



# OBO *E-Mail* Blast

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## Live Cardiac Surgery Broadens Students Exposure to the Medical Field



On Monday October 29, 2012, a select group of Orange High School students will be able to view and interact with a surgical team from Newark Beth Israel Hospital while they perform cardiac surgery through Liberty Science Center's Live From...Cardiac Classroom™. Approximately 30 students, who are members of Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) and those following a pre-med curriculum, will be able to ask the surgical team questions during the surgery. Dr. Patrick Howell, Assistant Principal at OHS, who coordinates the science curriculum for students in grades 8 – 12, has arranged the program that will be viewed live from the high school. "From the first incision to the last suture, our students will experience the excitement and drama of the surgery through real-time videoconferencing," said Dr. Howell. "They'll have a front-row seat to experience surgery as it happens!"

The interactive session will allow students to view the surgery on a 9 X 12 screen or SMART board.

In preparation for this event, teachers have been working with their students to practice questioning skills in order to optimize their experience. In addition, students have been exposed to the following content areas/activities:

- The Heart and Circulatory System
- Coronary Artery Bypass Grafts
- Cardiovascular Disease: Risk Factor
- (Classroom Activity 1: Lung Capacity)
- (Classroom Activity 2: Heart Rates & Abnormal Rhythms)
- Take-Home-Worksheets (Personal & Family Health History)



## The Calling All Men Campaign is in Full Swing



Calling All Men (CAM) is a dynamic campaign by the Orange Public School District to get more fathers engaged in their child's educational life. CAM will host a series of programs and activities throughout the school year designed to increase the involvement of men in the lives of their children.

The district launched the program with the Million Father March on the first day of school and hosted "manUP the Play" for fathers and their families on October 25. The play, written, produced and performed by Orange High School staff member Elijah M. Brown and his associate, Jamal T. Hinnant, showed the audience the connection between a teacher and a student and the challenges many young people face.

Under the Calling All Men campaign umbrella, the following activities are planned:

- ❖ Fathers Reading Club: Contact your local elementary school regarding the reading program held on the last Friday of each month.
- ❖ Fatherhood Football Fellowship: Sundays during football season at Park Avenue School.

On October 25, "manUP the Play" was presented, free to the public at Park Avenue School.

For more information visit the [Orange Public School District](#) or email [Matthew Stevens](#), program coordinator.



Pictured: Scene for manUP the Play; Superintendent Lee with Elijah Brown and Jamal Hinnant; Audience at Park Avenue School.



## Cleveland Street Students Visits Essex Environmental Center

On October 9, 5th and 6th grade students from Cleveland Street School were invited to attend the Essex County Environmental Center in Roseland, through a grant from the Landsberger Foundation that provides inner-city children with hands-on educational opportunities to learn about the environment.

Over 54 students dressed for the occasion to walk through the woodland and down to the Passaic River to perform different science experiments. Three teachers from the center broke the students into groups to discuss the ecosystem, frog pond environment, and the Passaic River's history.

Fifth graders learned about the Lenape people and how they lived in wigwams, stored food, and what they wore to survive in harsh climates. Students participated in an activity to show the food

Sixth graders viewed a PowerPoint history presentation on the beginnings of the Passaic River. The students were grouped for different experiments on turbidity, pH, dissolved oxygen, and water temperature. After the students gathered data about the Passaic River, each group had to report their findings. Later on, students waded in the river to collect macro organisms to determine pollution levels.



**Pictured above: Scenes from the Essex County Environmental Center**

*(Submitted by P. Davis, Cleveland Street School)*



## Parents as Literacy Supporters (PALS)

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 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 and kindergarten aged children (siblings are welcome). 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. The Office of Early Childhood Education endeavors to present the workshop in English and Spanish whenever possible.

PALS was held at Heywood Elementary School, in Ms. Springer's classroom, on October 22. Another session is scheduled Monday November 12.



**Pictured: Julia Jasper, Barbara Berger and Jaclyn Klarmann of the Office of Early Childhood Education lead a group of enthusiastic students, siblings, parents and grandparents in a PALS session at Heywood Ave. School.**

*(Submitted by J. Jasper, Office of Early Childhood Education)*





## Forest Street School Ends Town Hall Meeting with a Salute to Hispanic Heritage

Forest Street School hosted parents and students at a town hall type meeting moderated by principal, Ms. Yancisca Cooke, on October 25. The packed multipurpose room brought together parents to discuss new curriculum and standards, to hear the school's choir under the direction of their new music teacher, Mr. Jayson Martinez, and to field questions from parents. At the end of the program, families were treated to cuisine prepared by Forest Street parents in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month.



Pictured: Forest Street School Celebrates Hispanic Heritage with cultural displays and food.



## Orange High School Fall College Fair Provides Information and Resources for Students

Over 200 seniors had the opportunity to hear from approximately 23 colleges, the military, trade schools and career-counseling institutions, as part of Orange High School's Fall College Fair held on October 24 in the school's library. Students discussed post high school graduation opportunities with institutions such as Montclair State University, Berkeley College, Rowan University, Union County College, The Art Institute, New Jersey Institute of Technology, The Marines, Anthem Institute, and Rutgers TRIO.



Pictured: OHS student speaks with Ms. R. Rahman, Program Coordinator for Rutgers TRIO college admissions program; Students gather around LaSheen Jacobs, High School Representative for The Art Institutes; Staff Sergeant, Marques D. Williams, Recruiter for the Marines, chats with students.



## Orange High School Students Participate in Local Talk Public Speaking Contest



On October 20, 2012, Orange High School Senior, Earl Nelson, participated in the 3rd annual Local Talk High School Public Speaking Contest. This contest was open to students from East Orange, West Orange, Newark, Irvington, Montclair and Orange. Earl prepared a speech on the topic, "How should political leaders implement better gun control and what must be done to improve public safety"? Ms. Phyllis Jackson, English Teacher at OHS, coached him. Although Earl did not take home the cash prize, he is a winner because he took on the challenge. Superintendent of Schools, Ronald C. Lee was present at the contest, along with Co-Principal of OHS, Ms. Kalisha Morgan. Congratulations Earl!

For Local Talk article click here: [http://www.localtalknewark.com/index\\_It.html](http://www.localtalknewark.com/index_It.html).



## Family Literacy Night Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, The Office of Early Childhood sponsored its second El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day). Día is a celebration of children, families, and reading. The celebration emphasizes the importance of advocating literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds. The successful event was held at the Orange Early Childhood Center on October 17, 2012, with the aid of 35 volunteer staff members and several remarkable high school students.

Participants enjoyed an afternoon of stories, songs, crafts, games and dances from all over the world. Also, a pizza dinner was served. This year, 234 adults and children attended Día. Each child present received a new book bag and several books for his or her home library. The books were bilingual and celebrated the home languages spoken by the district's community.



**Pictured: Professional storyteller, Shirley Johnson, parents, students and siblings engage in multi-cultural stories and songs.**  
(Submitted by J, Jasper, Office of Early Childhood Education)



## Orange Scholars Academy Hosts Open House

On October 17, families of students participating in the district's scholars program gathered for the Scholars Academy's first Open House. This will be the school's first full year of operation. Students and their families were excited as they visited classes. This year the program has students attending morning sessions in their area of strength and exploring all areas in the afternoon. The scholars program is currently in the process of testing students in grade 1 to join the program along with any student who was not previously identified.



## Cleveland Street School Events

On October 24, Cleveland Street School held a school wide Zumba Dance to raise the bar for a healthy lifestyle. Grades K-4 participated at 10:00 a.m. and grades 5-7 participated at 11:00 a.m. In addition, it was a fundraiser. The event was held in the multipurpose room.

Cleveland Street School's Spanish teacher, Srta Arias, also had students dancing in the halls to celebrate Hispanic culture.


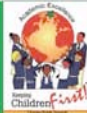


**Pictured: Cleveland Street School Zumba Dancing; Students doing cultural dance.**



# Coming Attractions

- *Sunday, October 28, 2012 – Fatherhood Football Fellowship is cancelled for this week!*
- *Wednesday, November 7, 2012 – "Jeans for Troops", \$5 Donation to Support Veterans (See flyer below)*
- *Thursday - Friday, November 8 - 9, 2012 – District Closed for New Jersey Education Association Convention*
- *Thursday – Saturday, December 6 – 8, 2012 – "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare, Abridged/Revised", 7:00 p.m. and also at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 8, at Orange Preparatory Academy Auditorium (See flyer below)*

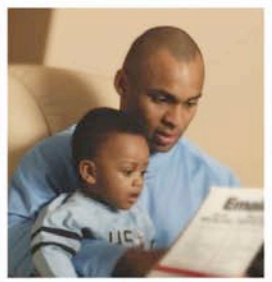

Orange Public Schools



## Fathers Reading Club

Men Reading With Children In School & Beyond

### Who Should Attend

- Fathers
- Grandfathers
- Uncles and Big Brothers
- Men's Ministries
- Fraternities
- Mentors






### Calling All Men

- ✓ Join us on the last Friday of each month starting October 26, 2012
- ✓ Attend a reading session at your child's school where you read with children
- ✓ Help us improve student achievement by reading in and out of school

## How To Participate

1. Contact your child's school for the specific time and details (See below)
2. Ensure that your children are competing in the district's Pages for All Ages 25 Book Challenge
3. Also, join us on Sundays for the **Fatherhood Football Fellowship**. 

Contact Matt Stevens, Dept. of Special Programs for more information

(973) 677-4000 (ext. 6086) – [StevenMa@mail.orange.k12.nj.us](mailto:StevenMa@mail.orange.k12.nj.us)

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## to help our troops

- ☒ Find Jobs
- ☒ Go to College
- ☒ Get Health Care
- ☒ Find Housing

# Jeans For Troops

## November 7, 2012

To learn more contact Alex Manis at (973) 830-7275 or [manis@gigofund.org](mailto:manis@gigofund.org)

*The G.I.  Go Fund*  
*Where Veterans Go Forward*

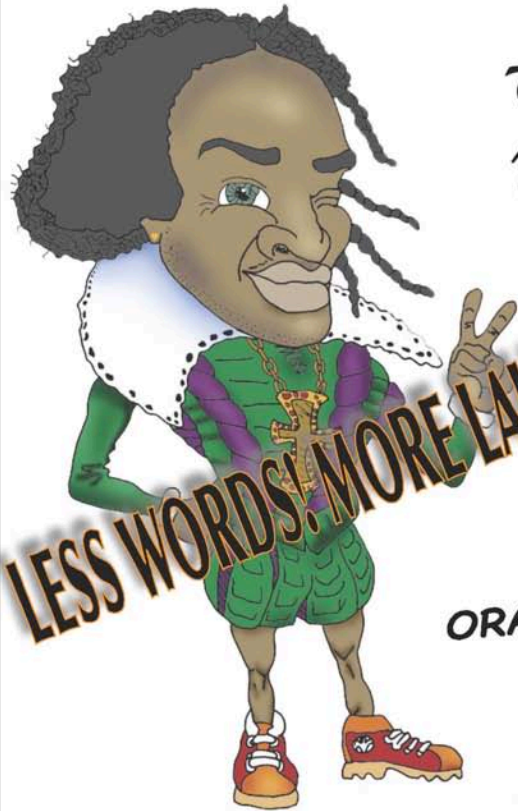
Participating employers collect a \$5 donation from each willing employee. In exchange, participating employees are allowed to wear jeans to work on Wednesday, Nov. 7. Proceeds are donated to The G.I. Go Fund

Make checks payable to: The G.I. Go Fund. Contributions can be mailed to: The G.I. Go Fund, PO Box 1777, New Brunswick, NJ 08903  
The G.I. Go Fund is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that assists returning veterans and homeless veterans.

# Veterans Day



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and Jess Winfield

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