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Welcome back from the Orange Public School District. We hope you have all had a pleasant holiday. There are a few remaining Winter Concerts and art shows for you to enjoy, as we move into 2013.

January 9, 2013	Oakwood Avenue Art Reception	6:00 PM	Administration Building
January 11, 2013	OHS Second Annual Exhibit	6:30 PM	Stefanie Garwin Gallery*
January 15, 2013	Park Avenue Winter Concert	6:30 PM	Park Cafetorium
January 17, 2013	Park Winter Dance Concert	7:00 PM	OPA Auditorium
January 24, 2013	OPA Winter Dance Concert	7:00 PM	OPA Auditorium
February 1, 2013	OHS Winter Dance Concert	7:00 PM	OPA Auditorium
February 6, 2013	Heywood Avenue Art Reception	6:00 PM	Administration Building

* See flyer below for address



Winter Concerts

Each school has been entertaining audiences with talented students displaying instrumental, vocal, acting and dance skills. Below are a few images of the Oakwood Avenue Concert held on December 13 that included a strings performance, pantomime and a holiday celebration entitled "Once on a Housetop". The program involved a cross-section of students directed by Mr. Michael Sidel, Stage Director/Drama Instructor, Mrs. Annmarie Guenther, Vocal Music Director, Mrs. Erin-Leigh Van Orden, Band Conductor and Ms. Beulah Cox, Strings Conductor.



On December 19, Cleveland Street School's Winter Concert featured their band/orchestra, chorus and a musical presentation "Jingle All the Way Musical". Mr. Thaddeus Hammond, Instrumental Director, Ms. Amanda Pioppi, Drama Director and Mr. Brian Silvoy, Choral/Guitar Director, guided the students. Scenes are shown below.



Scenes from Orange Preparatory Academy's Winter Concert, which took place on December 18, are shown below. Mr. Peter Abazia, Choral Director, Mrs. Dorcas Robinson, Band Director and Ms. Beulah Cox, Strings Director led the students.





Women's Future Leadership Forum Offered Orange Students A Day Of Inspiration

On December 14, seven Orange High School students attended the Women's Future Leadership Forum, at AT&T in Bedminster, presented by Jr. Achievement of New Jersey. The students, seniors Mesha Wright, Lum Nyamboli, Chedeline Eloir, Janine Wardlaw, Marisol Thompson, Cassandra Simeon and junior, Tina Dhanwa were among 65 young women from New Jersey high schools in, Elizabeth, Morristown, Newark, Rahway and Orange who were given the opportunity to learn from successful women business leaders. The Orange participants, accompanied on their trip by Mrs. Alexandra Protopapas, Special Education Instructor at Orange High School and Ms. Joan Purkiss, the district's Information Officer, benefitted from interaction with 60 motivating female role models through a panel discussion and a one-on-one mentoring session.

The program, which was sponsored by Accenture and JP Morgan Chase, began with a discussion featuring five New Jersey female executives who shared personal success stories with the students. Ms. Nellie Borrero of Accenture was the panel moderator who led a variety of discussions relevant to the students including educational readiness, network building, personal finance management, skill development, and meeting challenges in order to develop personally and professionally. The panel discussion was followed by a question and answer session and one-on-one mentoring between the students and the women professionals to help develop their self-confidence through the crafting of personal "elevator pitches" and short "bios".

The final activity for the participants was the JA Personal Finance™ breakout session where the students were engaged in an activity highlighting personal finance management. The day culminated with a large group discussion around the day's events. Mrs. Protopapas believed it was an "eye opener" for the young women. She felt it was a day for them to hear from women in the business world, to meet professional women from outside of their township and meet students from other schools. She was thankful that they were able to attend the event, as potential women leaders of tomorrow, and that they left with the knowledge that they are not limited. Ms. Purkiss, stated, "This was truly a day about and for the students, as they plan their life's journey."

Junior Achievement of NJ's President, Catherine Milone, expressed her gratitude, "Today was truly an inspirational day. JA is so honored to work with such incredibly successful and dedicated women who took the time out of their busy schedules to help us empower this fine group of young ladies to own their personal economic success!"

The Women's Future Leadership Forum, also sponsored by Archer & Greiner PC and Turner Construction, was a successful endeavor for the students. They were impressed with the counseling they received from the panelists and mentors who gave their time to show how they can develop leadership skills. One Orange student, Mesha Wright, summarized what she and her peers learned from the experience, stating, "You don't have to give up on anything, you just keep moving forward."

For more information about Jr. Achievement of New Jersey, visit <http://janj.org/>.



Pictured: Scenes from Women's Future Leadership Forum (top) and students Lum Nyamboli, Cassandra Simeon and Mesha Wright during the one-on-one session (bottom, left to right).



Robotic Surgery Success

(Reprinted with corrections.)

On December 19, approximately fifty students, parents and educators from Orange High School (OHS), Orange Preparatory Academy (OPA) and the Career and Innovation Academy of Orange (CIAO) participated in a "Live Robotic Surgery Videoconference" from Newark Beth Israel Medical Center. The "Live Robotic Surgery" is a nationally recognized program for high school students sponsored by Johnson and Johnson, Atlantic Health System and Liberty Science Center. Dr. Patrick Howell, Assistant Principal at Orange High School, organized the event, the second live surgical presentation for the year. The goal of the live robotic procedure is to help promote awareness of medical issues and the latest in technological advancements in science. The presentation allowed students to ask questions of the surgical team while they performed a Fibroid/Hysterectomy procedure. The surgeon, Dr. Michael Pitter, Chief of Gynecological Robotic & Minimally Invasive Surgery at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, commented to Dr. Howell that he was extremely pleased and proud of Orange's students for their level of participation. Tashawn Hayden, a senior at Orange High School, thought this opportunity was a life-affirming experience. "Not only did I like it . . . my goal of being a doctor has been renewed, he said, "We need more of this to show students that they can make it." Tashawn echoed the sentiments of many of the students adding, "The robotic surgery was a success . . . and to the people who conducted it, thank you."

The broadcast/surgery was directed from Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, through the Liberty Science Center, to classrooms at OHS for student viewing. Dr. Howell was pleased again at the outcome and extended Orange High School's gratitude and appreciation to the Orange Board for their continued support and the leadership of OPA and CIAO for their involvement. The participating schools were also thankful. Science teacher Jarrett Hesselburg thanked Dr. Howell for coordinating the robotic surgery in partnership with the Liberty Science Center. He felt that the students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity and spoke positively about the experience while other students inquired when they may get an opportunity to participate. He stated, "The surgery experience provided students with a real time application of knowledge and concepts. The connections between curriculum content and applications proved beneficial for classroom instruction, student achievement, and overall interest in the sciences." He is hopeful that Orange Preparatory Academy students will be included in future programs. The Career and Innovation Academy of Orange also thanked Dr. Howell for inviting their students to attend the "Live Robotic Surgery Videoconference". The CIAO students were very excited and appreciated the opportunity.



Pictured: Scenes from "Live Robotic Surgery Videoconference" at OHS.

Coming Attractions

- *See flyer below for more Winter Concerts*
- *Tuesday, January 8, 2013 – Monthly Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m., at Orange Preparatory Academy Auditorium*
- *Wednesday, January 9, 2013 – Oakwood Art Opening at the Board Office (See flyer below)*
- *Friday, January 11, 2013 – Orange High School 2nd Annual Exhibit, 6:30 p.m. at Stefanie Garwin Gallery (See flyer below)*
- *Monday, January 21, 2013 – District Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*
- *Monday, January 28, 2013 – Department Meetings, students dismissed at 2:30 p.m.*

More Winter Concert in the New Year . . . come out and support the Orange Public Schools at the following events:

**ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT WINTER CONCERTS
2012 – 2013**

December 4, 2012	Forest Street School Choir	7:00 PM	Livingston Mall-Macy's
December 5, 2012	Cleveland Street Art Reception	6:00 PM	Administration Building
December 6, 2012	Shakespeare Comedy, OHS/OPA	7:00 PM	OPA Auditorium
December 7, 2012	Shakespeare Comedy, OHS/OPA	7:00 PM	OPA Auditorium
December 8, 2012	Shakespeare Comedy, OHS/OPA	2:00 PM	OPA Auditorium
December 8, 2012	Shakespeare Comedy, OHS/OPA	7:00 PM	OPA Auditorium
December 10, 2012	Lincoln Avenue Winter Concert	7:00 PM	Lincoln Gymnasium
December 11, 2012	Central Winter Concert	6:00 PM	Central Auditorium
December 12, 2012	Heywood Avenue Winter Concert	6:30 PM	Heywood Auditorium
December 13, 2012	Oakwood Avenue Winter Concert	6:00 PM	Oakwood Auditorium
December 17, 2012	Forest Street Winter Concert	6:00 PM	Forest Gymnasium
December 18, 2012	OPA Winter Music Concert	7:00 PM	OPA Auditorium
December 19, 2012	Cleveland Street Winter Concert	6:00 PM	Park Cafetorium
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Schedule revised 12/05/2012

Please note that Cleveland Street's concert is being held at Park Avenue School and not Central Avenue as previously published and the Park Avenue Winter Music Concert, previously scheduled for early December, is now planned for January 15, 2013. Also, Rosa Parks Central Community School (grades 2 - 7) will not have a winter concert, due to scheduling complications.

*Oakwood Avenue School
Board Lobby Art Show 2013*



*Time: Wednesday, January 9, 2013
At 6:00 in the Evening
Place: Orange Board of Education Building
451 Lincoln Avenue
Come Join the Celebration!*

Please join Mr. Cosmillo and
Mrs. Guerriero's classes for
Orange High School's
2nd Annual Exhibit
Friday, January 11, 2013
6:30pm-9:00pm

Stefanie Garwin Gallery

At Arts Unbound
544 Freeman St.
Orange NJ 07050
(973) 675-2787



***Dress to Impress-Sunday Attire**