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Welcome Back

December Monthly Board of Education Meeting

The Heywood Avenue School hosted the December Monthly Board of Education Meeting. Student Cassandra Dawson led the opening Pledge of Allegiance. Principal Faith Alcantara then introduced her students, again, Cassandra Dawson, and Al'Ree Evans, who read essays that they wrote for Week of Respect in October 2014. Next, the Heywood Strings Ensemble, directed by music instructor Mrs. Erin-Leigh Van Orden, was introduced. The students played selections and set expectations for their Winter Concert appearance the following evening. Parents, staff and students were thanked for their support and attendance.



Pictured above is the Heywood Strings Ensemble with Mrs. Van Orden.

National Substance Abuse Prevention Poster Contest Award Presentation

At the Board Meeting, the Orange Public School District presented certificate awards to students who were winners in the Orange Municipal Alliance sponsored poster contest mentioned above. Four students were recognized as first-place winners. They are:

Name	Grade	School
Alianny Javier	6	Park Avenue
Melanie Laveriano	2	Cleveland St.
Karla Claros/ Wilmaris Chanza	8	Orange Prep



Students who received honorable mention for the contest are:

Name	Grade	School
Davia Campbell	7	Forest Street
Mitchard Murad	6	Park Avenue
Lismarlis Acosta	7	Park Avenue
Brianna Thomas	7	Rosa Parks
Emily Urena	7	Park Avenue
Symarah Jean	2	Heywood Ave.
Zahara Robinson	2	Heywood Ave.



Student of the Month

Superintendent Ronald C. Lee and Board of Education President, Mrs. Patricia A. Arthur, presented students with certificates for being selected Student of the Month (SOTM). On a monthly basis, students are recognized for exemplary behavior, academics and citizenship by their school. The students honored were:

Student	School
Titianna Morris	Orange High School
Andrew Coates	Orange Preparatory Academy
Allen Coage	Career and Innovation Academy of Orange
Melanie Laveriano	Cleveland Street School
Genesis Saquisili	Rosa Parks Community School
Joanne Jeanty	Park Avenue School
Jelani Beaugris	Heywood Avenue School
Jamileth Perlera Serrano	Forest Street School
Unique Chadwick	Oakwood Avenue Community School
Jaden Livingston	Lincoln Avenue School

Pictured left with Board President Arthur and Superintendent Lee (top to bottom): Titianna Morris, with Asst. Principal Mohammed Abdelazziz; Andrew Coates with Principal Aretha Malloy; Joanne Jeanty and parent with Principal Dr. Myron Hackett.

Volunteer of the Month



Pictured are (left to right): Mr. Gerald Murphy, Asst. Principal, Principal Alcantara, Mr. Johnson, President Arthur and Superintendent Lee.

Mr. Shawn W. Johnson was proudly recognized by Heywood Avenue School as their Volunteer of the Month. This was a departure from the recognition of a parent honoree, because Mr. Johnson has faithfully served as a volunteer or "pseudo" parent at Heywood for 17 years. He has worked directly with classroom teachers, students and administrators in any capacity asked of him. Mr. Johnson has dedicated a significant amount of his time and energy to assisting staff with preparing for classroom instruction, reading to students, as he is an accomplished author, mentoring students through his own life experiences, and simply

serving as a "cheerful presence" to all. Heywood staff members are very fond of him and offer the following supportive comments of what he means to Heywood:

- "Mr. Johnson has always been a warming presence. His smile can light up a room. He has a great sense of humor that, even on your worst day, can make you feel great about yourself!"
- "Mr. Johnson is always, yes always, willing to provide a helping hand. Perhaps his greatest asset is his personality. He does things graciously and in a good mood. His upbeat character radiates and his unique humor is "right on time".
- "Mr. Johnson made me feel welcome and right at home from day one. He is always willing to lend a helping hand, share a laugh, and spread joy and good will. His good mood is contagious! He is a true gentleman who treats everyone with kindness and respect. Everyone feels at ease with him because he is unpretentious, has a great sense of humor, and always has a word of encouragement or sincere compliment to give."

The Heywood School family is thankful and fortunate to have Mr. Johnson as a part of their school community and sincerely appreciate his dedicated service to the School

ECO-Schools Award Presentation

Also at the December Board meeting was a special award presentation, for Orange High School, from the National Wildlife Federation's (NWF) Eco-Schools USA Program. As previously reported in the November 21, 2014 issue of the OBOE-Mail Blast, the high school earned a Silver Award for its Hydroponics Green House Project, a student run business in collaboration with the Culinary Arts Club, the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) club and the business and science departments. This effort was lauded as a "sustainable food initiative that infiltrates everything from staff seminars to core curriculum." They are learning how to grow organic produce in a greenhouse, as well as learning about nutrition, business and marketing. Superintendent Lee thanked Ms. Dowd and again congratulated OHS.



Pictured are (left to right) J. Rosenthal, C. Goldstein, J. Dowd and R. Lee.

Ms. Jennifer Dowd, Eco-Schools USA – New Jersey Coordinator, presented the award to Superintendent Lee and Ms. Candace Goldstein, Director of Special Programs, who oversee the effort. Mr. Jonathan Rosenthal, program instructor, was also present. He followed the ceremony with an overview of the greenhouse project, now in its second year.

Heywood Avenue School Lab Dedication - Anthony J. Moffitt Center for Innovation

On December 22, Heywood Avenue School dedicated its computer lab in memory of the Mr. Anthony J. Moffitt, former Technology Coordinator and the district's Network Administrator, who passed away in December 2012. The lab will be called the *Anthony J. Moffitt Center for Innovation*. The memorial began with opening remarks by Principal Faith Alcantara (**pictured right**) who remembered Mr. Moffitt as a vital and integral part of the Heywood Avenue School family.



Ms. Naheelah Irving, **(pictured right)** now Technology Coordinator at Orange High School, gave reflections, recounting her interview with Mr. Moffitt, before she was hired as his replacement, after his promotion to Network Administrator. She spoke of his keen sense of commitment and liveliness.

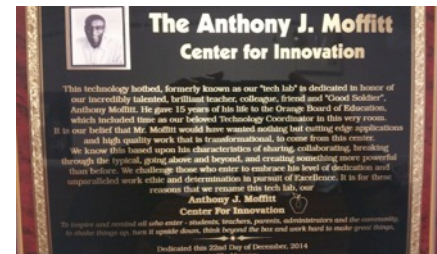


Mr. Anthony St. Jean, **(pictured left)** the current Technology Coordinator for Heywood Avenue School, read the inscription from the plaque to be hung

in the *Anthony J. Moffitt Center for Innovation*. Excerpt from the plaque:

“This technology hotbed . . . is dedicated in honor of our incredibly talented, brilliant teacher, colleague, friend and “Good Soldier”, Anthony J. Moffitt. He gave 15 years of his life to the Orange Board of Education, which included time as our beloved Technology Coordinator in this very room . . .”

Dr. Denise Harlem, Technology Coordinator at Park Avenue School, shared a video presentation with images of his time spent at the Orange School District and with his family and friends.



The Anthony J. Moffitt Center for Innovation plaque.

Principal Alcantara, with Ms. Linda Epps, Supervisor of Technology and Social Studies, **(pictured above)** then recited an acrostic poem honoring him.

ANTHONY

A Admirable because Anthony was greatly respected for all that he taught teachers and for always finding a way to make someone smile.

N Noble in his sharing of unparalleled knowledge and resources in using the technology available to us.

T Tricky as he will always be remembered for sneaking up behind a teacher when least expected and jokingly surprising them.

H Honorable, humble and so deserving to be recognized for the great work he has done for the Orange Public Schools.

O Original for Anthony is one of a kind and can never be duplicated.

N Nearby no matter where he was in the district, there to assist with any need. Never will we meet a soul so unique.

Y Yonder as Anthony will never be too far away and will always be near and dear to our hearts.

Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, made closing remarks. He fondly remembered a man that was knowledgeable and an expert in his field. Before the many guests, including former Heywood and district staff members, entered the technology lab, for the hanging of the plaque, Mr. Terrence Brooks, English Language Arts/Humanities Teacher at Scholars Academy, had all join hands in tribute and remembrance for a dear departed colleague and friend.



Pictured above (left) Superintendent Lee and (right) Mr. Terrance Brooks.

The Third Annual *He Said, She Said* Competition Scheduled for Monday, January 26, 2015

He Said, She Said



The *He Said, She Said* Public Speaking competition for students in grades 3 – 7 is scheduled for Monday, January 26, 2015, in the Orange Preparatory Academy Auditorium, at 6:00 p.m. Now in its third year, this competition will engage students in three categories of speeches: Prepared, Extemporaneous and Research.

The competition inspires students to complete research on topical issues and to develop their writing and presentation skills. *He Said, She Said* gives students the opportunity to use props and various dramatic nuances to add to their overall presentation and point total.

All participants are expected to present their speech with little-to-no assistance from the studied text and prepared topics.

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.

FYI

Saturday Arts Academy

Orange Public Schools
& ValleyArts
PRESENT

SATURDAY
ARTS
ACADEMY

At Lincoln Avenue
School

The Saturday Arts Academy is an exciting program offering music, dance and visual arts, organized by age, to children in grades 1 and up. Now in its fifth year, the program is made possible through a partnership with the Orange Public School District and ValleyArts. Artistic leadership for the Saturday Arts Academy is provided by Mike Griot, nationally regarded musician/producer and founder of the South Orange International Blues Festival; Diedra Harris-Kelly, visual artist and co-director of Harlem's Romare Bearden Foundation; and choreographer and teacher LaTarika Pierce. The program also features skilled instruction from the art and music teachers from the Orange Public Schools.

The program will be offered on Saturdays, January 24 to May 30, for a cost of \$45 for 14 sessions. Students, regardless of experience levels, will participate in all three subjects each Saturday. In addition, there will be featured assemblies led by Mike Griot and LaTarika Pierce. Also available, during the session hours, are private music, voice, and songwriting lessons for students and adults. The lessons are 30-minutes each, by appointment only, and cost \$290 over the course of the 14 sessions. There will also be an Adult ZUMBA Exercise Group, for a fee of \$5.00 paid each session. For more details and registration information visit: <http://www.valleyartsnj.com/saturdayarts/> or see flyer below.

The Community Business Academy



Rising Tide Capital, a New Jersey non-profit organization that provides entrepreneurship training and coaching in underserved, urban communities, is again offering its Community Business Academy (CBA) to Orange residents. The Community Business Academy, a 12-week, adult education program, provides the hands-on training and management skills essential to starting and running a successful business. Classes are scheduled to

begin this February 2015, and will be hosted at the Rosa Parks Community School by the Orange Township Board of Education. To learn more about The Community Business Academy, plan to attend the free information session on Saturday, January 17, 2015, from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., in the Cafeteria at Rosa Parks Community School, 369 Main Street. Pre-registration is required for the orientation. Please contact Milaury at 201-432-4316, extension 121 or email Milaury@risingtidecapital.org. For more information, see flyer below.

Winter Preschool Registration Scheduled

2014 - 2015 Preschool Registration



The Orange Township Public Schools is still accepting students, **for the current school year**, and will hold registration for preschool eligible children during the months of January and February. Registration will be held on consecutive Tuesdays, from January 6 through February 10, with the final scheduled session on February 27, after the district returns from Winter

Break. All children who were 3 or 4 years of age by October 1, 2014, are eligible to attend free, full day pre-school, in the Pre-K 3 or Pre-K 4 class. Proof of residence is required, as well as, birth and immunization records.

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

January 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 New Year's Day Holiday Recess District Closed	2 Holiday Recess District Closed	3
4	5	6	7 Lincoln Lobby Art Show, 6:00PM Administrative Bldg.	8	9	10 Meet the Author of "Get the Job Done" 10:00AM - 12:00PM at Park Ave. School
11	12	13 Monthly BOE Meeting 7:30PM at OPA	14 Orange High School Winter Music Concert 7:00 PM OPA	15	16	17 Rising Tide Capital The Community Business Academy Information Session, 10AM-12PM at RPCS
18	19  Martin Luther King Jr. Day District Closed	20	21	22 Park Ave. & Dance Conservatory Winter Dance Concert, 7:00PM, OPA Auditorium	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 District Prof. Development Day - 12:30PM Dismissal for Students Marking Period 2 Ends	30 OPA/OHS Joint Winter Dance Concert, 7:00PM, OPA Auditorium Marking Period 3 Begins	31

Orange Township Public Schools
Visual & Performing Arts Department
2014-15 Winter Concerts
(Updated: January 5, 2015)

Date	Event	Time	Location
7-Jan	Lincoln Lobby Art Show	6:00 PM	Administrative Building
14-Jan	OHS Winter Concert	7:00 PM	OPA Auditorium
22-Jan	Park & Dance Conservatory Winter Dance Concert	7:00 PM	OPA Auditorium
30-Jan	OPA/OHS Joint Winter Dance Concert	7:00 PM	OPA Auditorium

Orange High School



PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

Winter Concert

Wednesday January 14, 2015

7:00 PM @ OPA Auditorium

Admission: FREE!

Photo by: Jay Savulich



Learn How to Start or Grow a Successful Business



Simeko Hartley-Watkins
CEO, Meko, New York

Register now for **The Community Business Academy**, a 12-week course offering hands-on training in the fundamentals of starting and growing a business. Classes are available in English and Spanish.

Learn more by attending a free information session:



Saturday, January 17, from 10:00AM to 12:00PM
Rosa Parks School
369 Main Street, Orange, NJ 07050

To RSVP contact Milaury at 201-432-4316 x 121 or e-mail Milaury@RisingTideCapital.org

All accepted students receive a full tuition waiver. Don't wait, space is limited and classes are filling up!

Rising Tide Capital is pleased to partner with:



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SATURDAY
ARTS
ACADEMY

At Lincoln Avenue
School

216 Lincoln Avenue
Orange, NJ

Grades 1 and up
No prior experience needed
All students participate in all
three subjects each Saturday

DATES OF SESSION:

January 24, 31;
February 7, 28;
March 7,14,21,28;
April 18, 25; May 2, 9, 16, 30;
June 13 Hat City Streets Festival

FEES:

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

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

Saturdays, January 24-May 30, 2015, 9am to 12pm

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

Through the lens of great American
modern artists, including Romare
Bearden and his contemporaries, 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 by choreographer and
teacher LaTarika Pierce 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 and LaTarika Pierce

**PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS
VOICE, INSTRUMENTAL, SONGWRITING**

By appointment only / Grades 1 — adult
\$40 per lesson / 30-minute lesson
HALF PRICE \$20 for Orange Residents
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 24, 2015 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 @ 973-677-4124
or mrozmary@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
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Tel: (973) 677-4015
Website: <http://www.orange.k12.nj.us>

Mr. Ronald C. Lee
Superintendent of Schools

Candace Goldstein
Director of Special Programs

Jacquelyn Blanton
Supervisor of Early Childhood

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

REQUIREMENTS:

- 3 years old by 10/01/14 4 years old by 10/01/14
- Must be resident of Orange Township
- Original Birth Certificate
- Child's Immunization record
- Current lease or Mortgage Statement
- 2 Proofs of Residency (PSE&G bill, telephone or cable bill)
- Picture ID

If you are living with a friend or relative, you must be included in their lease agreement. Notarized letters stating you rent a room/apartment/house will not be accepted.

Registration Days: JANUARY 2015
TUESDAYS – 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th.
FEBRUARY 2015 - TUESDAYS – 3rd, 10th, 24th.
10:00am. – 1:00pm.
Last sign in: 12:30pm.
Place: ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
397 PARK AVE, ORANGE, NJ 07050
973- 677-4500 ext. 1904 or 1918

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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REGISTRACIÓN PREESCOLAR

REQUISITOS:

- 3 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/14
- 4 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/14
- 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:

ENERO 2015 - MARTES 6, 13, 20, y 27

FEBRERO 2015 - MARTES 3, 10, y 24

10:00am-1:00pm

Tiene que firmar antes de las 12:30pm

**LUGAR: ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
397 PARK AVE, ORANGE, NJ 07050
(973) 677-4500 ext 1904, 1918**

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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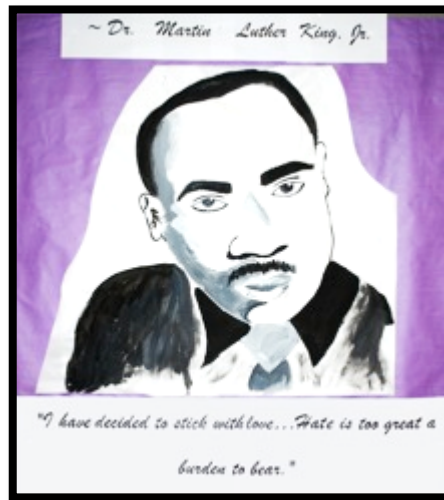
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Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



In honor of the life and legacy of Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr., the Orange Public School District will be closed on Monday, January 19, 2015, in observance of this national holiday.

Students at Lincoln Avenue School painted the portrait (*pictured left*), to commemorate the occasion.

The portrait is currently on display at the Orange Board of Education, Administrative Offices, as part of Lincoln Avenue School's Art Exhibit.

Orange Students See "Selma" and Hear Remarks from Assemblyman William D. Payne, the Amistad Commission

ONE DREAM CAN CHANGE THE WORLD
SELMA

SELMA FREE ADMISSION

In an unprecedented effort led by a team of African-American business leaders in New York, organizations across the U.S. coordinated a massive national campaign to find African-American business leaders to underwrite free admission to the Golden Globe-nominated film "SELMA" for students around the country.

Thanks to 26 business leaders in Northern New Jersey, 7th through 12th graders can show their Student ID or report card at any of the NEW JERSEY locations listed below for free admittance WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.

FOR GROUP TICKETS
To reserve 25 or more tickets for your classroom during this special ticket promotion, please visit www.SelmaMovie.com/studenttickets for Group Sales Specialist contact information for a participating theatre near you - WHILE TICKETS LAST

PARTICIPATING THEATERS

AMC CLIFTON COMMONS 16	CITYPLEX 12 NEWARK
AMC GARDEN STATE 18	EDGEWATER MULTIPLEX CINEMAS
AMC LOEWS JERSEY GARDENS 20	KERASOTES SHOWPLACE 14
AMC LOEWS NEWPORT CENTRE 11	ROOSEVELT PARK LUXURY ONE MAG 12
ROW THE CINEMAS SOUTH ORANGE	

NOW PLAYING IN THEATRES

Students in Orange Public Schools were given the opportunity, sparked by a national effort to supply free tickets, for students in grades 7 - 9, to see the movie "Selma." In Northern New Jersey, 26 African-American business leaders joined forces to create a fund that will allow 10,000 local students, expanded to include students in grades 7 through 12, to see the acclaimed film, at

participating theatres, through January 19, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. (*See flyer below*)

Orange's Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, directed the district's principals to make the necessary arrangements for students to see the movie, as a group, during school hours. "This is a great opportunity and learning experience for our students, on the occasion of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day," said Mr. Lee, who had seen a screening, "Many students are unaware of the sacrifices individuals, led by Dr. King, endured for us to secure unencumbered voting privileges. After seeing the movie, I am sure most will agree that all eligible citizens should exercise their right to vote, which was so valiantly won by those entrenched in the civil rights movement."

The effort was made more impactful at the 9:00 a.m. showing of the movie on January 16, at the Bow Tie Cinema, in South Orange, when students from Forest Street School, Orange Preparatory Academy and Park Avenue School heard remarks from Assemblyman William D. Payne, and Superintendent Ronald C. Lee. Superintendent Lee opened by hearing from students what they learned from the movie, such as, White Americans were also sympathetic to the cause and that Dr. King was being "tracked" by the FBI. After a brief exchange, Superintendent Lee introduced Assemblyman Payne. He represented New Jersey's 29th legislative district from 1998 - 2008 and introduced the Amistad Bill (A1301), which established the New Jersey Amistad Commission and became law in 2002. "This law requires that all New Jersey schools incorporate African-American history into their Social Studies curriculum. This legislation also created the Amistad Commission, a 23-member body charged with ensuring that African Americans' contributions and experiences are historically infused and adequately taught in ALL of the state's classrooms." (Amistad Commission website: <http://njamistadcurriculum.net/about#members>)



Pictured (left to right): Superintendent Lee listens to a student, Assemblyman Payne addressing students.



Assemblyman Payne (*pictured left*) gave a brief overview of the Amistad Commission, including the book that motivated him to propose the legislation, "Little Black Sambo," and the negative caricatures of African Americans that the book inspired. He spoke of the importance and significance of the contributions of African Americans and the need to have African American history included in Social Studies curriculum, not just during Black History Month, but throughout the year.



He then reflected on Martin Luther King, Jr. and meeting Dr. King. Sharing photographs (*shown left, with the young Assemblyman Payne on the right, next to Dr. King*) and retelling his experience at the end of the historic march in Montgomery, Alabama. He detailed his involvement in the civil rights movement, as a young man, along with his brother, the late Congressman, the Honorable Donald M. Payne, Sr. He stressed to the students the importance of

voting, stating, "Don't let anyone tell you that your vote doesn't count." He implored students to become involve by joining organizations, such as the NAACP Youth Council, and asking their families to get involved, as well. Students appreciated the remarks and the discussion that added to the significance of the movie.



Pictured (left to right): Assemblyman Payne and Superintendent Lee and Assemblyman Payne posing with students.

New Jersey follows the success of an unprecedented New York City effort, lead by a team of 27 African American business leaders, which was expanded from 27,000 free tickets to 75,000 tickets, for students in grades 7 through 9 to see the movie.

This acclaimed film details the inspiring account of Dr. King's fight for a voting rights act.

Selma is a story that chronicles the tumultuous three-month period in 1965, when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led a dangerous campaign to secure equal voting rights in the face of violent opposition. The epic march from Selma to Montgomery culminated in President Johnson signing the Voting Rights Act of 1965, one of the most significant victories for the civil rights movement. It stars David Oyelowo as King, Tom Wilkinson as Lyndon B. Johnson, and Carmen Ejogo as Coretta Scott King.

<http://www.bigscreen.com/journal.php?id=3536>

In Northern New Jersey, the participating theatres are:

AMC CLIFTON COMMONS
AMC GARDEN STATE
AMC LOEWS JERSEY GARDENS
AMC LOEWS MOUNTAINSIDE
AMC LOEWS NEWPORT CENTRE

BOW TIE CINEMAS SOUTH ORANGE
CITYPLEX 12 NEWARK
EDGEWATER MULTIPLEX CINEMAS
KERASOTES SHOWPLACE
RIDGEFIELD PARK LUXURY CINEMAS

Lincoln Avenue School Art Exhibit at the Board of Education

This month's art exhibit at the Board of Education building features work by Lincoln Avenue School students. The artwork is on display through the end of the January.

On January 7, the exhibit opened with an acknowledgement of the talented kindergarten and first grade students whose art is presented. Art teacher, Ms. Janelle Kennedy has put on display a collection of work that includes replicas of instruments, black and white nature scenes with a headline that states, "Earth without ART is just EH," and more.



Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, Mr. Peter Crosta, opened the event with welcoming remarks and an open invitation to applaud for the visual artists present. Principal, Ms. Denise White, (*pictured above*) welcomed parents and staff to the event and congratulated her students for their hard work and creativity. Dr. Terri Russo welcomed guests on behalf of the Superintendent of Schools, before Ms. Kennedy thanked all for their support and awarded a certificate to each participant.



Pictured: A group photo of students who received certificates (top right) and scenes from the art display.



Pictured above: Students waiting to be called (left) and a student receiving her certificate (right).

Heywood Avenue School's Alumni Day



Back row: Timothy Beckford (07), Marcquiso Jean (07), Patrick Nnamdi (07), Solley Sellers (08), Unchenna Eze (07), James Davis (06), Cortez Rawls (08), Ian Smith (06). Front row: Alyssa McPherson (07), Alyssa Wilson (08), Afrika Bond (06), Alexis Anderson (06), Asja Lanier (06), Javanni Price (06), Anisa Williams (08) Ayshante Archelus (08), Ms. White (retired teacher). Kneeling: Mrs. Tague, Mr. Brooks, Ms. Alcantara. Not pictured are: Mustafa McAllister (06), Christopher Purefoy (08), Christine Purefoy (08), Melvin Taylor (08), Eric Whitted McCoy (08), and Tiana Youngblood (08).

On January 9, Heywood Avenue School hosted its first Alumni Day. Math teacher, Ms. Elizabeth Tague, organized the event. The idea came about when some of her former students visited during the school's Open House "It was great seeing and hearing what their lives are like beyond Heywood's walls," she stated. Ms. Tague thought it would be beneficial if alumni could share their stories of successes and challenges with current students. "We wanted current students to hear stories from alumni who once sat where they do now, to know and understand what you do in elementary and middle school does matter. That its okay to make mistakes, and to listen to adults who are preparing you for the world

outside of Heywood." As well, Heywood Avenue School, under the direction on Principal, Ms. Faith Alcantara, is committed to promoting a culture of college preparedness and attendance. Heywood has long invited colleges to visit and meet with students in assemblies and in the classroom. Ms. Tague used this successful strategy by inviting alumni to share stories of their own experiences.

The day also included retired teacher, Ms. White, who came to see some of her former students and former Heywood teacher, now at Scholars Academy, Mr. Terrence Brooks, along with Principal Alcantara.

“Based on the students, alumni and staff feedback, I believe this was a very powerful experience and there are benefits to all that were involved,” said Ms. Tague.

Current Heywood students commented on a reflection sheet during and after the alumni visit. Some “words of wisdom,” based on what the alumni said, are shown below:

- "Stay on top of your work."
- "Develop your goal, it is okay if your plans change."
- "The simple stuff is important, so listen to your teachers and make sure you understand what they are teaching."
- "If you need help, do not feel bad about asking."
- "Discipline works!"
- "[A] Teacher being tough on me was good."
- "[A] Challenging part is not knowing whether to have fun or study."
- "Keep up with your extra curriculum activities."

Alumni Day guests visited grades 3 - 7 classrooms and answered questions, such as: What teachers inspired you while you were at Heywood? Are you still friends with other Heywood students? In addition, there were questions about adjusting to life at college, college locations, affordability and student preparedness. There were also a few stops in the K - 2 grades.

The former Heywood students, many taught by Ms. Tague, are now freshman sophomores and juniors attending such schools as Alcorn State, Brown University, College of St. Elizabeth, North Carolina A&T, Montclair State University, St. Peters University, Albright College, USC, and the University of Pennsylvania. Throughout the day, 24 alumni participated.



Pictured above: Alumni gather in Heywood's Library.

Pictured right: (top) Marcquiso Jean and Alyssa McPherson, (middle) Patrick Nnamdi and Ian Smith, (bottom) Alexis Anderson and Asja Lanier.





Pictured: (left to right) Alyssa McPherson, Marcquiso Jean and Asja Lanier and Ms. Tague.



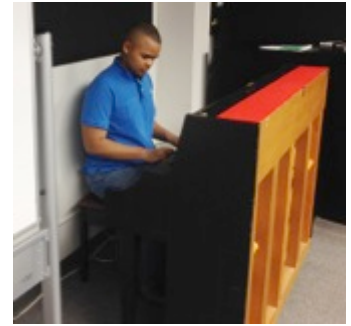
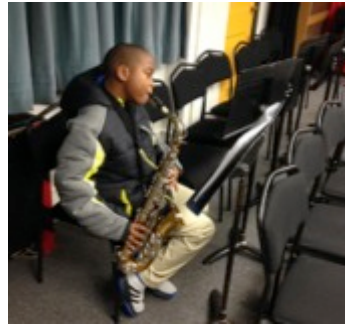
Pictured: (left to right) Alumni chat with Ms. Tague; Alumni greet each other and Ms. White.

Over 30 Orange School Students Join the M.A.N.Y. Program



On January 9, over 30 students from the Orange Public Schools (*pictured left*) auditioned for the New Jersey Performing Arts Center's and the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra's afterschool and Saturday training program, M.A.N.Y (Music Advancement for Newark Area Youth).

Designed for young instrumentalists, regardless of experience, M.A.N.Y will provide accepted students with high-quality instrumental music lessons over the next few months. Students will attend classes on a weekday and Saturday, with transportation provided to and from Newark by the Orange Public School District.



Pictured: Students wait their turn to audition; a young saxophonist warms up and pianist auditions.

FYI

The Community Business Academy



Rising Tide Capital, a New Jersey non-profit organization that provides entrepreneurship training and coaching in underserved, urban communities, is again offering its Community Business Academy (CBA) to Orange residents. The Community Business Academy, a 12-week, adult education program, provides the hands-on training and management skills essential to starting and running a successful business.

Classes are scheduled to begin this February 2015, and will be hosted at the Rosa Parks Community School by the Orange Township Board of Education. To learn more about The Community Business Academy, plan to attend the free information session on Saturday, January 17, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., in the Cafeteria at Rosa Parks Community School, 369 Main Street. Pre-registration is required for the orientation. Please contact Milaury at 201-432-4316, extension 121 or email Milaury@risingtidecapital.org. For more information, see flyer below.

Saturday Arts Academy



The Saturday Arts Academy is an exciting program offering music, dance and visual arts, organized by age, to children in grades 1 and up. Now in its fifth year, the program is made possible through a partnership with the Orange Public School District and ValleyArts. Artistic leadership for the Saturday Arts Academy is provided by Mike Griot, nationally regarded musician/producer and founder of the South Orange International Blues Festival, Diedra Harris-Kelly, visual artist and co-director of Harlem's Romare Bearden Foundation, and choreographer and teacher LaTarika Pierce. The program also features skilled instruction by the art and music teachers from the Orange Public Schools.

The program will be offered on Saturdays, January 24 to May 30, for a cost of \$45 for 14 sessions. Students, regardless of experience levels, will participate in all three subjects each Saturday. In addition, there will be featured assemblies led by Mike Griot and LaTarika Pierce. Also available, during the session hours, are private music, voice, and songwriting lessons for students and adults. The lessons are 30-minutes each, by appointment only, and cost \$290 over the course of the 14 sessions. There will also be an Adult ZUMBA Exercise Group, for a fee of \$5.00 paid each session. For more details and registration information visit: <http://www.valleyartsnj.com/saturdayarts/> or see flyer below.

Winter Preschool Registration Scheduled

2014 - 2015 Preschool Registration



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

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

January 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 New Year's Day Holiday Recess District Closed	2 Holiday Recess District Closed	3
4	5	6	7 Lincoln Lobby Art Show, 6:00PM Administrative Bldg.	8	9	10 Meet the Author of "Get the Job Done" 10:00AM - 12:00PM at Park Ave. School
11	12	13 Monthly BOE Meeting 7:30PM at OPA	14 Orange High School Winter Music Concert 7:00 PM OPA	15	16	17 Rising Tide Capital The Community Business Academy Information Session, 10AM-12PM at RPCS
18	19  Martin Luther King Jr. Day District Closed	20	21	22 Park Ave. & Dance Conservatory Winter Dance Concert, 7:00PM, OPA Auditorium	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 District Prof. Development Day - 12:30PM Dismissal for Students Marking Period 2 Ends	30 OPA/OHS Joint Winter Dance Concert, 7:00PM, OPA Auditorium Marking Period 3 Begins	31

Orange Township Public Schools
Visual & Performing Arts Department
2014-15 Winter Concerts
(Updated: January 5, 2015)

Date	Event	Time	Location
7-Jan	Lincoln Lobby Art Show	6:00 PM	Administrative Building
14-Jan	OHS Winter Concert	7:00 PM	OPA Auditorium
22-Jan	Park & Dance Conservatory Winter Dance Concert	7:00 PM	OPA Auditorium
30-Jan	OPA/OHS Joint Winter Dance Concert	7:00 PM	OPA Auditorium

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PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

REQUIREMENTS:

- 3 years old by 10/01/14 4 years old by 10/01/14
- Must be resident of Orange Township
- Original Birth Certificate
- Child's Immunization record
- Current lease or Mortgage Statement
- 2 Proofs of Residency (PSE&G bill, telephone or cable bill)
- Picture ID

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- Identificación de fotos
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10:00am-1:00pm

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- **He Said, She Said on March 30**
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Contact Information:
Orange Board of Education
451 Lincoln Avenue
Orange, NJ 07050

School Events and Winter Concert

Animal Assisted Therapy at Park Avenue

Submitted by Doreen Cruz-Delgado, M.S., CCC-SLP, Bilingual Speech Language Pathologist, Park Avenue School

Park Avenue School is proud to present an innovative new program. The school is currently working in conjunction with Creature Comfort Pet Therapy, a non-profit organization dedicated solely to the provision of animal assisted therapy. The program was developed by the school's speech language pathologist Doreen Cruz-Delgado to benefit special needs students at Park Avenue. Students from preschool to seventh grade have an opportunity to interact with the therapy dogs, once a week during hour-long sessions. Animal assisted therapy utilizes animals throughout the therapeutic process to increase skills in a variety of areas. The benefits within an educational setting include social and pragmatic skills, receptive and expressive language skills, student motivation and a reduction of stress and anxiety. Goals of the session include turn taking, increasing conversational skills, asking and answering questions and following a variety of multi-step directives. The program has been a positive and enjoyable experience for both the staff and students at Park Avenue. After the dogs leave, students with decreased expressive skills have shown growth in their spontaneous speech as evidenced by an increase of questions and comments related to the activity. Since the dogs come during the time that is slotted for speech therapy, the children now call it "Dog Speech!"



Pictured: Park Avenue students interact with therapy dogs.



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Councilwoman Summers-Johnson Visits Forest Street School

Lighthouse Social Services Delivers Holiday Toys to Forest Students

Submitted by Bill Donnelly, ESL Teacher, Forest Street School



Pictured: Gifts from Lighthouse Social Services.

Christmas morning was a little early at Forest Street School. On December 19, 2014, Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson (South Ward) visited the school with the Lighthouse Social Services Organization. Together, Councilwoman Summers-Johnson and Ms. Suzy King of Lighthouse brought a sack full of toys for more than 50 good girls and boys!

Forest Street School Counselor, Ms. Daneen Grayson, gathered a large group of deserving students from all grade levels in the Multi-Purpose room for the surprise presentation. There were lots of “Ooohs!” and excitement when the students appeared at

the door and saw all the new toys (***pictured above***) spread out across the stage. As children were called up by name, each got a chance to meet the visitors and select a toy. Lots of Happy Holiday smiles followed, as each child chose a gift and received a giant coloring book!



Pictured: Forest Street School students with Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

Lighthouse Social Services is a philanthropic organization, locally based on Valley Street in Orange. The group is comprised of counselors, therapists, health and social

service workers who employ a holistic approach to heal families experiencing domestic violence. Each December, they try to do something extra special for the children of Orange and the surrounding towns. They select local schools and organizations and go out on the road to distribute holiday toys. This year, thanks to Councilwoman Summers-Johnson and Lighthouse Social Services, Forest Street and Heywood Avenue Schools were on “Santa’s list.”

Orange High School Winter Music Concert

Beautiful music emanating from the Orange Preparatory Academy Auditorium, on January 14, when the choral and instrumental students at Orange High School presented their annual Winter Concert.

The program opened with the Strings Orchestra, directed by new instructor, Mr. Terrence Thornhill. They played “Frere Jacques” and his more advanced students played “Ode to Joy.” The Concert Choir followed with two selections, led by director, Mr. David Milnes. They sang “Best Day of My Life” and “Brave,” featuring Bernide Voltaire, Abigail Charles and Sarahnia Casseus. Sarahnia was joined next, in a duet, “Say Something,” with Tashaun Benton before the award winning Voices in Harmony sang their signature song “Home,” again, featuring Sarahnia Casseus, Bernide Voltaire and Tashaun Benton.

Closing the show was the Symphonic Band, **(pictured below)** conducted by director, Dr. Steven Reeves. They played “Imperium,” “Riverbend Rhapsody” and “Breakin’ My Heart (Pretty Brown Eyes)” by Mint Condition. The band’s performance culminated an uplifting musical evening by talented teachers and students.



Pictured: (top to bottom): Strings Ensemble; Strings Trio; Concert Choir; S. Casseus and T. Benton; Voices in Harmony.

Using Peer Tutoring to Facilitate Student Learning at Cleveland Street School

Submitted by James E. DeLoatch, 6th/7th Grade Math Teacher, Cleveland Street School



Pictured: Students during a peer tutoring session.

Peer tutoring is an instructional strategy that consists of student partnerships, linking high achieving students with lower achieving students or those with comparable achievement, for structured learning. According to research-based findings by ROHRBECK, GINSBURG-BLOCK, FANTUZZO, & MILLER (2003), peer tutoring is "systematic, peer-mediated teaching strategies that promote academic gains, as well as social enhancement."

The pairing of higher- and lower-achieving students is intended so students gain knowledge from each other through practice and reinforcement. Because the peer tutor is seen by the tutee as being more at his or her own level, advice given by the tutor may often be accepted more readily than advice from a teacher. To put this into practice, math teacher, Mr. James DeLoatch, implemented a 6th and 7th grade math lunchtime peer tutoring programs at Cleveland Street School (. "I strongly advocate peer tutoring and collaboration as an effective educational strategy for classrooms of diverse learners, because it promotes higher academic achievement, as well as social competence and peer acceptance," stated Mr. DeLoatch. The following articles by 7th grade student tutors (Ashley Laveriano and Shatrice Hertilien) and a 6th grade student tutor (Aminah Mason) offer student perspectives of the program and its benefits:

Peer Tutoring (Grade 7)

By: Ashley Laveriano and Shatrice Hertilien (Grade 7, Cleveland Street School)



Pictured: Students during a peer tutoring session.

The students of Cleveland Street School have engaged in a new, friendly and academic idea of learning: peer tutoring.

Peer tutoring is when others or peers of students pitch in to help students in areas where they have trouble. Learning it from another student's perspective might be better for students, and it's easier to "break it down." Our teacher, Mr. James DeLoatch, lends a hand to struggling students during his own private time. Students who have a hard time comprehending, due to time constraints, or simply a lack of focus, have several tutors who are kind enough to assist.

Breaking into groups, the tutors quickly go and assist the student(s). Mr. DeLoatch offers some classwork the student had trouble with, and the tutors begin reviewing, communicating and asking questions. Some students are visual learners, some are not. But the peer-tutoring program involves more, whether it's a problem on the board or simply a conversation.

Peer tutoring is best for struggling students because sometimes it's difficult for them to ask the teacher, respond to questions, and more. With the friendly tutors they are able to answer questions and talk freely. The student may feel less anxious and more comfortable among other students. The tutors are students who can comprehend what the student's struggle is, as well as assist them.

The math-tutoring program is open to all students taking Mr. DeLoatch's math class.

Peer Tutoring (Grade 6)

By: Aminah Mason (Grade 6, Cleveland Street School)

Throughout my school years, my peers and I noticed a huge problem: a number of kids have been failing or struggling academically, especially in math. Our 6th grade math teacher, Mr. DeLoatch, **(pictured below with students)** also noticed this dilemma and started the Peer Tutoring program.



The peer-tutoring program gives kids around the same age a chance to help each other improve. The peer-tutoring program is scheduled at lunchtime. For 30 minutes, kids who need help in math get tutored by their peers. The tutors can even be taught themselves. The tutors identify the tutee's problems with a math concept. Throughout their tutoring session, they clarify whatever the tutee needs help with.

One of our tutors, Nicholas Andrade, is phenomenal at what he does. He comes up to Mr. DeLoatch's class every day and helps his peers improve. Nicholas says, "I think this program is really helpful to students getting low grades, for example scoring a 50 and below. The tutoring, in some cases, has increased our test grades to an 80 or above."

Another tutor is Muyibat Saba. Muyibat teaches her peers by asking them what they need help with. "I think students would benefit from coming to the program. I volunteer all of my time to teach them. I just want them to strive to improve and never give up," Muyibat says.

One of our tutees, Jeannette Gomes, has improved greatly from attending the peer-tutoring program. She says, "The peer tutoring program has helped me on so many test, quizzes, etc. For instance, one of the tutors, Aminah Mason, has helped me improve on my fact families of multiplication and division." Another one of our tutees, Asanet Pecci, has improved also. She says, "This program has helped me achieve my math goals and has helped me a lot with my struggles. Last year, I wasn't that good at math, but now I'm doing much better."



Pictured: Students at peer tutoring sessions.

In fact, many of the staff at Cleveland supports this program. Our principal, Dr. Cummins, stated, "Peer tutoring is a wonderful idea! I am so proud of the students that have committed to this program on their own. I am also thankful for the extra time that Mr. DeLoatch gives to support the students. He and his students have created such a positive culture for learning." Mr. Harris, our gym teacher, says, "I think it's wonderful that students get an opportunity to help each other achieve academic success."

In general, peer tutoring is a great program with lots of potential.

District Parent Academy “S’mores Chat and Chew” Meeting



The district’s parent leaders gathered for a Parent Academy follow-up meeting, “S’mores Chat and Chew,” on

January 17, at the Board of Education building. Mr. Barry Devose, Site Coordinator for the Rosa Parks Community School, and Ms. Stephanie Desanges, Family Liaison from the Oakwood Avenue Community School (OACS), **(pictured above)** hosted the meeting, along with Ms. Rachel Bland, Site Coordinator, OACS.



There were 20 attendees at the meeting, including several new Parent Academy representatives, and teachers from Forest Street and Lincoln Avenue Schools. Parents reflected on their attendance at the various seminars and workshops held during the Fall, mentioning the benefits of being a part of the district parent leadership team. They cited gaining a better understanding of curriculum, building a relationship with the school district and developing camaraderie with other parents. Specifically, Ms. Marjorie Gilbert stated that membership allows parents “to help educate their children.” They also completed “Do you want to build a parent?” activity where they “built” a parent (snowman) by labeling the snowman with the essential characteristics parents embody.

To better inform parents, Dr. Paula Howard, Deputy Superintendent, presented a “Did you know . . .?” list of items about the district, such as, “OHS is one of 547 High Schools in the US and Canada recognized with AP honors; the students in Scholars Academy have been competing in the Essex County Gifted and Talented Consortium; Orange Public Schools will open its first Health Clinic within the next two months.” Attendees also received an update on the Parent Academy webpages from Scholars Academy Principal, Mrs. Karen Machuca, and a review of the PARCC assessment from Dr. Terri Russo, Director of Curriculum/Instruction/PD /Data Assessment.

Ms. Carol O’Brien, a representative of “Every Person Influences Children” (EPIC), gave an overview of the program. EPIC is a parent engagement-training program designed to facilitate student achievement through parent involvement strategies. Ms. O’Brien discussed upcoming seminars on parenting that will allow Parent Academy members to train other parents. With additional comments from Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, and Director of Special Programs, Ms. Candace Goldstein, the meeting concluded with plans for more parent workshops to increase parent involvement.



Pictured (above and left): Parents complete “Do you want to build a parent?” activity.



Pictured: Scenes from the Parent Academy meeting.

A Thank You Letter to JLOSH

On behalf of the Orange Public School District, Mrs. Laura Sacks, School Nurse at Orange Preparatory Academy, sent a "Letter to the Editor," of the *Item*, a local community publication, thanking the Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills (JLOSH) for their continued commitment to the children of Orange. Mrs. Sacks expressed gratitude to the organization for their involvement in the school district's *Teen Summit*, for JLOSH's donation of 300 turkeys and condiments to needy families at Thanksgiving and for their assistance in organizing a food pantry for the district's school community.

Letters to the Editor

JLOSH supports a community

EDITOR, THE ITEM:

This is the time of year to thank those who have made a difference. On behalf of the Orange Public Schools, I would like to thank the Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills (JLOSH) for their time and generosity to our district.

First, members of JLOSH participated in our fifth annual Teen Summit that took place on Friday night, Oct. 24, and Saturday, Oct. 25, for students in sixth through 12th grades, as well as their parents and guardians. The themes of this year's summit were teaching students to have integrity and teaching them to have conversations with trusted adults.

One of the goals was to help

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For Thanksgiving, the Junior League donated 300 turkeys and beautifully packaged bags of condiments for Thanksgiving dinners. Also, our school dis-

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We thank JLOSH's President, Kelly Sandler, and the members of JLOSH for their continued commitment to helping families in Orange. Their efforts have benefitted many students and their families.

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Registration Days: JANUARY 2015
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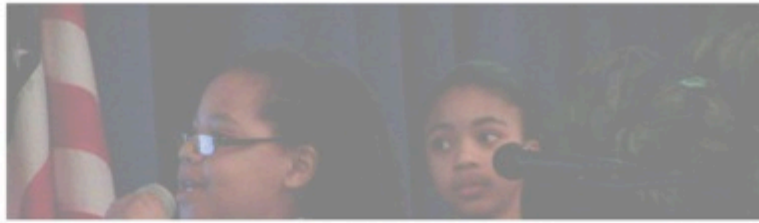
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School Happenings and Dance 2015

Oakwood Avenue Community School

National SumDog Mathematics Competition

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



Congratulations to the Oakwood Avenue Community School's 2nd grade classes for bringing honor and recognition to "The Best School in Town," in the National SumDog Mathematics Competition.

Top honors go to Mr. Larry Willis' class (Ranked 24th) and Ms. Rashidah Pugh's class (Ranked 54th). Both classes were ranked nationally out of nearly 5,000 other districts, classes and schools.

Great job 2nd grade students and teachers! Keep up the great work! "Ca Caw!"



<https://www.facebook.com/oakwoodavenuecommunityschool>

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On January 28, special guest, Mr. Adekunle James (Business Administrator for the Orange Board of Education) came to Oakwood Avenue Community School to read and share his experiences with students in Mrs. Bracy's 3rd/4th grade class.

Mr. James read two books to students. One focused on the life and contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and the other focused on the bus boycott, which was a pivotal moment, of the civil rights movement.

After the readings, Mr. James held a question and answer session, which provided students with a deeper insight into the civil rights movement and how it impacted and changed the country.



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Orange Public School District's Food Pantry



The Orange School District's food pantry is in full swing, according to Mr. Tyrone Dorsey, Orange's Food Service Manager. The effort was launched on December 17, 2014 and provides food to 100 families on the third Saturday of each month, except when the district is closed for break. Food is distributed at Orange High School to registered families.

The *Community Food Bank of New Jersey* provides the food for Orange's families. The food is received on the third Thursday of each month. On those days, the Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills volunteers to pack bags for distribution.

Spelling Bee of Champions Scheduled for February 7

The district's Fourth Annual "Spelling Bee of Champions" will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2015, beginning at 2:00 p.m., in the Orange Preparatory Academy auditorium.

This year's event has many newcomers and past participants vying for the championship. All parents, staff and students are invited to come out and support the contestants, as they battle for the championship.

Below are grade level winners and some of the overall school winners, as reported to-date. School-wide Spelling Bees were held in November and December 2014 and January 2015.

Grade Level Champions - By School 2014-2015

School	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	School Winner
Cleveland	Aaliyah Hamilton	Jessica Hernandez	Arielle Hamilton	Moise Voltaire	Miracle Obianuwe	Raquel Manderoy	Nanakraa Boakye Yiadom	TBD
Forest	Michelle Tong	Jaylen May Greene	Marjorie Menjivar	Jordan McAllister	Noah Acevedo	Adrian Silva	Odalys Fahardo	TBD
Heywood								TBD
Lincoln	J-Rondee Elane	Amir Ravello	Dakuri Pickney	Tamara Agueste	Keshima Smith	Callens Desrameaux	Fritzdia Bailey	TBD
Oakwood	Chidiogo Iherobiem	Zyier Knight	Prince Antwi	Xavier Gomez	Marlon Gomez	Izayah Link	Khalil Stewart/Ryan Clendenin	Marlon Gomez
Park	Trinity Foster	Kalvin Thomas	Brianna Clarke	Autumn Tarver	Jonathan Tarver	Akeem Braithweit	Kayla Howell	Autumn Tarver
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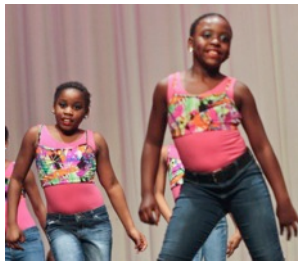
Celebrate Dance 2015, Park Avenue Winter Dance Concert



The Park Avenue dance students performed lively choreographed pieces, directed by dance educator, Mrs. Deborah

Rembert, at their annual winter concert on January 22.

The program integrated a variety of genres including a tap dance routine to James Brown's "Papa's Got a Brand New Bag," an African dance inspired by Cyril Jackson's "Banda" and a musical theater piece depicting school children staging a "revolt."

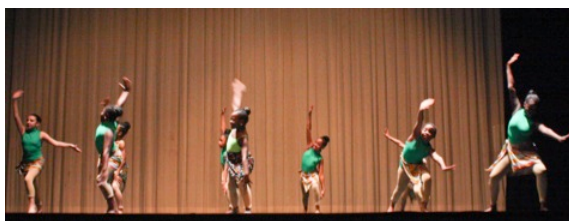


There were guest performances by Orange Middle School Alumni and an adult ensemble of staff members. The alumni gave a street jazz performance to

"Pressure" by Robin Thicke and staff members showed their stuff doing a hip-hop dance to "Mash Up" by Justin Timberlake and Chris Brown.



Ms. Faith Alcantara, Principal of Heywood Avenue School and a member of the adult ensemble, opened the program. Park Avenue School's Principal, Dr. Myron Hackett gave closing remarks.



Pictured (above and left): Scenes from Park Avenue School's Winter Dance Concert.

Orange Students Compete in the NBA Fit, Dribble, Dish & Swish

Submitted by Mr. Barry R. Devone III, Site Coordinator, Rosa Parks Community School



Orange students, ages 7-12, showed off their hoop skills at the *NBA Fit, Dribble, Dish & Swish Regional Competition*, held on January 25, at the NETS practice facility in East Rutherford, NJ. During the afternoon, the students competed in a 60-second dribbling, passing and shooting obstacle course.

The results of the participants representing the Orange School District are below. Their numbers will be compared to the other regional contestants and those with the best overall statistics in their age category, will advance to the All-Star Finals on February 13-15 at the NBA All-Star Weekend in New York City. Good luck to the district's representatives!

Valerie Castro (Rosa Parks)

Time: 78:87
Violations: 1
Final Time: 81.87

Kyree Fisher (Park Avenue)

Time: 39:08
Violations: 0
Final Time: 39.08

Jarred Koon (Rosa Parks)

Time: 37.65
Violations: 1
Final Time: 40.65

Philippe Michel (Rosa Parks)

Time: 35.02
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Final Time: 35:02

Sunkanya Salmon (Rosa Parks)

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Below are the works of Orange's students. An ink on clayboard piece by Stephanie Alvarado, titled *Silent Nature* (**pictured below left**) was submitted by art teacher, Mr. Nathaniel Brown, and Angelica Palma's oil on canvas piece, "Why Censor Me?" (**pictured below right**) was submitted by art teacher, Mr. Christopher Cosmillo.



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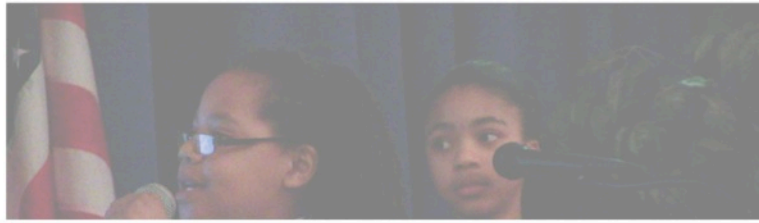
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