

WEEKLY UPDATES

OCTOBER 20, 2023
EDITION

WHAT'S NEW
FROM
DR. FITZHUGH



Good Day Orange School District Families & Staff,

I hope this communication finds you well. Additionally, I am hopeful each of you are in great health and spirit. We had yet another exciting week within the Orange Public School District.

As a reminder, continue to visit our district website www.orange.k12.nj.us under latest news and information as well as our social media handles to get the most up to date district updates. As promised, we will continue to provide information in real time, so you are always in the know.

As always, I thank you for your continued support and belief in our school district. I extend to each of you a great weekend.

Educationally yours,
Gerald Fitzhugh, II, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

COMMUNITY EVENTS



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY: IN THE EFFORT OF PROVIDING TARGETED AND INTENTIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT WIDE, REVIEW OF WALK THROUGH TRENDS, AS WELL AS DISCUSSION VIA COMMON PLANNING MEETINGS, WERE THE INDICATORS THAT PROPELLED THE CATALOGUE OF INSTRUCTIONAL SESSIONS. DISTRICT MATH TEACHERS PARTICIPATED IN TRAINING FOCUSED ON ANALYZING DIAGNOSTIC DATA AND EXPLORING RESEARCH-BASED STRATEGIES THEY COULD IMPLEMENT IN THE CLASSROOM. THE SCIENCE TEACHERS ENGAGED IN ANALYZING DATA AND CONTINUED TO LEARN ABOUT THREE-DIMENSIONAL LEARNING STRATEGIES AND TECHNIQUES.

THE WORLD LANGUAGE TEAM REVIEWED INFORMATION TO SUPPORT LESSON PLANNING, AND DISCUSSED DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES AND HOW THEY CAN BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE CLASSROOM. SECOND GRADE ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHERS WERE ENGAGED IN READING A PROFESSIONAL TEXT AND DISCUSSION DURING THEIR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION TITLED "THE POWER OF ORAL LANGUAGE AND ITS IMPORTANCE TO WRITING DEVELOPMENT." THE OFFICE OF INNOVATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TEAM MEMBERS ENGAGED IN AN ARRAY OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS.

THE DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY COORDINATORS PARTICIPATED IN COMPUTER LITERACY TRAINING, THE CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) TEAM REVIEWED BEST PRACTICES ON PRESENTATION SKILLS IN CTE, AND THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TEAM FOCUSED ON FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES, DEVELOPING COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARDS AND BEST PRACTICES IN TECHNOLOGY. THESE ARE SAMPLES OF WHAT OCCURRED ON THE DAY OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT. AS ALWAYS, INSTRUCTIONAL SESSIONS OCCUR DAILY AT THE SCHOOL AND DISTRICT LEVEL.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

RED RIBBON WEEK: OCTOBER 23-31, 2023, THE ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL OBSERVE RED RIBBON WEEK. WHAT IS RED RIBBON WEEK? RED RIBBON WEEK IS AN ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, SMOKING, AND OTHER DRUG AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION AWARENESS CAMPAIGN OBSERVED ANNUALLY IN OCTOBER IN THE UNITED STATES. IT BEGAN AS A TRIBUTE TO FALLEN DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (DEA) SPECIAL AGENT ENRIQUE CAMERENA IN 1985. ACCORDING TO THE UNITED STATES DEA, RED RIBBON WEEK IS THE NATION'S LARGEST AND LONGEST-RUNNING DRUG AWARENESS AND PREVENTION PROGRAM.

Rosa Parks Community School

Be Kind To Your Mind. Live Drug Free.

October 23, 2023 – October 31, 2023



Monday (Wear Red Day): School counselors and teachers will discuss the theme of this year's Red Ribbon Week. Students will sign a Drug Free Pledge. Pledges will be displayed in the hallways by the classroom. Parent Pledge is sent home to be signed and displayed at home. Staff and students wear red tops or dress to school.

Tuesday (Sock it to Drugs): Students and staff wear red socks to school.

Wednesday (Hands off Drugs): Students trace their hands and print their names on the construction paper cutouts. The cutouts are pasted on a bulletin board paper to be displayed on the classroom doors or hallways.

Thursday (Be a Hero, not a Zero): Homeroom teachers will facilitate discussions on setting academic goals. **Grade 3-4 students** will name and illustrate what they want to grow up to be on a piece of paper, and tape or glue it inside the front cover of their favorite notebook. **Grades 5-7 students** will write a paragraph describing their career goals on a piece of paper, and tape or glue it inside the front cover of their favorite notebook.

Friday (School Pride Day): Students and staff wear the school purple or gold T-shirts to show school pride.

Monday (Put a Cap on Drugs): Students wear a cap to school.

Tuesday (Say Boo to Drugs): Students wear a costume during the last block of school.



SUPERINTENDENT'S ACADEMIC CORNER



AS A DISTRICT, WE ARE PUSHING PEDAGOGICALLY FORWARD TO ENSURE THAT INTENTIONAL AND RIGOROUS INSTRUCTION IS TAKING PLACE. WEEKLY, WE SHARE INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES TO ASSIST IN THIS AREA. THIS WEEK, WE WILL DELVE A BIT INTO SOCRATIC SEMINAR. THIS STRATEGY IS USED PRIMARILY IN MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL GRADE LEVELS.

WITH REGARDS TO HIGHER ORDER THINKING SOCRATIC SEMINARS RANK WITHIN THE HIGHER TIERS OF BLOOM'S TAXONOMY. FURTHERMORE, THIS INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICE LENDS ITSELF TO THE STRATEGIC THINKING ANCHOR WITHIN WEBB'S DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE.

MANY TEACHERS WE KNOW HAVE REMARKED THAT INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE INSIGHTS AND EXPERIENCES FROM SOCRATIC SEMINARS ARE THE MOMENTS THAT MOST IMPACT STUDENTS, THE MOMENTS THEY REMEMBER MOST POIGNANTLY.

SIMPLY PUT, THE SOCRATIC METHOD IS AN ONGOING DIALOGUE THAT USES QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS TO GRADUALLY ELIMINATE HYPOTHESES. GRANT WIGGINS OFFERED A DEFINITION FOR THE SOCRATIC SEMINAR – SOMETHING HE WOULD ALSO CALL SIMPLY A 'SEMINAR':

"A SEMINAR IS A QUESTION-FOCUSED, STUDENT-LED, AND TEACHER-FACILITATED DISCUSSION, BASED ON APPROPRIATE TEXTS. SOMETIMES WE CALL THIS ACTIVITY A 'SOCRATIC SEMINAR'-AFTER SOCRATES, WELL KNOWN FOR HIS OPEN-ENDED DIALOGUES. SOMETIMES WE CALL IT A 'CLASS DISCUSSION' TO SIGNAL THAT THE CLASS WILL DISCUSS, WITH THE TEACHER PLAYING A MODERATOR ROLE. WHATEVER WE CALL IT, A SEMINAR IS DIFFERENT FROM A TALK/RECITATION/ LECTURE-WITH-DISCUSSION. THE GOAL IS NOT THE ACQUISITION OF KNOWLEDGE VIA THE EXPERT; THE AIM IS STUDENT UNDERSTANDING VIA ACTIVE THINKING OUT LOUD AND PROBING OF IDEAS BY ALL STUDENTS."

THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF USING THE SOCRATIC METHOD IS TO FOSTER CRITICAL THINKING BY EXAMINING ONE'S INACCURATE OR INCOMPLETE BELIEFS, AND THE BIASES, BLIND SPOTS, AND ASSUMPTIONS THAT LEAD TO THEM. IDEALLY, A STUDENT WILL EMERGE FROM A SOCRATIC SEMINAR WITH GREATER CLARITY AND DEPTH OF THEIR OWN UNDERSTANDING. EMPATHY IS ANOTHER BENEFIT THAT TEACHERS OFTEN NOTICE WHEN STUDENTS SHOW RESPECT FOR ONE ANOTHER BY LISTENING ACTIVELY, ACKNOWLEDGING ONE ANOTHER'S INPUT, AND SHARING DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE ON THE BEST WAYS FOR
TEACHERS TO STRUCTURE A SOCRATIC SEMINAR.](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

HISPANIC CELEBRATION AT ORANGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY OF INQUIRY AND INNOVATION



ORANGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY OF INQUIRY AND INNOVATION CELEBRATED NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH THROUGH A SERIES OF STUDENT AND STAFF PERFORMANCES DURING A SCHOOL ASSEMBLY. SEVERAL STAFF MEMBERS ALONG WITH THE CO-HOSTS OF THE EVENT, MS. PHIPPS, VILS COACH, AND MRS. KEBAMKE, ELL EDUCATOR, DRESSED IN A TRADITIONAL STYLE REPRESENTING LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

THE AUDIENCE WAS ENTERTAINED BY THE AMAZING DISPLAYS OF DANCING AND SINGING, AND VIDEOS PROVIDING A HISTORY ABOUT THE MONTH. THE EVENT ALSO INCLUDED A TRIVIA GAME PERFORMED ON STAGE. MR. SIEDEL, DRAMA EDUCATOR, FACILITATED THE "WIN, LOSE, OR PIE" THEMED GAME IN WHICH PARTICIPANTS WHO ANSWERED THREE QUESTIONS ABOUT LATIN AMERICAN HISTORY INCORRECTLY, RECEIVED A PIE IN THE FACE BY THEIR OPPONENT!

IT WAS A GREAT TIME HAD BY ALL!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

FOREST STREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL CELEBRATES HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



FOREST STREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL CELEBRATED NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH BY PROVIDING CLASSROOM LESSONS ABOUT HISPANIC HERITAGE AND THROUGH A CULTURAL FOOD FESTIVAL.

STUDENTS WERE ABLE TO TASTE FOOD AND LISTENED TO MUSIC FROM VARIOUS LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES DURING THE EVENT.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CELEBRATES HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



AS PART OF CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH ACTIVITIES, A SERIES OF EXCITING DANCE AND SINGING ROUTINES WERE PERFORMED BY STUDENTS AND STAFF MEMBERS.

LED BY MS. URIBE SERVING AS THE MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES, THE SHOW INCLUDED INFORMATION ABOUT THE HISTORY OF NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH, DRAMATIZATIONS OF INTERVIEWS WITH HISTORIC HISPANIC CELEBRITIES, AND AN AMAZING DUET WITH MUSIC TEACHER, MR. HARTLAGE, WITH A FORMER STUDENT.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER CELEBRATES THEIR ANNUAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS EVENT



ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER (OECC), HOSTED THEIR ANNUAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS EVENT. NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY IS A TIME TO GAIN AND SPREAD KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT SUFFERERS ARE UP AGAINST AND HOW SOCIETY CAN HELP.

STAFF AND STUDENTS WORE PINK TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT. NURSE DEFALCO PROVIDED RESOURCES AND INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES ABOUT PREVENTION IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES. OECC IS ALSO RAISING MONEY FOR MAKING STRIDES POINT PLEASANT, AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, DR. FITZHUGH, WAS PRESENT TO SUPPORT THE EVENT.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

WALK TO SCHOOL EVENT FOR PARK AVENUE ON OCTOBER 23RD



PARK AVENUE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WALK TO SCHOOL



PARK AVENUE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023
**MEETING LOCATION: NORTH DAY AND PARK AVENUE
**MEETING TIME: 7:45AM





Join us in this event that encourages students to focus on their safety with the assistance from local law enforcement, school staff, administrators and E-Z Ride coordinators. The goal of this day is to raise awareness and support for the health and wellness, community and environmental benefits of regularly walking to school.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: PARK AVENUE IS HOSTING A "WALK TO SCHOOL" EVENT IN COLLABORATION WITH E-Z RIDE, ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023.

THE MEETING LOCATION IS THE CORNER LOCATED ON NORTH DAY AND PARK AVENUE AT 7:45 AM.

SEE THE FLYER FOR DETAILS.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

THE FALL PLAY WILL COMMENCE SOON

THE ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT PRESENTS "THE ALIBIS: A ONE-ACT MURDER MYSTERY PLAY". SHOW DATES AND TIMES ARE BELOW:

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NOVEMBER 15, 16, & 17, 2023

SHOWTIME: 6:30 PM

NOVEMBER 18, 2023

SHOWTIMES: 1:00 PM & 5:00 PM

ADVANCE TICKET SALES ARE \$8
\$10 AT THE DOOR

NOVEMBER
15, 16, & 17
@6:30PM

NOVEMBER
18TH @1PM
& 5:00PM

The Orange Public School District
presents

Tickets:

\$8.00
ADVANCE PURCHASE

\$10.00
AT THE DOOR


THE
ALIBIS

A ONE-ACT
MURDER MYSTERY PLAY

The Auditorium at
Orange Preparatory Academy of Inquiry & Innovation

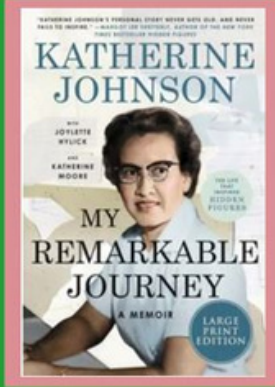
COMMUNITY EVENTS

THE ORANGE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOOK CLUB COMMENCES



The Orange Public Schools community is invited to participate in our districtwide

VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB



THE ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR DISTRICTWIDE VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB. THIS YEAR, WE WILL READ TWO BOOKS, BEGINNING WITH THE INSPIRATIONAL MEMOIR OF KATHERINE JOHNSON, A STEM PIONEER AND BRILLIANT MATHEMATICIAN WHOSE WORK WAS PIVOTAL IN NASA'S FIRST FLIGHTS INTO SPACE. HER STORY WILL INSPIRE YOU IN YOUR ROLE AS A PARENT, TEACHER, OR COMMUNITY MEMBER TO UNDERSTAND THE POWERFUL INFLUENCE WE EACH HAVE IN INSPIRING OUR CHILDREN/STUDENTS TO DREAM AND ACHIEVE. JOIN US!

We will host three sessions to discuss our reading on:


Wednesday, October 18
Wednesday, October 25

Wednesday, November 1
Author Visit & Book Signing
6 pm - 7:30 pm

Our discussions will be facilitated by:

Faith Alcantara, Executive Director,
Innovation & Community Engagement
and
Dallis Whitley
District Science Coach, K - 5

To register, please scan the QR code provided:



THE FIRST (40) REGISTRANTS WILL RECEIVE A "FREE" COPY OF OUR SELECTED BOOK. REGISTER TODAY!

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JOIN US AS WE DISCUSS OUR READING IN THREE SESSIONS FROM 6 PM TO 7:30 PM, ON:

>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25
>WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1
(AUTHOR VISIT & BOOK SIGNING)

THE SESSIONS WILL BE HOSTED BY
FAITH ALCANTARA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INNOVATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, AND
DALLIS WHITLEY, DISTRICT SCIENCE COACH FOR K - 5.

TO REGISTER, SCAN THE QR CODE ON THE FLYER OR VISIT [HTTPS://BIT.LY/3RHLFBT](https://bit.ly/3RHLFBT).

THE FIRST 40 REGISTRANTS WILL RECEIVE A FREE COPY OF THE BOOK. REGISTER TODAY!



COMMUNITY EVENTS



FIRE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES AT OAKWOOD AVENUE SCHOOL AND ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER



REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ORANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT (OFD) VISITED STUDENTS IN GRADES 4-7 AT OAKWOOD AVENUE COMMUNITY AND ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER AS PART OF THE SCHOOL'S FIRE SAFETY WEEK ACTIVITIES.

THE STUDENTS LISTENED TO A PRESENTATION LED BY CAPTAIN BENNETT AND CAPTAIN PADILLA, AS THEY DISCUSSED FIRE SAFETY TIPS AND ASKED STUDENTS TO REMIND THEIR PARENTS ABOUT CHECKING THE STATUS OF THEIR HOME SMOKE DETECTORS.

THE STUDENTS WERE ALSO TREATED TO A VISIT BY "SPARKY THE FIRE DOG" AND MEMBERS OF OFD WHO DISPLAYED HOW A FIRE SAFETY SUIT AND SMOKE DETECTOR WORKS.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

RESCHEDULED: A FEW GOOD MEN PROGRAM

A Gentleman's Walk and Rally

Sponsored by A Few Good Men



Dressing for Success
Getting Back to Basics

Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 9:30 AM

Starting at
Walgreens, 240 Central Avenue, Orange

Walking together to
Orange Preparatory Academy (OPA), 400 Central Avenue, Orange

Contact Reggie Miller
973-675-5617

We are asking all males to wear a suit and tie/bowtie.

JOIN A FEW GOOD MEN FOR "A GENTLEMAN'S WALK AND RALLY: DRESSING FOR SUCCESS AND GETTING BACK TO BASICS" ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023, AT 9:30 AM.

THE EVENT STARTS AT WALGREENS,
LOCATED AT 240 CENTRAL AVENUE, ORANGE, NJ.

PARTICIPANTS WILL WALK TOGETHER TO ORANGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY OF INQUIRY AND INNOVATION AT 400 CENTRAL AVENUE. ALL MALES ARE ASKED TO WEAR A SUIT AND TIE/BOWTIE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH REGGIE MILLER AT 973-675-5617.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

October is National Principals Month

#ThankAPrincipal



Celebrating Orange Township Public School District Principals



HAPPY NATIONAL PRINCIPAL'S MONTH!!

CELEBRATED EVERY OCTOBER, NATIONAL PRINCIPALS' MONTH IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE AND HONOR OUR INCREDIBLE SCHOOL PRINCIPALS FOR THEIR VISIONARY LEADERSHIP AND TIRELESS PURSUIT OF SUCCESS FOR EACH STUDENT. JOIN ME IN THANKING OUR 14 PRINCIPALS FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND TENACITY OF STAFF, STUDENTS, AND FAMILIES!

- MR. JASON BELTON, PRINCIPAL OF ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL
- DR. YANCISCA COOKE, PRINCIPAL OF FOREST STREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL
- MS. NATASHA COX, PRINCIPAL OF PARK AVENUE SCHOOL
- DR. CAYCE CUMMINS, PRINCIPAL OF JOHN ROBERT LEWIS EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
- MR. DANA GAINES, PRINCIPAL OF OAKWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOL
- MS. CARRIE HALSTEAD, PRINCIPAL OF ORANGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY OF INQUIRY AND INNOVATION
- DR. DEBRA JOSEPH-CHARLES, PRINCIPAL OF ROSA PARKS COMMUNITY SCHOOL
- MRS. KAREN MACHUCA, PRINCIPAL OF SCHOLARS ACADEMY
- MR. DION PATTERSON, PRINCIPAL OF HEYWOOD AVENUE SCHOOL
- MR. ROBERT PETTIT, PRINCIPAL OF CLEVELAND STREET SCHOOL
- DR. DEVONII REID, PRINCIPAL OF STEM INNOVATION ACADEMY OF THE ORANGES
- DR. ERICA STEWART, PRINCIPAL OF TWILIGHT U
- MS. DENISE WHITE, PRINCIPAL OF CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- MR. PATRICK YEARWOOD, PRINCIPAL OF LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

COMMUNITY EVENTS

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR OCTOBER 2023:

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR WILL TAKE PLACE ON

OCTOBER 24, AND 31, FROM 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM,
AT THE ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER, 397 PARK AVENUE.

VISIT [ORANGE.K12.NJ.US/DOMAIN/528](https://orange.k12.nj.us/domain/528)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, AND EMAIL
PREKINDERGARTENREGISTRATION@ORANGE.K12.NJ.US.
WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

 Orange Public Schools Office of Early Childhood Learning <i>Jacquelyn Blanton, Ed.D, Executive Director of Early Learning</i>	 Orange Public Schools Office of Early Childhood Learning <i>Jacquelyn Blanton, Ed.D, Executive Director of Early Learning</i>
2023-2024 School Year	Año Escolar 2023-2024
Preschool Registration	Registración Preescolar
<p>MUST BE 3-YEARS-OLD BY OCTOBER 1, 2023!</p> <p>PROGRAM INCLUDES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breakfast & Lunch• Special Needs & ELL Services• High Scope Curriculum• Certified Trained Staff• Middle States Accredited• And a lot more... <p>DATES: OCTOBER 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 10:00-12:00</p> <p>REGISTRATION LOCATION: ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER 397 PARK AVE, ORANGE, NJ</p> <p>VISIT OUR WEBSITE: ORANGE.K12.NJ.US/DOMAIN/528</p> <p>REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: Child's Original Birth Certificate Vaccination Record <u>Current</u> Lease or Mortgage Statement <u>2 Additional</u> Proofs of address Photo I.D. of Parent/Guardian</p> <p><small>email contact: prekindergartenregistration@orange.k12.nj.us</small></p> <p>Orange Early Childhood Program includes all children regardless of abilities. If you are concerned that your child is learning or developing differently, you can call the District to request an evaluation for preschool special education and related services.</p> <p>ORANGE RESIDENTS ONLY!</p>	<p>¡DEBE TENER 3 AÑOS PARA EL 1 DE OCTUBRE DE 2023!</p> <p>FECHAS: 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 DE OCTUBRE 10:00-12:00</p> <p>PROGRAMA INCLUYE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Desayuno y Almuerzo• Servicios para necesidades especiales y ELL• Plan de estudio High Scope• Personal certificado• Acreditados por la organización Middle States• Y mucho mas... <p>UBICACIONE DE REGISTRO: ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER 397 PARK AVE, ORANGE, NJ</p> <p>VISITE NUESTRO SITIO WEB: ORANGE.K12.NJ.US/DOMAIN/528</p> <p>REQUISITOS: Certificado de Nacimiento Original Record de Vacunas Arrendamiento de apartamento Actual o Declaración de Hipoteca 2 Pruebas de Dirección Adicionales Foto Identificación de Padre/Guardian</p> <p><small>email contact: prekindergartenregistration@orange.k12.nj.us</small></p> <p>El Programa de Orange Early Childhood incluye a todos los niños independiente de sus habilidades. Si te preocupa que su hijo/a esta aprendiendo o desarrollandose de manera diferente, puedes llamar al Distrito de Orange para solicitar una evaluación de educación especial preescolar y servicios relacionados.</p> <p>¡SOLO PARA RESIDENTES DE ORANGE!</p>

COMMUNITY EVENTS



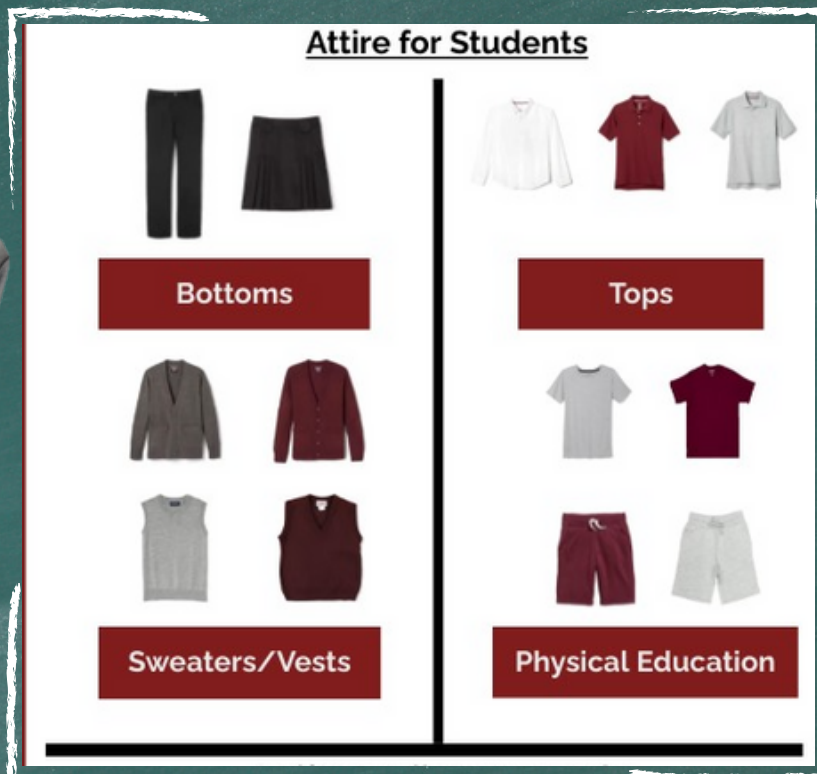
UNIFORM INITIATIVE DISTRICT WIDE:

AS A REMINDER, UNIFORMS FOR OUR STUDENTS ARE MANDATED DISTRICT WIDE. WHEN DRESS DOWN DAYS OCCUR, ALL FAMILIES WILL RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING:

DOJO/REMIND MESSAGE, FLYER, AND/OR BLAST SENT BY THE BUILDING ADMINISTRATION.

CONTINUE TO WORK IN TANDEM WITH THE DISTRICT TO ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD IS IN UNIFORM EACH AND EVERY DAY.

WE ARE PROMOTING DRESSING FOR SUCCESS
AS OUR SCHOLARS ARE DESTINED FOR GREATNESS.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

GENESIS PARENT PORTAL SIGN UP SUPPORT

DO YOU WISH TO ACCESS YOUR STUDENT'S ATTENDANCE, ACADEMIC
PROGRESS AND MORE IN REAL-TIME?

SIGN UP FOR THE GENESIS PARENT PORTAL.

**PLEASE VISIT THE DISTRICT WEBPAGE AT WWW.ORANGE.K12.NJ.US
TO FIND THE GENESIS PARENT PORTAL REGISTRATION FORM LINKS IN
THE ORANGE BOX UNDER ANNOUNCEMENTS**



WEBSITE: www.orange.k12.nj.us | EMAIL: portaladmin@orange.k12.nj.us

City of Orange Township Public Schools

Parent Access

User Name:



Password:



Login

Forgot My Password

Welcome to the Genesis Parent Access System for the City of Orange Public Schools

Information Regarding the 2023-2024 CEP Household Survey

The Orange Public School District is participating in a federal program available to select schools as part of the National School Lunch Program called the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). **Our participation means that all students attending the Orange Public Schools are eligible to receive breakfast and lunch at no charge throughout the current school year.** Yearly, your participation is essential in order for us to provide the Department of Education with the information it needs to ensure our school will continue to receive critical state funding.

Click Below to Complete Your Survey Today!

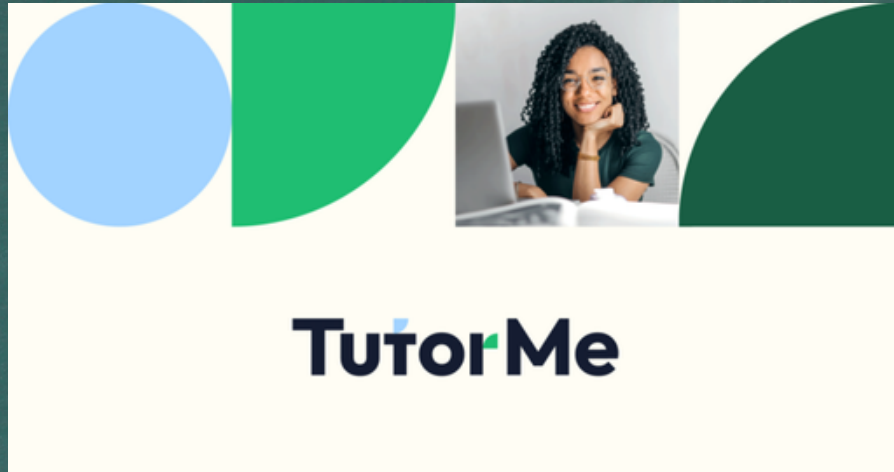
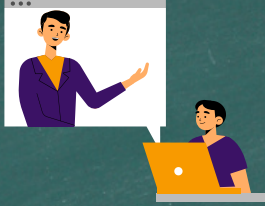
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COMMUNITY EVENTS



TUTOR ME INITIATIVE: THE ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE A PARTNERSHIP WITH TUTORME.COM, AN ONLINE STUDENT TUTORING, HOMEWORK HELP SERVICE, AND WRITING LAB. TUTORME.COM IS A SECURE ONLINE RESOURCE EASILY ACCESSIBLE THROUGH CLEVER AND OFFERS ON-DEMAND ASSISTANCE ON ANY SUBJECT.

THE FOLLOWING LINK WILL BRING YOU TO THE INFORMATION PAGE FOR YOU TO GATHER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

**[HTTPS://WWW.ORANGE.K12.NJ.US/CMS/LIB/NJ01000601/CENTRICITY/DO
MAIN/1/TUTORME%20FAMILY%20ANNOUNCEMENT.PDF.](https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/cms/lib/NJ01000601/Centricity/Domain/1/tutorme%20family%20announcement.pdf)**

TUTORME IS IN PLACE FOR STUDENTS ACROSS ALL SUBJECTS GRADES THREE THROUGH TWELVE.

SHOULD ANY QUESTIONS ARISE, PLEASE EMAIL
[REOPENINGOFSCHOOLS@ORANGE.K12.NJ.US.](mailto:REOPENINGOFSCHOOLS@ORANGE.K12.NJ.US)

COMMUNITY EVENTS



MEND MARKET RETURNS THIS YEAR:

MEND HUNGER RELIEF NETWORK IS SPONSORING A MONTHLY FREE FARMER'S MARKET AT THE ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER (OECC) FOR FAMILIES ATTENDING THE OECC ON **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, FROM 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM.**



ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY LUNCH MENUS FOR OCTOBER 2023

The following links will allow all families to view the preschool, elementary, and secondary lunch menus for October 2023.

- **Pre-School:** [Click HERE for Pre-Schools..](#)
- **Elementary:** [Click HERE for Elementary Schools..](#)
- **Middle School:** [Click HERE for Middle Schools..](#)
- **Orange High School/Twilight:**
• [Click HERE for Orange High School/Twilight..](#)
- **STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges:**
• [Click HERE for STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges..](#)
- **District Snack Menu:** [Click HERE for the District Snack Menu..](#)



COMMUNITY EVENTS

DISTRICT ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

Orange Township Public Schools

Gerald Fitzhugh, II, Ed.D.
Office of the Superintendent

Tia Burnett, Supervisor for Testing

BULLETIN #3 District Assessment Schedule SY2023-2024 (Revised 8/29/23)

Marking Period Dates	MP1	MP2	MP3	MP4
Opens	September 7, 2023	November 15, 2023	February 1, 2024	April 22, 2024
Closes	November 14, 2023	January 31, 2024	April 19, 2024	June 20, 2024

Annual School Plan Dates	Submission 1	Submission 2	Submission 3	Submission 4
Due	November 17, 2023	February 16, 2024	April 12, 2024	June 18, 2024

DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS: PRE-KINDERGARTEN CHILD OBSERVATION RECORD (COR)		
Baseline	Period 2	Period 3
September 7, 2023 – November 17, 2023	November 20, 2023 – February 16, 2024	February 19, 2024 – May 24, 2024

DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS: DIAGNOSTIC			
Assessment Area	Grade Levels	Administration Window	Subjects Tested
District Diagnostic 1: Fall	1-12 Grade K	September 11 – 15 September 18 – 29	ELA: 1 – 12; MATH: 1 – 12; SCIENCE: 3-11 ELA: K; MATH: K
District Diagnostic 2: Winter	K-12	December 11 - 22	ELA: K – 12; MATH: K – 12; SCIENCE: 3-11
District Diagnostic 3: Spring	K-12	April 8 – April 12	ELA: K – 12; MATH: K – 12; SCIENCE: 3-11

DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS: INTERIM			
Assessment Area	Grade Levels	Administration Window	Subjects Tested
Unit Assessments	K-12	Embedded within the Curriculum	MATH; SCIENCE; SOCIAL STUDIES
District Interim 1	K-12	October 30 – November 3	ELA
District Interim 2	K-12	January 29 – February 2	ELA
District Interim 3	K-12	April 15 – 19	ELA

END OF COURSE EXAMS (CTE/PLTW/DUAL ENROLLMENT/CAPSTONE)			
Assessment Area	Grade Levels	Administration Window	Subjects Tested
Adobe Premiere	K-12	May 20 - 24	AV DIGITAL MEDIA - 100304
Serve Safe		April 15 - 19	CULINARY ARTS - 120503
Adobe Photoshop		May 20 - 24	GRAPHIC ARTS - 500409
Rutgers EOC		June 3 - 7	HEALTH SCIENCE - 510000
National Academic Exam		March 11 - 15	ROTC - 280401
PLTW Midyear Part A	K-12	February 6 - 17	PBS, HBS, MI IED, CIM, POE
PLTW Midyear Part B			
PLTW: End of Course	K-12	May 30 – June 9	PBS, HBS, MI

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EACH YEAR, YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATES IN A NUMBER OF ASSESSMENTS THAT ARE EITHER MANDATED BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (NJDOE) OR ARE ADMINISTERED BY OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT IN ORDER TO ASSIST US IN DETERMINING INDIVIDUAL STUDENT EDUCATIONAL LEVELS AS WELL AS DETERMINING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR STAFF.

EACH OF THESE ASSESSMENTS ASSISTS US IN DEVELOPING INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES THAT MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR STUDENTS BASED ON THE DATA COLLECTED. ONE ASSESSMENT MEASURE CANNOT DETERMINE A STUDENT'S ACADEMIC TRAJECTORY, HOWEVER. THESE ASSESSMENTS ALSO ASSIST US IN REVISING OUR CURRICULUM YEARLY. PLEASE VIEW THE ASSESSMENT CALENDAR IN THE EFFORT OF KNOWING HOW WE ARE ASSESSING YOUR CHILDREN.

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SCHOOL YEAR ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS SY 2023-2024:

SCHOOL LEVEL	ARRIVAL TIME FOR STUDENTS	ARRIVAL TIME FOR STAFF	END TIME FOR STUDENTS	END TIME FOR STAFF
ELEMENTARY LEVEL (INCLUDING PRE-KINDERGARTEN)	8:30 AM	8:20 AM	3:00 PM	3:10 PM
ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL	8:20 AM	8:05 AM	2:40 PM	2:55 PM
ORANGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY OF INQUIRY AND INNOVATION	8:25 AM	8:20 AM	2:50 PM	2:55 PM
STEM INNOVATION ACADEMY OF THE ORANGES	8:20 AM	8:15 AM	MONDAYS 2:20 PM FOR TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TUES - FRI 3:30 PM	4PM* *INCLUDES STIPEND
TWILIGHT PROGRAM	3:30 PM* *3:00 PM - LUNCH	3:00 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM

As a reminder, the following chart outlines the school start and end times for this school year. As shared in June and August 2022, these times were presented via letter as well at board of education meetings.

SCHOOL CALENDARS ARE NOW POSTED FOR OCTOBER 2023

Each district school shared a monthly calendar of events and activities with families this week; including School Spirit Days, Picture Days, and Professional Development to name a few. See the October calendars on each school posted on social media as well as each school's website. Please find the following as samples:

October 2023

Park Avenue School

Week Of Respect Spirit Week 2023

- OCT 2** Hats off to RESPECT. Wear your favorite hat to school!
- OCT 3** Let RESPECT SHINE. Wear a BRIGHT color and your Coolest Sunglasses!
- OCT 4** WE are PAS STRONG. Wear PAS colors or attire!
- OCT 5** BE a HERO Against Bullying. Wear a Super Hero shirt.
- OCT 6** Put Bullying to BED. Wear your Best PJs to school!

October 2023

STUDENT CALENDAR
Orange Preparatory Academy of Inquiry & Innovation
2023-2024 SY

HAPPY OCTOBER! MAY THE CRISP DAYS AHEAD FILL YOU WITH JOY!

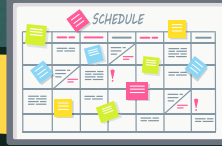
SATURDAY PROGRAM IS EVERY SATURDAY 8AM-10PM. EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM IS ON FULL DAYS: TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY 9 AM - 4 PM. BIRTH COORDINATOR CLUB & ACTIVITIES ON FULL DAYS: TUESDAY - FRIDAY 2 PM - 4 PM.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Ms. Carrie J. Haines Principal	Mr. Michael Dixon Mrs. Samantha Pascale Assistant Principals	Stage Crew Meeting every Tuesday Stage Auditorium				STUDENT SCHOOL DAY 8:25 am - 2:50 pm Monday - Friday
	2 - A DAY National Leadership Day 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Week of Respect Day	1 - A DAY	4 - A DAY	5 - A DAY	6 - A DAY	MAIN OFFICE HOURS 8:00 am - 4:00 pm (973) - 677-4155
	3 - A DAY	10 - A DAY	11 - A DAY	12 - A DAY	13 - A DAY	MONTHLY Orange Board of Education Public Meetings
	4 - A DAY	16 - A DAY	17 - A DAY	18 - A DAY	19 - A DAY	Public Relations Committee Virtual Meeting Wednesday, October 4 4 pm
	5 - A DAY	20 - A DAY	21 - A DAY	22 - A DAY	23 - A DAY	Orange Board of Education Public Board Meeting Wednesday, October 11 7:30 pm
	6 - A DAY	24 - A DAY	25 - A DAY	26 - A DAY	27 - A DAY	Orange Preparatory Academy
	7 - A DAY	28 - A DAY	29 - A DAY	30 - A DAY	31 - A DAY	

CONNECT WITH US ON [Social Media Icons] Please be sure to stay connected to Parent Portal, Google Classroom & Remind. Orange Preparatory Academy of Inquiry & Innovation is now a Verizon Innovative Learning School (VILS)

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DISTRICT CALENDAR



FAMILIES AND STAFF, AS YOU PLAN YOUR DAYS AND WEEKS,
THE FOLLOWING LINK

([HTTPS://WWW.ORANGE.K12.NJ.US/PAGE/31659.](https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/page/31659))

TO THE DISTRICT CALENDAR APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION IN FEBRUARY 2023.

THE CALENDAR CAN ASSIST YOU BY KNOWING ALL DAYS IN
SESSION AND OFF SESSION. SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS, YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO EMAIL
REOPENINGOFSCHOOLS@ORANGE.K12.NJ.US.

*THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF THIS YEAR, THE
REOPENINGOFSCHOOLS@ORANGE.K12.NJ.US*

*EMAIL HAS REMAINED INTACT IN ORDER TO ANSWER
QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE DURING THIS UNIQUE
EXPERIENCE. WHILE EMAIL RESPONSES ARE OFTEN RETURNED
WITHIN HOURS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE ALLOW 24-48 HOURS
FOR AN EMAIL RESPONSE. THE DISTRICT WANTS YOU TO
HEAR FROM US WITH ANY AND ALL QUESTIONS THAT YOU
HAVE. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO KEEPING STAFF AND
FAMILIES INFORMED, PARTICULARLY DURING THESE TIMES.*

PLEASE FIND THE DISTRICT CALENDAR FOR SY 23-24 USING
THE FOLLOWING LINK:

[https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/Page/32723.](https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/Page/32723)

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BOARD MEETING DATES & REMINDERS

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTED TO CHANGE THEIR MONTHLY MEETINGS FROM TUESDAY TO WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT THE REORGANIZATION MEETING. KINDLY REVIEW THE NEW DATES FOR SY 23-24.

2023 BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS MEETING SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

UPCOMING COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETINGS (PUBLIC)

ORANGE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE VIRTUAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 4:00p.m.,

Live Streamed on COMCAST channel 36

and on the District's Facebook Page.

ORANGE BOARD EDUCATION PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 7:30p.m., held at OPA-II,

400 Central Avenue, Orange, NJ, 07050.

Will Recess until 6:45pm, but no later than 7:30pm.

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### DISTRICT GOALS AND THE STRATEGIC PLAN REMINDERS

*As we continue to Move into Greatness, I want our families and staff to continue to engage with the strategic plan and district goals.*

**THE FOLLOWING LINK IS FOR THE DISTRICT GOALS:**

[HTTPS://WWW.ORANGE.K12.NJ.US/PAGE/30018.](https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/page/30018)

**THE FOLLOWING LINK IS FOR THE STRATEGIC PLAN:**

[HTTPS://WWW.ORANGE.K12.NJ.US/DOMAIN/3344.](https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/domain/3344)