

WEEKLY UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 27, 2024 EDITION



A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Good Day Orange School District Families and Staff,

I hope this communication finds you well.

Additionally, I am hopeful each of you are in great health and spirit.

The Superintendent's Weekly Update allows our families and staff to stay in the know as it relates to all things Orange Public Schools. Thank you for reading and believing in our work as a district.

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*



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**UPCOMING PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS**  
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ORANGE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE VIRTUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 2, 2024, AT 4:00 P.M.

LIVE STREAMED ON COMCAST CHANNEL 36 AND ON THE DISTRICT'S FACEBOOK PAGE.

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**ORANGE BOARD EDUCATION PUBLIC BOARD MEETING**

WEDNESDAY,  
OCTOBER 9, 2024  
AT 7:30 P.M.,

ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Administrative Building  
BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM  
451 Lincoln Avenue,  
Orange, NJ, 07050.  
Will Recess until 6:45pm,  
but no later than 7:30pm.  
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COMMUNITY EVENTS



**WEEK OF RESPECT IS APPROACHING:
WEEK OF OCTOBER 7TH BEGINS WEEK OF RESPECT.
YOU MAY ASK WHAT IS WEEK OF RESPECT?**



SCHOOL DISTRICTS STATEWIDE RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUALLY FOSTERING A POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE. THE FUNDAMENTAL WORK BEING DONE TO REDUCE INCIDENCES OF VIOLENCE AND HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, AND BULLYING (HIB) WITHIN THE SCHOOLS IS PARAMOUNT AND AIDS IN PROVIDING STUDENTS A SAFE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH THEY ARE ABLE TO ATTAIN ACADEMIC SUCCESS AND GROW AS INDIVIDUALS. DURING THE WEEK OF RESPECT, SCHOOL DISTRICTS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD UPON THEIR CURRENT WORK BY DELIVERING AGE-APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTION TO STUDENTS ON THESE ESSENTIAL TOPICS.

WEEK OF RESPECT – THE ANTI-BULLYING BILL OF RIGHTS ACT (P.L. 2010, C.122) REQUIRES THAT THE WEEK BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST MONDAY IN OCTOBER OF EACH YEAR BE DESIGNATED AS THE WEEK OF RESPECT IN NEW JERSEY. IN RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING AND CHARACTER EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE REQUIRED TO OBSERVE THE WEEK BY PROVIDING AGE-APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTION FOCUSING ON PREVENTING HIB.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



GRADUATION RATE FROM SY 24-25



EACH YEAR, WE TAKE A DEEP DIVE INTO OUR GRADUATION RATE.

AS SHARED AT THE SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING, IT WAS IMPORTANT TO SHOW THE GRADUATION RATE FOR OUR SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS MONUMENTAL IMPROVEMENT IN OUR GRADUATION RATE.

CLASS OF 2024
STEM (100%)
OHS (88.4%)
DISTRICT (94.1%)





COMMUNITY EVENTS



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH TAKES PLACE AT PARK AVENUE SCHOOL



FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH, WAS "DRESS TO SHOW YOUR HERITAGE" AT PARK AVENUE SCHOOL.

STUDENTS AND STAFF EXPRESSED THEIR CULTURAL IDENTITY BY WEARING CLOTHING THAT REFLECTS THEIR CULTURAL BACKGROUND.

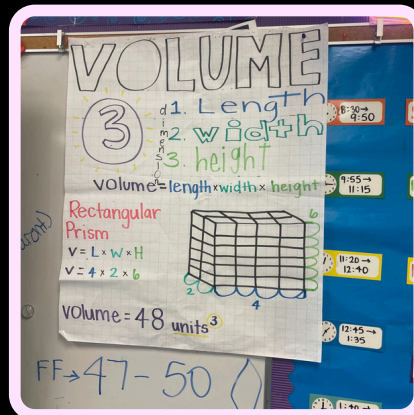
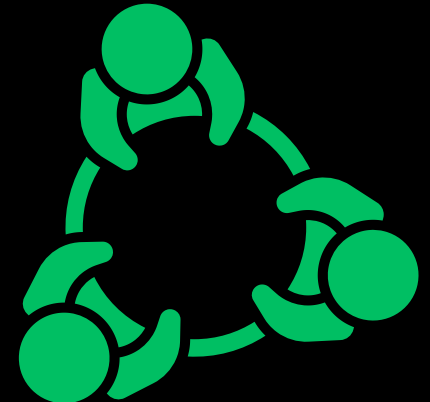
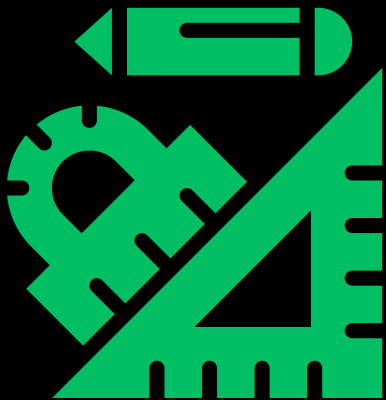
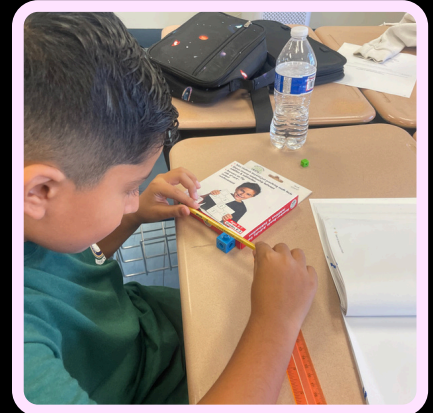
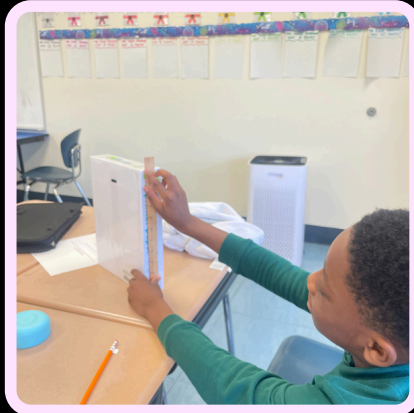
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INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES TAKES PLACE AT FOREST STREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL



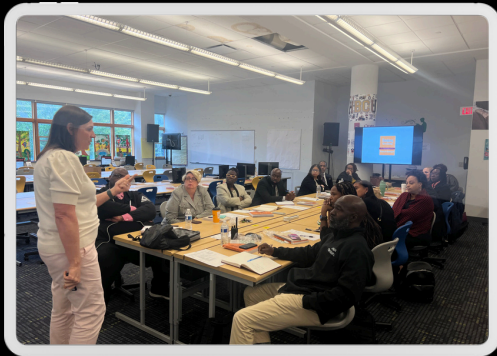
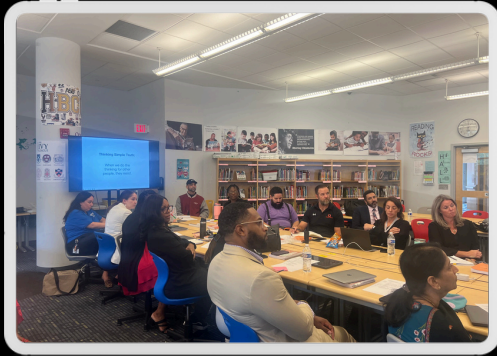
FOREST STREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL'S 5TH GRADE STUDENTS IN MS. KLEPPE'S AND MRS. SEMAAN'S MATH CLASSES MEASURED OBJECTS FROM AROUND THE CLASSROOM TO FIND THE VOLUME OF RECTANGULAR PRISMS. STUDENTS WERE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND TO PRECISION WHEN MEASURING AND LABELING THEIR WORK.



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IMPACT COACHING CYCLE TRAINING



ALL SCHOOL LEVEL AND CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATORS AS WELL AS COORDINATORS AND COACHES TOOK PART IN IMPACT CYCLE COACHING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT. COACHING IS PARAMOUNT TO OUR INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGY WITHIN THE ORANGE SCHOOL DISTRICT. THE IMPACT CYCLE TEXT BY JIM KNIGHT WAS USED THROUGHOUT THE DAY. BOTH SESSIONS WERE POWERFUL!

THANK YOU TO MR. SCUTARI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF STEM FOCUS LEARNING, FOR WORKING ALONGSIDE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, DR. FITZHUGH FOR MAKING THIS VITAL TRAINING OCCUR FOR OUR GREAT ADMINISTRATORS, COACHES, AND COORDINATORS.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS



FOREST STREET SCHOOL STUNS AT THE DISTRICT ART SHOW



FOREST HOSTED THEIR ANNUAL POP ART EXHIBIT AT THE ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION. WHAT AN AMAZING TURN OUT TO AN AMAZING EVENT.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MS. BOGLE (FOREST ART TEACHER) AND THE INCREDIBLY TALENTED FOREST ARTISTS.

THANK YOU TEAM FOREST FOR BEING PRESENT.

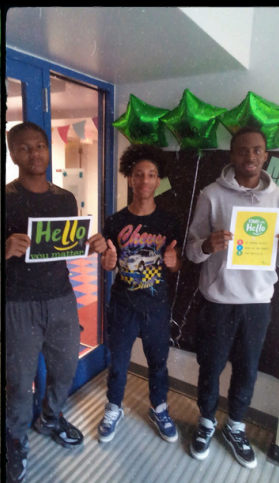
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LINCOLN AVENUE SCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT



WHAT A WEEK WE HAD AT LINCOLN AVENUE SCHOOL!!!

WE KICKED OFF THE WEEK AND CELEBRATED HELLO WEEK. WE ALSO CELEBRATED BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT WHICH WAS A HUGE SUCCESS.

LAS STAFF AND PARENTS WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU THANK YOU SO MUCH!

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE VENDORS THAT CAME OUT AS WELL.

RUTGERS- TRIO PROGRAM

RWJ BARNABAS - YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

JOHN AND PETE - SCHOOL UNIFORMS

MS. STACEY MARTIN-VOTERS REGISTRATION COMMUNITY COMMITTEE DISTRICT LEADER- WEST WARD



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OAKWOOD AVENUE BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT



ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024, OAKWOOD AVENUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL HOSTED ITS ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT. WE HAD THE PLEASURE OF HAVING FAMILY CONNECTIONS, MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY & ST. MATTHEW AME CHURCH JOIN US DURING THE EVENING.

MR. ALGERNON HALL KICKED OUR BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT OFF WITH A GREAT PRESENTATION ON THE BENEFITS OF PARENT'S BEING ACTIVE IN THEIR CHILD'S SCHOOL BEYOND ACADEMICS.

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STEM INNOVATION ACADEMY OF THE ORANGES COLLEGE VISITATIONS



OCTOBER

COLLEGE

Visits

TUESDAY 10/1	BOSTON UNIVERSITY  SUSQUEHANNA UNIVERSITY 
THURSDAY 10/3	NEW JERSEY CITY UNIVERSITY 
TUESDAY 10/3	DREW UNIVERSITY 
THURSDAY 10/10	YALE UNIVERSITY 
WEDNESDAY 10/16	STEM COLLEGE FAIR (CAFETERIA) 5:00-7:00PM
TUESDAY 10/22	NJIT  <div style="float: right; text-align: right;"> MR. JAMAAL JOHNSON  STEM SCHOOL COUNSELOR/ INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER </div>

STEM INNOVATION ACADEMY OF THE ORANGES ANNOUNCES THE OCTOBER COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY VISITATION. SCHOLARS AND FAMILIES, PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS ACCORDINGLY.

ACCORDING TO DR. REID, PRINCIPAL OF STEM INNOVATION ACADEMY OF THE ORANGE, THESE VISITS WILL ASSIST WITH COLLEGE PLANNING.

THANK YOU, TEAM STEM, FOR PROVIDING THESE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR SCHOLARS! SEE THE FLYER FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES VISITATIONS TO THE SCHOOL CAMPUS.

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THE ORANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT VISITS STUDENTS WITH A SPECIAL DONATION AT FOREST STREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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FOREST STREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL SENDS A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE BRAVE AND GENEROUS FIRE FIGHTERS AT THE ORANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION TO OUR STUDENTS!!!

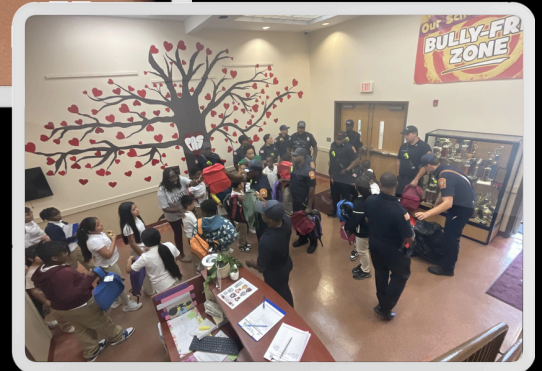
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THE ORANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT VISITS PARK AVENUE SCHOOL WITH A SURPRISE FOR OUR SCHOLARS



THE ORANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT DROPPED OFF BACKPACKS TO PARK AVENUE SCHOOL'S STUDENTS TODAY.

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND WE ALSO THANK YOU FOR KEEPING US SAFE.

NOTHING LIKE COMMUNITY PRIDE.

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THE ORANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT DONATES TO THE STUDENTS AT CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



THE ORANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT VISITED CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TODAY TO DROP OFF BOOK BAGS AND SUPPLIES FOR OUR STUDENTS.

OUR SAFETY PATROL ACCEPTED THEM ON BEHALF OF OUR STUDENTS.

THANK YOU, ORANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT!

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ROSA PARKS RECEIVES A SPECIAL VISITATION FROM THE ORANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT



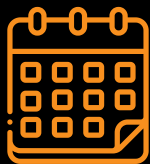
THE ORANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT STOPPED BY TO DROP OFF BOOK BAGS TO OUR STUDENTS AT ROSA PARKS COMMUNITY SCHOOL.

THANK YOU AND WE APPRECIATE ALL YOU DO FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU, ORANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT!!!

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Back to School Night 2024:



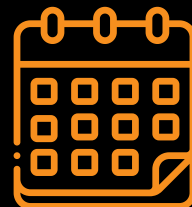
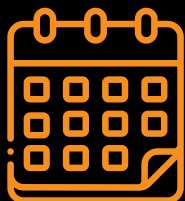
CLEVELAND STREET SCHOOL

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024



HEYWOOD AVENUE SCHOOL

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2024




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SCHOOL YEAR ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS SY 2024-2025:



As a reminder, the following chart outlines the school start and end times for this school year. As shared in June and August 2024, these times were presented via letter as well at board of education meetings.

 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



COMMUNITY EVENTS



ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY LUNCH MENUS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

The following links will allow all families to view the preschool, elementary, and secondary lunch menus for SEPTEMBER 2024.



Pre-School:

Click HERE for Pre-School.

Elementary:

Click HERE for Elementary Schools.

Middle School:

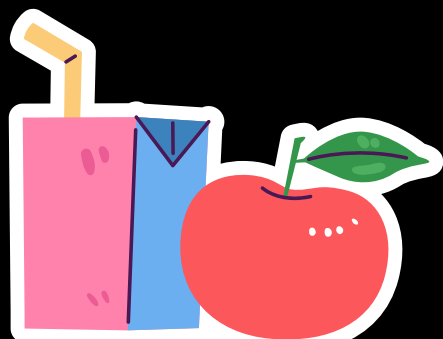
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LUNCH TIME





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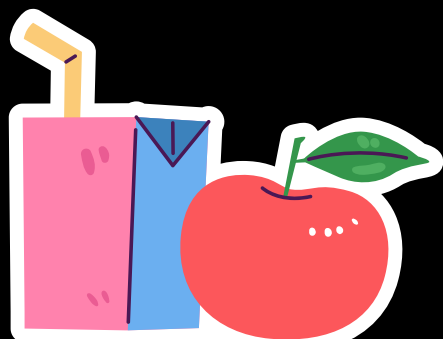
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LUNCH TIME



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GENESIS PARENT PORTAL SIGN UP SUPPORT



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!

<https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/Page/33280>

Select Language

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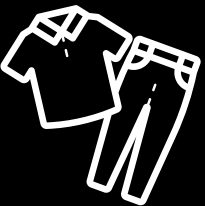


**DO YOU WISH TO ACCESS YOUR STUDENT'S
ATTENDANCE, ACADEMIC PROGRESS AND MORE IN
REAL-TIME?**

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**



COMMUNITY EVENTS



UNIFORM INITIATIVE DISTRICTWIDE:

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.

Attire for Students



Bottoms



Tops



Sweaters/Vests

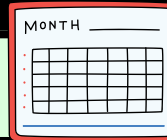


Physical Education



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DISTRICT CALENDAR



Calendars to Continue this School Year: This year, we will continue pushing out the calendars each month on the website of each school as well as via our social media handles. September calendars by school were pushed out throughout the Week of August 19, 2024. **[CLICK HERE TO SEE THE MONTHLY CALENDAR.](#)**

The district calendar was approved by the Board of Education several months ago. The district put this information on the Orange School District website as well as pushed out on social media. As a reminder, please find the link for the SY 24-25 calendar. If there are changes throughout the school year, I will ensure you are provided a timely update: (**[SY 2024-25 District Calendar](#)**)

To our families, I ask that you become an integral part of our district's fabric. What does this mean? **[Join the PTO/PTA at your child's school,](#)** visit the Board of Education virtual committee meetings via the district's Facebook page and attend the monthly board of education meetings, and serve as a class parent. You have a seat at the table, and I ask that you partner with us. We learn from all stakeholders and need your support. We will continue our Parent University series, please carve out time to join us for these robust sessions.

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.



District Goals and the Strategic Plan Reminders

The district goals and strategic plan are the guiding force in the development of the Orange Public School District. You are encouraged to review each plan and ask questions related to development of the whole child as well as the district's partnership with families.

The following link is for the District Goals:

[https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/Page/33813.](https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/Page/33813)

The following link is for the Strategic Plan:

[https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/domain/3344.](https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/domain/3344)