choreographed dance performances by the Park Avenue Dance Ensemble, the Orange Dance Conservatory and a crowd favorite of Orange schools' staff members. The audience showed their appreciation for the many performers, from the kindergarten dancers, who were vivacious and skilled, to the more senior participants, who were energetic and talented. The evening ended with recognition of all who have assisted and supported Mrs. Rembert and her students in traveling to various competitions, preparing for district performances and assisting during rehearsals. Mrs. Rembert was also presented with a gift from her dancers.



Pictured: Park Avenue and Orange Dance Conservatory Spring Dance Concert.



OHS Business Department Supports Families in Technology Day (FIT)

On June 8th, 2013, the Black Data Processing Associates (BDPA), New Jersey Chapter, hosted their 10th Annual Families in Technology Day on the campus of New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) in Newark, New Jersey. The Business Department at Orange High School took a grass roots approach to marketing this event for maximum student participation. The event was advertised via phone blast, district email, as well as setting up a table for "on the spot" registration during student lunch periods. Nine (9) OHS students won laptops that were raffled at the Technology Day, validating the effort put into marketing this event.

The day was filled with morning and afternoon Workshops, Activities, Dance Troupe Performance and an opportunity to hear keynote speaker Dr. Randall Pinkett, Chairman and CEO, BCT Partners, Philanthropist, Author and Season Four Winner of NBC's The Apprentice.

Visit www.bdpanewjersey.org for additional information about the BDPA NJ Chapter.



Pictured (left to right): Scenes from lunch marketing effort with Mr. Jean, Business Dept.; Mr. Dondero, Business Dept. with student John Moran; Ms. Forbes, Business Dept.; Ms. Ninivaggi, Business Dept.; Students sitting (left to right) Leila Isidore and Davidson Dorcelus.



Pictured (left to right): At FIT Day, from left to right, Medjyna Jean-Baptiste, Kausar Ahmed, Mesha Wright, Davidson Dorcelus, Urbens Jean-Baptiste, Henri Sylvaine, Michael Welfare (two students not shown: Hilda Agyekum and Conroy McDonald); Michael Welfare; Randall Pinkett.

(Submitted by Mr. Max Nixon, Technology Instructor)



OHS Dance Ensemble Dance Beyond Orange

On June 10, 2013, the Orange High School Dance Department presented "Dancing Beyond Orange: Inspirations, Goals and Dreams by OHS Students". The evening of dance performances, in genres ranging from Acrobat to Liturgical, from Afro Jazz to Ballet, was an entertaining mix of OHS historical repertoire and world premiere pieces. As is traditional for the school's spring concert, there were eight senior solo performances by Simone Moore, Celeste Aponte, Shanay Washington, Sarah Wilkinson, Jasmine Bennett, Natasha Andrews, Uchenna Eze and Marco Farroni. To view a photographs of the Spring Dance Concert, taken by Mr. Peter Crosta, Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts visit:

<http://www.orangearts.net/WebGalleries/OHS-SpringDance13>.



Pictured: Scenes from Orange High School's Spring Dance Concert taken by Mr. Peter Crosta, Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts.



Orange Students Learn Bridge at the Shrine Center Bridge Club in Livingston

Students from the Park Avenue Bridge Club, Oakwood Avenue Bridge Club and the Female Achievers Mentoring Program at Orange High School and Orange Preparatory Academy participated in the Shrine Bridge Center's bridge tutoring program this past school year. For eight Wednesdays, from 4:00-6:00 p.m., the students played bridge and received assistance from Ms. Barbara Clark and Ms. Cheryl Angel, the program coordinators. Students also enjoyed pizza, cookies, and beverages while conversing with each other. Bridge instructors Dr. Denise Harlem, Ms. Karen Cooper, Ms. Susan Battle, and Ms. Pamela Venable assisted the children. "The students enjoyed the experience," said Dr. Harlem.

The Female Achievers (FA) Mentoring Program participants from Orange Preparatory Academy and Orange High School enjoyed their first experience to learn the card game " Bridge". The four young ladies who participated shared that terms used for playing Bridge will enhance their vocabulary, writing and public speaking; it gave new meaning to "suits"! It's math and strategy, for a player and their partner to bid and win a hand. "We have achieved another component for community service and our mentoring," said FA Advisor Ms. Karen Cooper. She also thanks Ms. Clark and the Shrine staff for the Bridge club activity, refreshments, transportation and connecting with students from the elementary schools each week. Attendees Bridge Club Female Achievers and F A Advisors Ms. Karen Cooper, Ms. Salima Covington and Ms. Pat Thomas (NJ Links Chapter).



Pictured: Students at the Shrine Center Bridge Club.



Students Create 3D Objects at Heywood Avenue School

During the final days of schools, teachers and students usually begin-close down procedures. Portfolios are created, learning materials are secured and stored away for the upcoming year, and final grades are calculated and submitted online via Genesis. However, the learning process continues at Heywood Avenue School, especially in Mrs. Jamillah Rawls' 4th Grade class.

Mrs. Rawls' lessons became even more special on June 20, 2013 when Olivier Jeudy, a former Heywood Avenue School student, who usually volunteers during his off days from his new school, helped co-teach a class with his mentor Anthony St. Jean, Technology Coordinator, and Mrs. Rawls. Under the tutelage of Olivier, the students used Google *SketchUP Make* for the first time to apply many of the mathematical concepts that they learned this school year to build and measure, polygons and three-dimensional objects.

According to Mrs. Rawls, "The students were amazed at the 3D program and were highly engaged". Olivier mentioned that he had a lot of fun, especially using the SMART Board during the lesson. Mr. St. Jean, was delighted to see the lesson come to fruition after one week of planning with Mrs. Rawls and Olivier. Most importantly, the students had to opportunity to exercise their mathematical knowledge to create 3-D objects. Many of them mentioned that they will seek their parents' permission to download and use the 3D program at their homes and elsewhere during the summer recess.

(Submitted by Anthony St. Jean, Technology Coordinator)

Coming Attractions

- ***Tuesday - Wednesday, June 25 - 26, 2013 – 12:30 p.m. dismissal for students***
- ***Thursday, June 27, 2013 – Last day of school for staff and students, 12:30 p.m. dismissal; Orange High School Graduation***



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Summer Reading Guides

The Orange Public School District wishes you a safe and happy summer. Also, remember to keep learning all summer long by reading. For information, helpful hints and a reading list by grade levels, visit the Language Arts webpage at www.orange.k12.nj.us under [Curriculum](#). The available resources are as follows:



- [**SUMMER 2013 FAMILY READING INFORMATION**](#)
- [**Children Who Can Read But Don't**](#)
- [**What Can Families Do to Keep Children Reading During the Summer**](#)
- [**GRADES 1-4 ELEMENTARY SUGGSETED READING LIST**](#)
- [**GRADE 5-7 SUGGSETD READING LIST**](#)
- [**GRADES 6 THROUGH 8**](#)
- [**GRADES 9 THROUGH 10**](#)
- [**GRADES 11 THROUGH 12**](#)
- [**Teenagers and Reading**](#)



"Pages for All Ages" 25 Book Challenge Declares Winners Across the District

The Orange Public School District's 25 Book Challenge, "Pages for All Ages" ended on May 31, 2013. The top readers across the district were tabulated and on June 25th and June 26th the district's "Prize Patrol", consisting of district administrators and the Board of Education President, visited schools and awarded winning students with Samsung Tablets, Nabi Tablets and mp3 players for their outstanding achievements. Students who met the challenge and those who surpassed their peers were assembled at each school and were presented with gifts and awards.

The 25 Book Challenge required students to read an additional 25 books, supplementing all mandatory class reading. Students who read 25 books were awarded with medals and certificates for their participation. Additionally:

- Top K-1 students overall received Nabi Tablets
- Top 2 - 7 graders received Samsung Galaxy tablets (in two categories, grades 2 - 4 and grades 5 - 7)
- Students in preK-1 received T-shirts and plaques, T-shirts and medallions were distributed to the top class
- Students received mp3 players (awarded to students who read at least 10 books with 250 pages or more)
- Top reading classrooms received a plaque (district-wide)

At each school, Ronald C. Lee, Superintendent of Schools, encouraged students to read more for next year's challenge, letting them know that the incentives are there for them, as evidenced by the gifts awarded to the top readers. He also encouraged schools to ensure that all of their students participate in the challenge. The school with the most participation gets a trophy to display and "bragging rights" as the most well read school. The school receiving that honor for this school year is Lincoln Avenue School. Principal Robert Pettit proudly accepted the trophy with cheers from staff and students.

The 25 Book Challenge was established by Superintendent Lee, as a way to cultivate a love of reading, encourage students to read for pleasure and nurture lifelong learning. This was the second year for the event and plans are already underway

to continue this competition next school year.

Students were awarded prizes based on "book-tickets" which had to be logged into a district database to validate the completion of each book read. Below are the top students in each category who completed the 25 Book Challenge and received the tablets.

Grade K-1	Grade 2-4	Grade 5-7
Azlid Jones Alike Greene Zayem Benaime Usman Ahmed Jahleb Dorneville Daveigh Hedgeman Eduardo Ortiz Diane Paul Kyon Powell Aryanna Williamson	Chad Newman Neil Johnson John Baez Carla Minchala Katherine Guallpa Ovianny Phillizaire Keshima Smith Nyasia Holden Nicholas Andrade Nasir Willey Akayla White Zai'Eair May-Warner Ashley Williams Dayana Bermeo Aldwine Dossuous Asriel Ulysse	Cornelius Aladeniyi Joanna Marcellin Prince Bawuah Micked Alexandre

Additionally, two Orange Preparatory Academy (OPA) students were awarded tablets for meeting the challenge, reading books with more than 300 pages and two OPA students received tablets for their success in the district's "Read 180" reading intervention program.

Students and classes that participated in the June 8, 2013 "On the Write Track" Writer's Festival, and were selected as the "Most Liked" or "Judges Pic" received trophies or class plaques for their entries. The awards were made as part of the "prize patrol" presentations.





Pictured: Scenes from the "Prize Patrol" visit to schools for the 25 Book Challenge.

The "prize patrol" also presented schools with Mathquest trophies for the math competition held on June 17, 2013. The winning schools, based on points earned by students are:



	School	Points Earned
First Place	Heywood Avenue School	768
Second Place	Park Avenue School	734
Third Place	Forest Street School	732

Principal Karen Machuca is left pictured with the Mathquest trophy.



2013 Orange High School Commencement Exercises, "One Moment In Time"

The Commencement Exercises for Orange High School's Class of 2013 took place on June 27 at the Richard J. Codey Arena in West Orange. The graduation ceremony signified a notable achievement for 200 plus seniors. The program was highlighted by excitement from the graduating class, coupled with valuable messages and words of congratulations from each speaker. Co-Principal, Dr. Kalisha Morgan opened the program with greetings and introductions. Her colleague Faith Alcantara followed with the message that "You're a winner for a lifetime, if you seize that one moment in time", quoting the lyrics to Whitney Houston's song, "One Moment In Time", saying, "today is your moment".

Superintendent of Schools, Ronald C. Lee also addressed the students and audience. He stressed that learning is a lifelong process that students should embrace. The process continues beyond high school, whether continuing their education in college or vocational school, entering the military or the workforce, students must and will continue to learn. Salutatorian, Phalaside Porter then delivered her address. The Honorable Mayor Dwayne D. Warren gave congratulatory remarks followed by similar remarks from Board of Education President, Patricia A. Arthur. Valedictorian, Aphnie Germain, closed her inspirational speech covering the achievement of the class of 2013, which raised the ranking of Orange High School statewide, yet recognizing that parents and teachers deserve thanks to, saying that without their help "some of us might not be graduating today". Senior Class President Uchenna Eze then introduced the keynote speaker, Efraim Grinberg, Chairman and CEO of Movado Group, Inc. Mr. Grinberg detailed his family's rise to success with hard work and perseverance. He discussed his "laziness" as a middle school student to realizing, as a high school athlete, that hard work pays off. He spoke of how he attended his dream school, Brown University, and then took the helm of Movado, which today employs over 1,300 people and is a major watch distributor of renowned brands.

During the ceremony, the podium was also given over to graduating seniors, Queen Pratt, who sang the National Anthem and Micaelia Gibson, who led "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing". These performances gave rise to echoing cheers, as did the awarding of a diploma to each senior by the Superintendent and the OHS Administration.

The graduation ceremony closed after the singing of the Alma Mater by senior Rome Cole and the "ceremonial recession of the class of 2013", to a musical selection by the Orange High School Concert Band. Congratulations Orange High School



Pictured (top to bottom, left to right): Co-Principals, Dr. Kalisha Morgan and Faith Alcantara enter the arena; Students enter the arena; Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee; Salutatorian, Phalasadre Porter; The Honorable Mayor Dwayne D. Warren; Board of Education President, Patricia Arthur; Valedictorian, Aphnie Germain; Class President Uchenna Eze; Keynote speaker Efraim Grinberg, Chairman and CEO of Movado Group, Inc.; Principal of Career and Innovation Academy of Orange, Jason Belton; Students receiving diplomas; Orange High School Band; Voices In Harmony.



Orange Retirement and Recognition Ceremony

On June 20, 2013, Ms. Mary Karriem, President of the Orange Education Association and Ms. Faith Alcantara, President of the Orange Administrators and Supervisors Association, hosted the district's annual year-end recognition of district retirees, 25-year honorees and 2013 Governor's Teacher Recognition/Educational Services Professionals Awardees at the Annual Staff Recognition Ceremony held at The Appian Way.

Ms. Belinda Scott Smiley, Human Resource Administrator, along with the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, presented plaques and certificates to the award recipients. The following staff were celebrated at the reception:

Retirees:

Linda Apruzzese (Park Avenue), Shelley R. Buchanan (OPA), Sarah A. Ivory (OHS), Elaine Kaufman (Central), Cynthia A.

Krauth (Lincoln), Judy Harris Richburg (Rosa Parks), Patricia Richburg (OHS), Lynn Schwartz (Lincoln), Alnisa F. Shareef (OHS), Elaine Siciliano (Cleveland), Deborah Smith (Park/Lincoln) and Wilma Galarza (Forest)

Twenty-Five Year Honorees:

Ruth Casmir (Central), Lynne Schwartz (Lincoln Ave.), Dorcas Robinson (OPA), Radaia Amar Dixon (OHS), Alnisa F. Shareef (OHS).

2013 Governor's Teacher Recognition/Educational Services Professionals Award:

Nazi Badruddin (OHS), Seslie Kennedy (OPA), Patrick Yearwood (Cleveland), Tyarra Hunter (Forest), Ekuia Sutton (Heywood), Jenefer Campbell (Central/Rosa Parks), Iris Castillo (Lincoln), Tauheedah Hill (Oakwood), Denise A. Harlem (Park)



**Pictured above, Retirees (from the program yearbook):
Elaine Siciliano, Cleveland Street School; Lynn Schwartz, Lincoln Avenue School;
Elaine Kaufman, Rosa Parks Central Community School (Central); Linda Apruzzese, Park Avenue School.**



Pictured, Retirees: Deborah Smith (Park/Lincoln); Cynthia A. Krauth (Lincoln); Sarah A. Ivory (OHS).



Pictured, 25-Year Honorees: Ruth Casmir (Central); Radaia Amar Dixon (OHS); Dorcas Robinson (OPA).



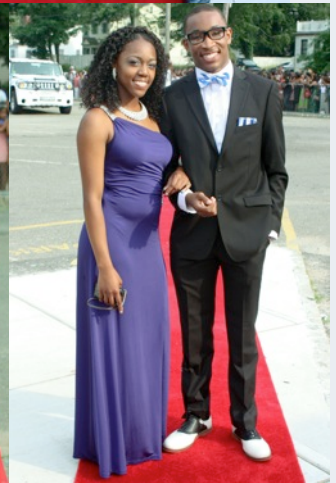


Pictured, 2013 Governor's Teacher Recognition/Educational Services Professionals Awardees: Tyarra Hunter (Forest); Ekua Sutton (Heywood); Jenefer Campbell (Central/Rosa Parks); Iris Castillo (Lincoln); Nazi Badruddin (OHS); Denise A. Harlem (Park); Seslie Kennedy (OPA); Tauheedah Hill (Oakwood).



Toast-Off 2013

The threat of rain held off for Orange High School prom goes who stayed cool in the heat during the 2013 Toast Off on June 25th.





Pictured: Orange High School students at the 2013 Toast Off.



Check Presentation by the Orange Education Foundation



At the Staff Recognition Ceremony on June 20, 2013, Ms. Gail Velox, President of the Orange Education Foundation (OEF) presented a check for \$2,000 to Mr. Ronald C. Lee, Superintendent of Schools. The check was a contribution to the Orange Preparatory Academy's Bison Robotics Team for their trip to the Netherlands to compete in the *RoboCupJunior World Competition*. The OEF raised the funds from a Zumbathon fundraiser and donor appeal. She thanked all for their donations.

Mr. Lee accepted the check, on behalf of the Bison Robotics Team, with appreciation.

Pictured left, Ms. Velox with Superintendent Lee.



Good Luck OPA Bison Robotics Team!

The Orange Preparatory Academy's (OPA) Bison Robotics Team stopped by the Board of Education office on June 24, 2013, before leaving for the Netherlands. They were greeted by the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, and Board of Education President, Mrs. Patricia A. Arthur. They took a few photos with them to celebrate the occasion. Earlier, the Superintendent and Board President joined faculty and staff at OPA to wish them well on their trip. The students are contestants in the *RoboCupJunior World Competition* in the Netherlands.



Pictured: OPA Robotics Club members at the Board of Education office and departing for their trip.



Park Avenue Students Place in "My Essex" Poster Contest



Congratulations to Park Avenue School students, Tatiana Pope in Mrs. Sandra Layton's class and Shatima Fryer in Ms. Maria Beaghen's class for placing in the top 15 of the "My Essex County" poster contest.

They are pictured left, from left to right, with Deputy County Clerk Anthony Jackson, Tatiana Pope, Shatima Fryer and County Clerk Christopher Durkin. The photo was published on the front page of the June 20, 2013 Record-Transcript weekly newspaper.

Students were asked to create a poster detailing the history and beauty of Essex County. There were 668 fourth graders from 42 schools in Essex County who submitted posters. Four other Park Avenue students, Tahjimire Hale, Nasy'ah Kelly, Alianny Javier and Benjarly Etienne received honorable mention awards for their posters.

Tatiana and Shatima received a framed certificate and a medal engraved

with their name.

Each of the 15 posters chosen will appear in a 15-month Essex County calendar for 2014 and will be on display in the Hall of Records.



Pictured: The Winning poster entries from Park Avenue School.

(Submitted by Maria Beaghen)



Oakwood Avenue School's Moving-up Ceremony for Rising 8th Graders

Malcolm Simms, former Oakwood Avenue School Student and Graduate of Orange High School, addressed the rising 8th graders on Friday, June 21, 2013. Malcolm began with a greeting in the Chinese language and translated in English. Malcolm encouraged the students to set goals and stay focused. He shared that there were times he became sidetracked while attending school however; he realized that spending time getting into trouble would not help him reach the level of success he hoped to achieve. He encouraged the students to surround themselves with likeminded individuals. "Surround yourselves with those who are focused on achieving excellence." Malcolm also shared his experience when he was first introduced to the Chinese language, explaining how he didn't take it serious until he realized the possibility of failure was at hand. He challenged himself and began to excel. Upon graduating from Orange High School Malcolm's interest in the Chinese language continued. He is currently a Montclair State University student enrolled in a program that has allowed him to continue studying the Chinese Language in conjunction with business courses. This summer Malcolm will travel to China and take part in an internship where he will be studying Chinese and business. In addition to Malcolm, Rev. Dr. Guyton, the current Pastor of St. Matthew AME, shared a few words of inspiration. He noted that he was an educator and encouraged the students to do their best. Ms. Barbara Clark, retired Director of Special Services, was also a guest at the ceremony. She awarded certificates of completion to six 7th graders who participated in the Bridge Program over the course of the 2012-2013 school term.

(Submitted by Pamela Venable)

Coming Attractions

- **Thursday and Friday, July 4 - 5, 2013 – Fourth of July, district closed**
- **Monday, July 8, 2013 – Orange Summer Program begins at 8:30 a.m. for registered students**
- **Monday, July 8, 2013 – Summer Art and Dance Enrichment Day Camp begins at 12:30 p.m. for registered students**