



OBOE-Mail Blast

NOVEMBER 21, 2012 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING

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Re-Print With Correction from Last Week's Email Blast: Approved District Calendar Changes

Due to Hurricane Sandy, schools were closed for 7 days, from October 29th through November 6th, leaving students with less than the required mandatory school days. There are three "snow" or inclement weather days built into the calendar for students, leaving four days to be made up. In order to meet New Jersey State statute requiring 180 days of school and to provide additional professional development for staff, the Orange Board of Education approved several changes to the existing district calendar for the 2012 - 2013 school year.

- Schools were open on November 8 and 9, in place of the canceled New Jersey Teachers' Convention, making up 2 days missed due to the storm.
- **Students will have school on Friday, February 1, 2013 and the staff Professional Development (PD) will be cancelled, making up a third day missed due to Sandy.**
- Schools will be open for a half-day on Good Friday, March 29, 2013, making up the final day lost from "Superstorm Sandy".
- To facilitate additional PD, students will be dismissed at 2:30 p.m. every third Monday of the month (with a few exceptions). The early dismissal is only on these dates, unless otherwise denoted on the calendar. The specific days are: November 19, 2012, December 17, 2012, January 28, 2013, February 25, 2013, March 18, 2013, April 22, 2013, May 20, 2013, and June 17, 2013.

In the event there are additional days off due to inclement weather, other calendar changes will have to be made.



District Spelling Bees

The Orange Public School District is "all-a-buzz" with school-wide Spelling Bees. So far three schools have declared Spelling Bee Champions, ready to compete in the District Spelling Bee of Champions, scheduled for Saturday, February 2, 2012 at Orange Preparatory Academy Auditorium. The schools that have held competitions to date are Park Avenue School, Cleveland Street School and Heywood Avenue School. The remaining competitions are show below under "Coming Attractions". A full write-up will be included in next week's E-mail Blast.



The Junior League's Thanksgiving Basket Project

The Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills (JLOSH), a volunteer organization devoted to the health and wellness of children in our community, worked with Tyrone Dorsey, the district's Food Service Manager and Mr. Adekunle James, the Board of Education's Business Administrator on a Thanksgiving basket project. Annually, the Junior League has provided Thanksgiving meals to families through local organizations in their service area. This year they broadened their reach into local schools, donating Thanksgiving baskets, consisting of a turkey and non-perishable Thanksgiving fixings to Orange's schools. On November 19th, Kim Sleeman and Kara Lawler (pictured below with parent) along with a team from JLOSH kindly delivered 235 turkey dinners to Orange Public Schools.



Pictured: Turkey Basket distribution at Lincoln Avenue School (left to right) - Lincoln Avenue parent receiving basket;



New Jersey Division of Early Childhood (NJDEC) Presents Award to Orange's Susan Monfet



Susan S. Monfet, the Assistant Administrator of the Orange Early Childhood Center for the Orange Public School District is the winner of the 2012 New Jersey Division of Early Childhood (NJDEC) Lucille Weistuch Early Childhood Special Education Award. "This award recognizes a career of work that reaches beyond the classroom to significantly impact the lives of many," wrote Eileen Croker McCann, President of NJDEC. Ms. Monfet was honored for her work in the field of early childhood special education.

Ms. Monfet, a certified special education teacher, has been with the Orange Public School District for 8 years. She received her award at NJDEC's Annual Fall Conference held on October 26 at the University Center on the campus of Kean University.

As stated on the organization's website, "The New Jersey Division for Early Childhood is an organization designed for individuals who work with or on behalf of children with special needs, birth through age eight, and their families."

Congratulations to Ms. Monfet for her achievement.



Science Connection Announced

Ms. Samantha Sica-Fossella, Assistant Principal at the Orange Preparatory Academy has announced that three of the school's classes are scheduled for a "rainforest connection" with a scientist in the Belize rainforest on Thursday, December 13, 2012. The classes will participate in sessions covering "Food Webs", "Diversity of Animals" and "Intro to the Rainforest". The program encompasses a vision of "classrooms without walls".

Coming Attractions

- *Thursday – Friday, November 22-23, 2012, District Closed for Thanksgiving Recess*
- *Monday, November 26, 2012 – Forest Street School Spelling Bee, time To Be Determined (TBD)*
- *Friday, November 30, 2012 – Fathers Reading Club (See flyer below)*
- *Tuesday, December 4, 2012 – Lincoln Avenue School Spelling Bee, 9:30 a.m.*
- *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)*
- *Friday, December 7, 2012 – Rosa Parks Central Community School Spelling Bee, time TBD*
- *Sunday, December 9, 2012 – Fatherhood Football Fellowship at Park Avenue School (sponsored by St. Barnabas Hospital) beginning at 1:00 p.m.*
- *Friday, December 14, 2012 – Orange Preparatory Academy Spelling Bee, time TBD*
- *Monday, December 17, 2012, Oakwood Avenue Spelling Bee, time TBD*
- *Tuesday, December 18, 2012 Caroling for A Cause with Sankofa, 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. (See flyer below)*
- *Thursday, December 20, 2012 – NJTOP ESL Certification, registration deadline (See flyer below)*



Orange Public Schools

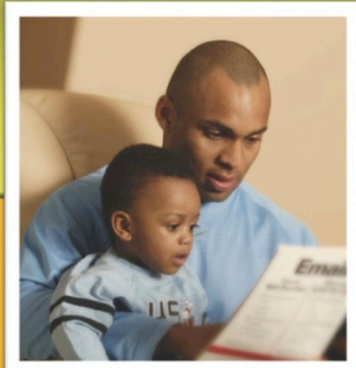
Fathers Reading Club



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

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Cleveland St
(973) 677-4100

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OECC
(973) 672-0251

Forest St
(973) 677-4120

Heywood Ave
(973) 677-4105

Lincoln Ave
(973) 677-0328

Oakwood Ave
(973) 677-4095

Park Ave
(973) 677-4124

Rosa Parks/Central
(973) 677-4515

See reverse side for October/November Calendar of Events ▶

ValleyArts

The Arts Service and Activist Organization for the Valley Arts District of Orange and West Orange NJ

Firehouse Live/Work Studio Lofts
ValleyArts Firehouse Gallery
580 Forest Street, Orange NJ 07050



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460 Tompkins Street, Orange, NJ 07050

**FIREHOUSE
OPENING
WEEK!**

Sat, Oct 27, 7:30pm *Exhibit 1 – ORNG Ink Fashion Show*

Tue, Oct 30, 11am Official HANDS Ribbon Cutting

Thu, Nov 1, 8:30am Teacher Workshop: *Romare Bearden's Techniques*

Fri, Nov 2, 6pm Firehouse Gallery Grand Opening: *The Art of Dan Fenelon*

Sat, Nov 3, 11am–4pm Open House Celebration

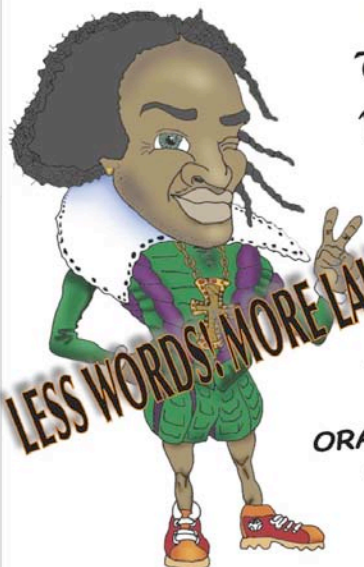
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Funnier than Spark Notes! *Shakespeare's Greatest Hits,*
MINUS the BORING stuff!

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (ABRIDGED) [REVISED]

By Adam Long, Daniel Singer
and Jess Winfield

DECEMBER 6, 7 & 8 2012
THURSDAY & FRIDAY at 7:00PM
SATURDAY 2:00PM & 7:00PM
ORANGE PREP ACADEMY AUDITORIUM
400 Central Avenue, Orange NJ

TICKETS \$5, STU/SR \$3
INFO 973-677-4050 x5020
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It's the most wonderful time of the year, and our students want to give back! Faculty, staff and administration, please come join us for an evening of Holiday Caroling throughout the City of Orange. Alongside our students, we will be singing to raise money for a student selected charity/organization. Afterwards, we will break bread together, family style, at Rosa Parks Central Community School!

For more information contact Ryan LaBoy at: laboyrya@orange.k12.nj.us

Carols for a Cause!

Rehearsals:
Wednesdays starting Nov. 14,
2012 from 5:00-7:00 pm, Central
School Auditorium

The Big Event:
Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2012 from
3:00-8:00 pm

JANKOFA

The Orange Public Schools' Premiere Adult Vocal Ensemble

New Jersey Teacher Outreach Program **NJTOP at Orange**



Rowan University's Off-Campus Programs For Teachers and Educators

Upon successful completion of the ESL Certificate of Graduate Study program students become eligible for state certification, which allows them to teach English to non-English speaking students. ESL teachers help students from a wide range of language and cultural backgrounds living and working in primarily English speaking environments to speak, listen, read, and write in English.



ESL Certification

Discounted Tuition

Student loans if qualify

8 week accelerated courses, two courses a semester

Classes Start January 7th, 2013

Three Semesters, finish December, 2013

**Location - Lincoln Avenue School
216 Lincoln Avenue; Orange NJ 07050**

Day & Time - Monday, 4:30—7:00 PM

Application deadline: 12/22/2012)



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