

# WEEKLY UPDATES

NOVEMBER 22, 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](http://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.

Further, questions that you may have, as shared, utilize [reopeningofschools@orange.k12.nj.us](mailto:reopeningofschools@orange.k12.nj.us). This email is sent to members of the Superintendent's team in the effort of getting pertinent information to you in a timely manner.

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

# SUPERINTENDENT'S STRATEGIC PLANNING CORNER



AS A DISTRICT, THIS WEEK, I WANT YOU TO REFLECT ON CORE FOCUS AREA 2 BUT MORE SPECIFICALLY: WORK TOGETHER WITH PARENTS, CAREGIVERS, AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO HELP SCHOOLS MEET THE NEEDS OF THE WHOLE CHILD.



## Universal Student Supports



**Work together with parents, caregivers, and community partners to help schools meet the needs of the whole child.**

- Create a strong home-school connection by strengthening two-way communication systems between school and home.
- Enhance digital mechanisms to improve outreach and real-time communication to parents and families.
- Coordinate community resources and services for family supports with all schools within the district.

### THINK OF THIS:

- CREATION OF A STRONG HOME-SCHOOL CONNECTION BY STRENGTHENING TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS BETWEEN SCHOOL AND HOME.
- ENHANCE DIGITAL MECHANISMS TO IMPROVE OUTREACH AND REAL-TIME COMMUNICATION TO PARENTS AND FAMILIES.
- COORDINATE COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND SERVICES FOR FAMILY SUPPORTS WITH ALL SCHOOLS WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

ASK YOURSELVES HOW COMMUNICATIVE ARE YOU WITH THE FAMILIES UNDER YOUR CHARGE.

TRANSPARENCY IS QUITE IMPORTANT AS WE CREATE OUR OWN NARRATIVE ABOUT OUR SCHOOLS, DEPARTMENTS, AND DISTRICT.

KEEP THIS IN MIND AS WE MOVE THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

LAST, IF YOU CALL A PARENT AND CANNOT REACH THEM, USE ANOTHER MODE TO CONTACT THEM.

DOCUMENTATION IS VITAL AT THIS JUNCTURE. YOU CAN UTILIZE EMAIL AND/OR REMIND AND DOJO.

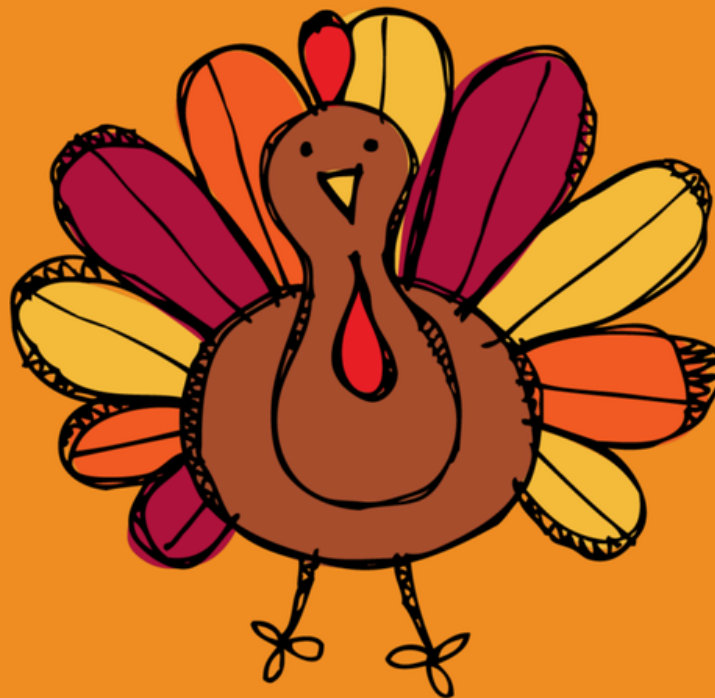


# COMMUNITY EVENTS

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:**  
**DISTRICT CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING BREAK**  
**NOVEMBER 23 & 24, 2023**



## Thanksgiving Break



THE ORANGE SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH AS WE WILL OBSERVE THANKSGIVING.

SPECIAL NOTE, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2023, WILL BE A HALF DAY SESSION FOR THE ENTIRE DISTRICT.

SCHOOLS WILL CLOSE AT 12:30 PM AND  
THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING WILL CLOSE AT 1:00 PM

SCHOOLS AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL REOPEN ON  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2023,  
AT REGULAR TIME FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS.



# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY LUNCH MENUS FOR NOVEMBER 2023

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

- Pre-School: [Click HERE for Pre-School.](#)
- 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:  
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# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## SCHOOL CALENDARS ARE NOW POSTED FOR DECEMBER 2023

EACH DISTRICT SCHOOL SHARES A MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES WITH ITS FAMILIES. PLEASE CHECK OUT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL TO SEE THE HAPPENINGS OCCURRING FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2023.

DECEMBER 2023						
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<div><div>3</div><div>PREK - GR. 7 PARENT CONF. 5:30PM-7:30PM</div></div>	<div><div>4</div><div></div></div>	<div><div>5</div><div></div></div>	<div><div>6</div><div>Heywood PTO Mtg 6pm IN-PERSON</div></div>	<div><div>7</div><div><div>Absent or ReTakes Picture Day!</div></div></div>	<div><div>8</div><div></div></div>	<div><div>9</div><div></div></div>
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12/16/23 - 12/21/23 SPIRIT DAYS						
<div><div>24</div><div><div>Christmas Eve</div></div></div>	<div><div>25</div><div>MERRY CHRISTMAS District Closed</div></div>	<div><div>26</div><div>Holidays District Closed</div></div>	<div><div>27</div><div>Holidays District Closed</div></div>	<div><div>28</div><div>Holidays District Closed</div></div>	<div><div>29</div><div>Holidays District Closed</div></div>	<div><div>30</div><div></div></div>
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HEYWOOD  
WILDCATS

DR. DION PATTERSON  
PRINCIPAL

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PARENT PORTAL & GOOGLE CLASSROOM. BE REMINDED  
THAT OUR SCHOOL DAY IS 8:20-3:00 M-F.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Public Relations Committee Virtual Meeting  
Wednesday, December 6th 2023, at 4:00pm

Orange Board Education Public Board Meeting  
Wednesday, December 13th, 2023 at 7:30 pm, held at  
Orange Preparatory Academy of Inquiry & Innovation (Auditorium),  
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December



DISTRICT HALF-DAY

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### CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Denise White, Principal  
Daniele Washington, Asst. Principal

December 2023

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33 Cleveland Street - Orange, NJ 07050 - 973-677-4110 - www.orange.k12.nj.us

### Rosa Parks Community School

December 2023

369 Main Street, Orange NJ 07050  
Phone: 973-677-4515 Website: <http://www.orange.k12.nj.us>  
Dr. Debra Joseph-Charles  
Principal

Ehimwenma Adeyin  
Assistant Principal

Sandra Guerra  
Assistant Principal

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## ART SHOW FEATURES OUR YOUNGEST LEARNERS



PRESCHOOL ART IS ON PROMINENT DISPLAY AT THE ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION BUILDING. PARENTS AND STUDENTS WERE IN ATTENDANCE ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 15TH, TO VIEW THE ARTISTIC CREATIONS OF OUR THREE AND FOUR YEAR OLD PRESCHOOLERS ACROSS THE DISTRICT FROM HEYWOOD AVENUE, SCHOLARS ACADEMY, OECC, JRLECC, OAKWOOD AND FOREST ST. SCHOOLS.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALCANTARA, PRINCIPAL DR. CUMMINS, PRINCIPAL MRS. MACHUCA, AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL MRS. SHALTUPER GREETED THEIR PARENTS AND CELEBRATED THEIR STUDENTS' ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENTS.

MR. CLERIE, SUPERVISOR OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS, BROUGHT GREETINGS TO ALL AS WELL AS CERTIFICATES FOR OUR STUDENTS. WHAT A PROUD MOMENT FOR OUR SCHOLARS!

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## PRINCIPAL'S CHAT AND CHEW SERIES



HEYWOOD AVENUE SCHOOL CELEBRATED AN IN-PERSON PRINCIPAL'S CHAT & CHEW ON NOVEMBER 8, 2023.

PARENTS WERE ABLE TO DISCUSS SOCIAL MEDIA AND SAFE PRACTICES FOR LEARNERS, SEL COMPONENTS TO ENSURING STUDENTS FEEL HEARD, AND PARENT RESOURCES FOR AT HOME STUDY.

KUDOS TO MRS. LAGUNA (SOCIAL WORKER) & MR. PORTER (COMMUNITY SCHOOL COORDINATOR) FOR ALSO PROVIDING RESOURCES TO PARENTS.



# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## COMMUNITY FIELD TRIP EXPERIENCE



PARK AVENUE STUDENTS IN GRADES 2- 6 TOOK A FIELDTRIP TO MASTER PIZZA IN WEST ORANGE TO PARTICIPATE IN PIZZA MAKING CLASS.

THIS WAS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE STUDENTS TO DEVELOP THEIR FINE AND GROSS MOTOR SKILLS, LEARN ABOUT THE PROCESS OF PIZZA MAKING, AND ENJOY A TASTY TREAT!

THANKS TO ALL OF THE STAFF MEMBERS FOR COLLABORATING TO PROVIDE A FUN AND ENGAGING LEARNING OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS!

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER GOES ON AN ADVENTURE



ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER (OECC) STUDENTS WENT ON THEIR FIRST FIELD TRIP AND VISITED THE CORA HARTSHORN ARBORETUM IN SHORT HILLS, NJ.

OUR YOUNGEST LEARNERS WERE ABLE TO EXPLORE THE NATURAL WORLD THROUGH STORIES, SONGS, HIKES, AND HANDS-ON LEARNING.

FUN AND LEARNING WERE HAD BY ALL, AND WE CAN'T WAIT TO VISIT AGAIN!

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## COMMUNITY EVENT AT CLEVELAND STREET SCHOOL



CLEVELAND STREET SCHOOL HOSTED A "DONUTS WITH GROWN UPS" PROGRAM FOR FAMILIES WITH STUDENTS IN GRADES K-3.

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH PRINCIPAL MR. ROBERT PETTIT.

IN ADDITION, THEY VISITED CLASSROOMS AND ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES WITH THEIR STUDENTS WHILE STRENGTHENING THE STRONG HOME - SCHOOL - COMMUNITY CONNECTION, WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH OBJECTIVE 1 OF THE 2021 - 2026 DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## MALCOLM BERNARD HISTORIC BLACK COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY VISIT



SENIOR SCHOLARS FROM THE STEM INNOVATION ACADEMY ATTENDED THE MALCOLM BERNARD HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY FAIR WHICH WAS HELD AT KEAN UNIVERSITY.

100% OF THEIR SENIORS WERE INTERVIEWED AND ACCEPTED TO AT LEAST ONE PRESTIGIOUS HBCU ON THE SPOT AND MANY RECEIVED SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS.

THE SCHOLARS WERE ACCOMPANIED BY MR. JOHNSON, GUIDANCE COUNSELOR, AND TWO TEACHERS OVER THE SENIOR CLASS.

THIS WAS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL SCHOLARS INVOLVED!

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## COLLEGE AND CAREER DAY AT ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL



THE ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL GRADE 12 CARE TEAM PARTNERED WITH THE DISTRICT'S OFFICE OF GUIDANCE TO HOST A COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM OVER 40 COLLEGES, TRADE SCHOOLS AND THE MILITARY WERE PRESENT TO SHARE INFORMATION WITH OUR SCHOLARS.

SPECIAL SHOUT OUT AND HUGE THANK YOU TO THE OHS ROTC CADETS WHO SERVED AS FAIR GUIDES AND TO OUR TEACHER CHEF MS. BADRUDDIN AND THE CULINARY STUDENTS WHO PREPARED CUPCAKES FOR OUR GUEST!

GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!



# COMMUNITY EVENTS



FAMILY STEM NIGHT @ FOREST STREET SCHOOL



Forest Street Community School



SCIENCE

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TECHNOLOGY

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FAMILY NIGHT

REGISTER NOW!!

Raffles

Must R.S.V.P. by November 3rd  
limited slots available.

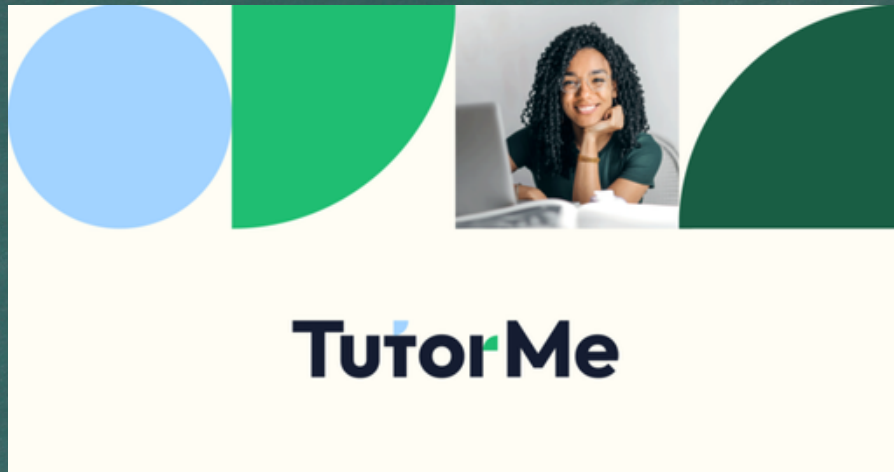
Food

DATE: November 29th

TIME: 6pm-8pm

ON NOVEMBER 29, 2023, FOREST STREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL IS HOSTING A "FAMILY STEM NIGHT", 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. THERE ARE LIMITED SLOTS AVAILABLE, SO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY NOVEMBER 3, 2023. SEE THE FLYER FOR MORE INFORMATION.

# 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/D  
OMAIN/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)**



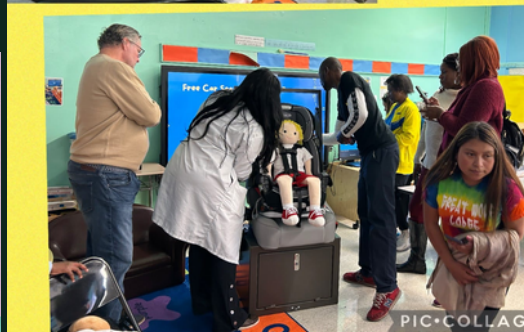
# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## CAR SEAT PROGRAM AT SCHOLARS ACADEMY



Scholars Academy:  
Car Seat Safety program



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Presenter: Doresha Jackson



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Mrs. Machuca  
(Principal),  
Ms Jackson,  
Ms.Toledo  
(Translator), &  
Mrs. Adame  
(PIRS)



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AT SCHOLARS ACADEMY, PRESCHOOL FAMILIES GATHERED AFTER SCHOOL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CAR SEAT SAFETY WORKSHOP SPONSORED THROUGH UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL'S TRAUMA INJURY PREVENTION OUTREACH PROGRAM.

THE OUTREACH COORDINATOR, MS. DORESHA JACKSON, PRESENTED TO FAMILIES NOT ONLY THE IMPORTANCE OF CAR SEATS FOR CHILDREN BUT ALSO WHAT AGE DO CHILDREN MOVE INTO BOOSTER SEATS, HOW TO PROPERLY INSTALL CAR SEATS, AND OTHER PREVENTIVE AREAS TO KEEP CHILDREN SAFE IN CARS.

ALL PARTICIPANTS OF THE WORKSHOP WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RETURN TO SCHOLARS ACADEMY ON NOVEMBER 21ST WITH THEIR VEHICLES TO HAVE THEIR FREE CAR SEAT INSTALLED INTO THEIR CARS AS PART OF THE PROGRAM.

THIS PROGRAM WAS COORDINATED UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PRESCHOOL INTERVENTION REFERRAL SPECIALIST (PIRS), MRS. MARIA ADAME. PARENTS SHARED WITH PRINCIPAL MACHUCA HOW MUCH THEY APPRECIATED THIS PROGRAM AND HOW MUCH THEY LEARNED AS WELL. MRS. SOPHIA TOLEDO, PARAPROFESSIONAL AT SCHOLARS ACADEMY, WAS INSTRUMENTAL WITH THE SPANISH TRANSLATIONS AS WELL FOR ALL FAMILIES.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## THE ORANGE EDUCATION FOUNDATION (OEF) PRESENTS THEIR "PEOPLE OF EXCELLENCE" NOMINATION OPPORTUNITY



ORANGE EDUCATION FOUNDATION (OEF)  
PRESENTS

*People of Excellence  
Nominations*

The Orange Education Foundation will honor five (5) deserving individuals or group(s). We are in search of nominees.  
The deadline to submit a nomination form is December 1, 2023.

- Visit <https://bit.ly/3QiXZzk> to submit a nomination online or to download a form.
- Scan the QR code below to complete and submit a nomination form.
- Complete a nomination form and deposit it in the designated drop box located at the Orange Board of Education office.



For any questions, please email:  
[oefnewjersey@gmail.com](mailto:oefnewjersey@gmail.com)

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THE OEF WILL HONOR FIVE DESERVING INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS AND ARE IN SEARCH OF NOMINEES.

PLEASE USE THE QR CODE FOUND ON THE FLIER OR THE FOLLOWING LINK:  
[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/HOLCSIEIAY59FNQX6](https://forms.gle/HOLCSIEIAY59FNQX6) TO SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION.

THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION FORM IS DECEMBER 1, 2023.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

**PARENT UNIVERSITY IS BACK FOR SY 2023-2024:**



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**GOOD DAY ORANGE FAMILIES:**

ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SEEKS FEEDBACK FROM COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO AID US IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM WITH A FOCUS ON THE FOLLOWING: TO PROVIDE TUITION-FREE ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES TO ALL ORANGE RESIDENTS WHO SEEK TO FURTHER THEIR ACADEMIC AND WORKFORCE PREPARATION FOR AN EMERGING ECONOMY. IN ADDITION, THIS INITIATIVE WILL ASSIST THE DISTRICT IN MEETING FOCUS AREA CORE I OF THE 2021-2026 DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: "OBJECTIVE 1: STRONG HOME-SCHOOL COMMUNITY CONNECTION".

YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS COMMUNICATION BECAUSE THE DISTRICT WOULD LIKE YOUR INPUT AS WE CREATE THE FRAMEWORK FOR THE " FALL 2023 PARENT UNIVERSITY SESSION". THE "FALL 2023 PARENT UNIVERSITY SESSION" IS AN INITIATIVE OFFERING FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE WORKSHOPS TO FAMILIES. WE INVITE YOU TO COMPLETE THE INFORMATION IN THE LINK BELOW TO HELP US GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE TYPES OF COURSES YOU ARE INTERESTED IN. PLEASE CLICK THE LINK BELOW OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO COMPLETE THE FORM:

**FALL 2023 PARENT UNIVERSITY SESSION INTEREST FORM:  
LINK: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/49LROFD](https://bit.ly/49LROFD)**

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION!**

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2023:

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

NOVEMBER 21 AND 28, FROM 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM,  
DECEMBER 5, 12 AND 19, 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](mailto:PREKINDERGARTENREGISTRATION@ORANGE.K12.NJ.US).  
WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

 <b>Orange Public Schools</b> <b>Office of Early Childhood Learning</b> <i>Jacquelyn Blanton, Ed.D, Executive Director of Early Learning</i>	 <b>Orange Public Schools</b> <b>Office of Early Childhood Learning</b> <i>Jacquelyn Blanton, Ed.D, Executive Director of Early Learning</i>
<h3>2023-2024 School Year Preschool Registration</h3>	<h3>Año Escolar 2023-2024 Registración Preescolar</h3>
<b>MUST BE 3-YEARS-OLD BY OCTOBER 1, 2023!</b>	<b>[DEBE TENER 3 AÑOS PARA EL 1 DE OCTUBRE DE 2023]</b>
<b>PROGRAM INCLUDES:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Breakfast &amp; Lunch</li><li>• Special Needs &amp; ELL Services</li><li>• High Scope Curriculum</li><li>• Certified Trained Staff</li><li>• Middle States Accredited</li><li>• And a lot more...</li></ul>	<b>PROGRAMA INCLUYE:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Desayuno y Almuerzo</li><li>• Servicios para necesidades especiales y ELL</li><li>• Plan de estudio High Scope</li><li>• Personal certificado</li><li>• Acreditados por la organización Middle States</li><li>• Y mucho mas...</li></ul>
<b>DATES:</b> <b>NOVEMBER 14, 21 &amp; 28 DECEMBER 5, 12 &amp; 19 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b>	<b>FECHAS:</b> <b>14, 21 Y 28 DE NOVIEMBRE 5, 12 Y 19 DE DICIEMBRE 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b>
<b>REGISTRATION LOCATION:</b> <b>ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER 397 PARK AVE, ORANGE, NJ</b> <b>VISIT OUR WEBSITE: <a href="https://ORANGE.K12.NJ.US/DOMAIN/528">ORANGE.K12.NJ.US/DOMAIN/528</a></b>	<b>UBICACIONE DE REGISTRO:</b> <b>ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER 397 PARK AVE, ORANGE, NJ</b> <b>VISITE NUESTRO SITIO WEB: <a href="https://ORANGE.K12.NJ.US/DOMAIN/528">ORANGE.K12.NJ.US/DOMAIN/528</a></b>
<b>REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:</b> Child's Original Birth Certificate Vaccination Record <u>Current</u> Lease or Mortgage Statement 2 <u>Additional</u> Proofs of address Photo I.D. of Parent/Guardian	<b>REQUISITOS:</b> Certificado de Nacimiento Original Record de Vacunas Arrendamiento de apartamento Actual o Declaración de Hipoteca 2 Pruebas de Direccion Adicionales Foto Identificacion de Padre/Guardian
<b>ORANGE RESIDENTS ONLY!</b>	<b>[SOLO PARA RESIDENTES DE ORANGE]</b>
<b>email contact: <a href="mailto:prekindergartenregistration@orange.k12.nj.us">prekindergartenregistration@orange.k12.nj.us</a></b> 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.	<b>email contact: <a href="mailto:prekindergartenregistration@orange.k12.nj.us">prekindergartenregistration@orange.k12.nj.us</a></b> 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.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## 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 2023, these times were presented via letter as well at board of education meetings.

## SCHOOL CALENDARS ARE NOW POSTED FOR NOVEMBER 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 November calendars on each school posted on social media as well as each school's website. Please find the following as samples:

# COMMUNITY EVENTS



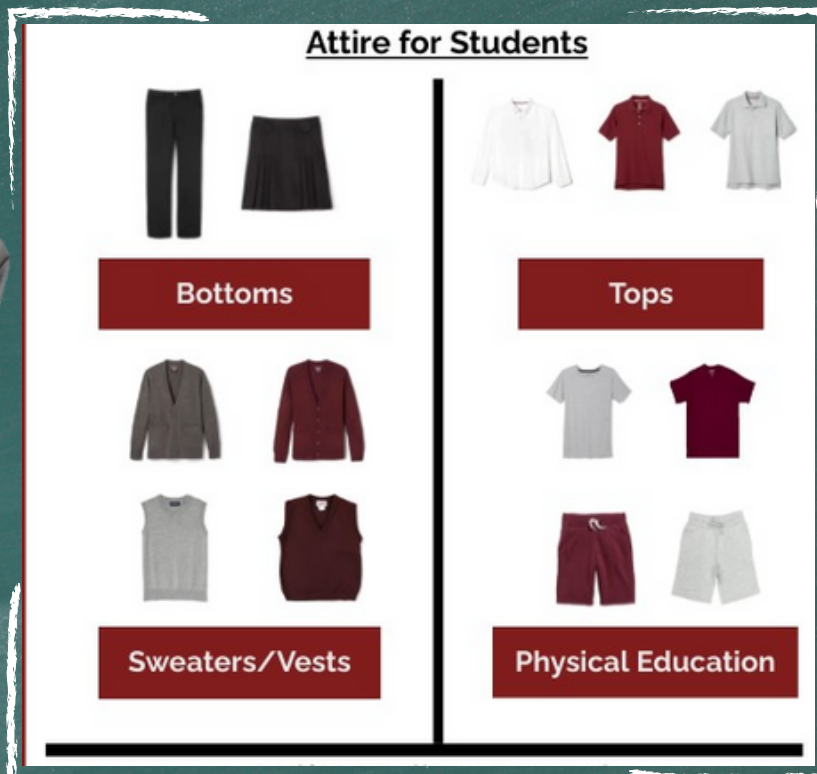
## UNIFORM INITIATIVE DISTRICT WIDE:

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.



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## 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](http://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](http://www.orange.k12.nj.us) | EMAIL: [portaladmin@orange.k12.nj.us](mailto: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>

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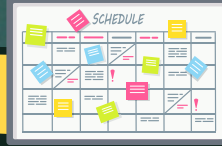
EACH YEAR, YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATES IN A NUMBER OF ASSESSMENTS THAT ARE EITHER MANDATED BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (NJDOE) OR ARE ADMINISTERED BY OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT IN ORDER TO ASSIST US IN DETERMINING INDIVIDUAL STUDENT EDUCATIONAL LEVELS AS WELL AS DETERMINING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT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

[HTTPS://WWW.ORANGE.K12.NJ.US/PAGE/33077](https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/page/33077).

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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](mailto:REOPENINGOFSCHOOLS@ORANGE.K12.NJ.US).

*THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF THIS YEAR, THE  
[REOPENINGOFSCHOOLS@ORANGE.K12.NJ.US](mailto: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, DECEMBER 13, 2023

### UPCOMING COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETINGS (PUBLIC)

#### ORANGE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE VIRTUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 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, DECEMBER 13, 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>.

THE FOLLOWING LINK IS FOR THE STRATEGIC PLAN:

<HTTPS://WWW.ORANGE.K12.NJ.US/DOMAIN/3344>.