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Congratulations to the Spelling Bee of Champions

Orange Public School District "Spelling Bee of Champions" was held on February 2, 2013, at the Orange Preparatory Academy Auditorium. Grade level winners, for the 1st through 8th grade, and overall school spelling bee champions from each of Orange's elementary schools and Orange Preparatory Academy participated.

The grade level rounds were exciting, with students going head-to-head spelling increasingly difficult words. The second grade students set the performance bar for the higher-grade rounds by moving the bee into more difficult words. The winner of that round, Michael Davis III, won by spelling the word 'ambitious'.

The final round of the competition pitted the grade level winners and school bee champions against each other, as the students vied for the district championship. Students had to spell words like 'nucleophilic', 'angioplasty' and 'subsultory'. After several grueling rounds, the fourth grade winner Ibrahim Sacko, from Park Avenue School, won first place by spelling 'dermatitis'. He ended a hard-won battle against second place winner, 3rd grader Keshima Smith, from Lincoln Avenue School, and the third place winner, 7th grader Eduardo Fajardo from Forest Street School. Superintendent of the Orange Public Schools, Ronald C. Lee, who officiated the event, congratulated the students, saying, "You can tell that a lot of the students put a lot of time into preparing and they all did a good job." "The students," he said, "Went far into the lists and the competition got tough." He also underscored the fact that all of the students who competed in the "Spelling Bee of Champions" are winners.

The Spelling Bee of Champions district grade level winners are as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
Jayden Honeyghan	1	Heywood Avenue School
Michael Davis III	2	Rosa Parks Central Community School
Keshima Smith	3	Lincoln Avenue School
Ibrahim Sacko	4	Park Avenue School
Sheridan Hart	5	Heywood Avenue School
Da'Naya Rollins	6	Cleveland Street School
Tamera Fadael	7	Lincoln Avenue School



Pictured: First through seventh grade winners and Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee



Pictured: (left to right): First grade winner, Jayden Honeyghan; Second grade winner, Michael Davis III; Third grade winner, Keshima Smith, receiving her trophy from Superintendent Lee; Spelling Bee of Champions, Ibrahim Sacko.

The "Spelling Bee of Champions" is the premier academic competition event for the district and Superintendent Lee was grateful to those who made it all possible. During opening remarks, Mr. Lee thanked staff members who organized

individual school spelling bees and principals and teachers for attending and supporting the event. He recognized City Council Members, Mrs. Patricia A. Arthur, Orange Board of Education President and members of the community who were in attendance. He also commended district administrator, Ms. Erica Stewart, for coordinating the "Spelling Bee of Champions" and all those who assisted her in the day's event. Mr. Lee also acknowledged parents for supporting their children in this academic endeavor.

The panel of judges for the competition consisted of Mr. Ronald C. Lee, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. David Wright and Ms. Daniela Small-Bailey who are both members of the Orange Board of Education. Dr. Paula Howard, Deputy Superintendent, presented the words to the participants and Ms. Kathryn Carter, Director of Language Arts, served as competition coordinator.



Farewell Reception for Teacher Interns From Korea

The Curriculum and Instruction Department held a farewell reception for Math and Science teachers from Korea (pictured below with host teachers, Superintendent Lee and Bloomfield College's representative) who completed four months of teaching practicum in four of Orange's Schools. The visiting teachers were part of Bloomfield College's International Student-Teaching Practicum in the college's Institute for Technology and Professional Studies (ITPS). The reception was held on January 17, 2013 at the Board of Education Administrative Offices.



Superintendent of Schools, Ronald Lee, Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Paula Howard, Director of Curriculum and Testing, Dr. Terri Russo, Director of Science and Mathematics, Mr. Terry Caliste, other administrators, host teachers and principals were in attendance to thank each participant for their contributions to the classes they supported. Also present was a Ms. Nancy Hurtz-Soyka, Director, Office of International Training and Professional Studies, from Bloomfield College's ITPS.

The host teachers/schools that participated in the program and their teacher interns were:

- Ms. Caroline Tragni – Math, OHS – Jeong Su Kim
- Mr. Robert Gronau – Science, OHS – Hyeyoung Lee
- Mr. Jose Valdez- – Math, OPA – So Yeon Kim
- Ms. Pamela Davis – Science, Cleveland – Chan Woong Kim
- Mr. Adam DiLorenzo – Math, Park – Jinhyun Park
- Ms. LaShawna Valdez – Physics, OHS - Wang Suk Lee

During the reception, each teacher intern gave feedback on the cross-cultural experience, the delivery of mathematics and science instruction in Orange and general comments about the program.

Orange will continue to work with Bloomfield College and the ITPS, hosting three new teacher interns for the next few months. The new teacher interns are:

- Ms. Sumin Kim – Chemistry
- Ms. Geunrim Park – Chemistry
- Ms. Hyunju Lee – Physics



Auditions for the Orange Dance Conservatory Program

Students who wish to grow and expand their dance education are encouraged to audition for the *Orange Dance Conservatory*. Auditions will be held on Friday, February 15, 2013, at Park Avenue School, as follows:

- 5:00 p.m. for grades K-2
- 6:00 p.m. for grades 3-6
- 7:00 p.m. for grades 6-12

The *Orange Dance Conservatory* program, led by Park Avenue School dance instructor, Mrs. Deborah Rembert, is now in its second season at the Orange Public School District. Students will receive the following:

- Professional technical training in ballet, tap, jazz and modern dance
- Opportunities to work with Master Dance Teachers
- Performance opportunities including an annual showcase

Acceptance into this program is strictly based on audition. Dancers accepted into the Conservatory program will meet on Friday afternoons/evenings and Saturday mornings. Parents must provide dance supplies for the students. For more information on this program, contact Mrs. Rembert at remberde@orange.k12.nj.us.



Teacher Achievement

Rosa Parks Central Community School Special Education teacher, Ms. Pramawattie Jaikarran-Springer received her Masters in Education with a major in Special Education from Montclair State University in 2012. She began her masters program in September 2011 and finished in May 2012, with a 3.6 GPA. For her academic work and dedication to the field of education, Ms. Jaikarran-Springer received a Citation from the General Assembly of New Jersey.



Pictured (left to right): Pramawattie Jaikarran-Springer; General Assembly Citation



AANJ Emerging Artist Show at Kean University

Displaying artist Manuel Palma, along with his art teacher, Mr. Nathaniel Brown, attended the 25th annual Emerging Artists Exhibit at the Vaughn-Eames Hall/James Howe Gallery, Kean University, on February 3, 2013. Art teacher, Mr. Christopher Cosmillo was also there to represent his student Maquelin Santana. The exhibit, which showcases work by high school art students throughout the state, is sponsored by the Art Administrators of New Jersey (aanj). Mr. Peter Crosta, Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts and a co-chairperson for the exhibit, was present to support the event along with Principal, Dr. Kalisha Morgan and Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee.



Pictured (left to right) N. Brown, M. Plama, K. Morgan, R. Lee with student's artwork; C. Cosmillo and P. Crosta with M. Santana's artwork.

Coming Attractions

- *Friday, February 8 thru Friday, February 15, 2013 – PRIDE Expo at Livingston Mall*
- *Monday, February 11, 2013 – Heywood Avenue School, Concert Band/Chorus, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Livingston Mall*
- *Wednesday, February 13, 2013 – Oakwood Avenue School Celebrity Read, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*
- *Thursday, February 14, 2013 – Lincoln Avenue School, Band/Violins/Dance Ensemble, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Livingston Mall (PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME)*
- *Friday, February 15, 2013 – Orange Dance Conservatory Auditions, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Park Avenue School*
- *Friday, February 15, 2013 – OHS Winter Dance Concert, 7:00 p.m. at OPA Auditorium (PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE) (See flyer below)*
- *Saturday, February 16, 2013 – Rising Tide Capital, Community Business Academy Orientation, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. at Rosa Parks Central Community School (Time and location to be confirmed – see flyer below)*
- *Sunday, February 24, 2013 – Art Reception at NJPAC, time TBD*
- *Saturday, March 9, 2013 – Parent Resource Fair, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Lincoln Avenue School - Featuring resource tables and information sessions for students (college fairs, summer programs) and parents (adult education, entrepreneurship courses) (POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE)*

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