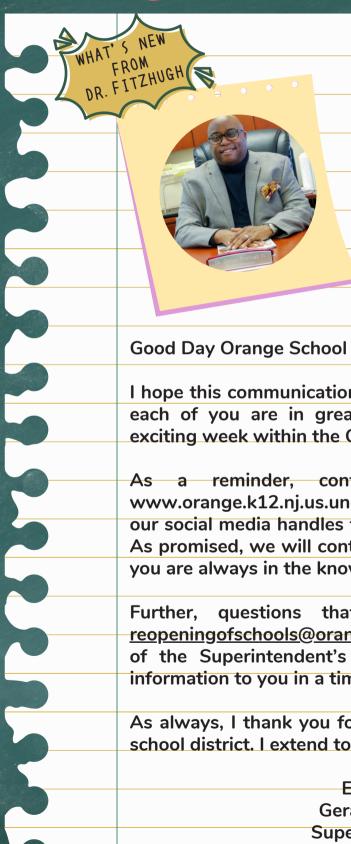
DECEMBER 1, 2023 EDITION





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.

Further, questions that you may have, as shared, 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



THIS WEEK, WE WILL DELVE A BIT INTO CONSIDERATIONS FOR <u>MEASURING STUDENT LEARNING</u>. ASSESSMENT IS EVIDENT IN THE INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL WITHIN OUR CLASSROOMS DISTRICT WIDE.



CONSIDERATIONS FOR MEASURING STUDENT LEARNING

AS YOU DEVELOP METHODS FOR ASSESSING YOUR STUDENTS CONSIDER:

- INCLUDING INDIRECT AND DIRECT ASSESSMENTS AS WELL AS FORMATIVE AND SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENTS
- EVALUATING WHETHER OR NOT THE ASSESSMENT ALIGNS DIRECTLY WITH A LEARNING OUTCOME
- ENSURING THE MEASUREMENT IS SUSTAINABLE AND REASONABLE IN TERMS OF TIME AND RESOURCES, BOTH FOR THE STUDENTS AND THE INSTRUCTORS (E.G., GRADING, RESPONSE TIME, AND METHODS). TO ESTIMATE THE TIME THAT STUDENTS NEED TO COMPLETE DIFFERENT ASSIGNMENTS
- USING A STUDENT SURVEY, WHICH IS A GREAT WAY TO GATHER FEEDBACK ON WHAT STUDENTS ARE LEARNING AND WHAT IS HELPING THEM LEARN
- USING THE RESULTS OF THE ASSESSMENTS TO IMPROVE THE COURSE. EXAMPLES INCLUDE REVISING COURSE CONTENT IN TERMS OF DEPTH VS. BREADTH, REALIGNMENT BETWEEN GOALS AND TEACHING METHODS, EMPLOYMENT OF MORE APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT METHODS, OR EFFECTIVE INCORPORATION OF <u>LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES</u>

GETTING STARTED WITH MEASURING STUDENT LEARNING

AT THE COURSE LEVEL, IT IS HELPFUL TO REVIEW COURSE ASSIGNMENTS AND ASSESSMENTS BY ASKING:

- WHAT ARE THE STUDENTS SUPPOSED TO GET OUT OF EACH ASSESSMENT?
- HOW ARE THE ASSESSMENTS ALIGNED WITH <u>LEARNING OUTCOMES</u>?
- WHAT IS ITS INTRINSIC VALUE IN TERMS OF:
 - KNOWLEDGE ACQUIRED?
 - SKILL DEVELOPMENT?
 - VALUES CLARIFICATION?
 - PERFORMANCE ATTAINMENT?
- HOW ARE HOMEWORK AND PROBLEM SETS RELATED TO EXAMS?
- HOW ARE THE EXAMS RELATED TO EACH OTHER?
- WHAT OTHER FORMS OF ASSESSMENT (BESIDES EXAMS) CAN BE USED AS INDICATORS OF STUDENT LEARNING?
- IF WRITING ASSIGNMENTS ARE USED, ARE THERE ENOUGH OF THEM FOR STUDENTS TO DEVELOP THE REQUISITE SKILLS EMBEDDED IN THEM?
- HOW IS FEEDBACK ON STUDENT WORK PROVIDED TO HELP STUDENTS IMPROVE?
- ARE THE ASSESSMENTS STRUCTURED IN A WAY TO HELP STUDENTS ASSESS THEIR OWN WORK AND PROGRESS?
- DOES THE ASSIGNMENT PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF AN OUTCOME THAT WAS COMMUNICATED?
- IS THE EVIDENCE DIRECT OR INDIRECT?



ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY LUNCH MENUS FOR DECEMBER 2023

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

- Pre-School: <u>Click HERE for Pre-School</u>.
- Elementary: <u>Click HERE for Elementary</u>
 Schools.
- Middle School: Click HERE for Middle Schools.
- Orange High School/Twilight: <u>Click HERE for</u>
 <u>Orange High School/Twilight</u>.
- 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.











PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2023:

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

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

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

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Orange Public Schools

FECHAS:

REQUISITOS:

Record de Vacunas

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desarollandose de manera difrente, puedes llamar al

Distrito de Orange para solicitar una evaluación de

educación especial preescolar

y servicios relacionados.



Orange Early Childhood Program includes all children

regardless of abilities. If you are concerned that you

child is learning or developing differently, you can call

the District to request an evaluation for preschool

special education and related servi

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RESIDENTS

ONLY

EARLY LEARNING DRAMATIC PLAY DISTRICT INITIATIVE





GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN KINDERGARTEN AT CLEVELAND STREET SCHOOL!
DRAMATIC PLAY IS VITAL IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, CULTIVATING CREATIVITY,
SOCIAL SKILLS, AND COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT.

THROUGH IMAGINATIVE ROLE-PLAYING, CHILDREN ENHANCE PROBLEM-SOLVING ABILITIES, FOSTER COMMUNICATION SKILLS, AND EXPLORE DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES. THIS DYNAMIC FORM OF PLAY NURTURES EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE, LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR ROBUST INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS.

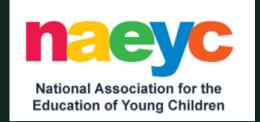
ADDITIONALLY, IT SERVES AS A PLATFORM FOR LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT, ENRICHING VOCABULARY, AND LINGUISTIC PROFICIENCY.....ALL WHILE THE TEACHER SCAFFOLDS, OBSERVES, AND TAKES ANECDOTAL NOTES.

BANK STREET CONTINUES A STRONG COLLABORATION WITH OUR EARLY LEARNING BLOCK AND CENTER INITIATIVE



BANK STREET COLLEGE OF EDUCATION VISITED HEYWOOD AVENUE SCHOOL. DURING CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION, THEY WERE ABLE TO MODEL HOW STUDENTS LEARN BEST WHEN THEY ARE ACTIVELY ENGAGED WITH BLOCK PLAY MATERIALS AND IDEAS THAT REQUIRE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ONGOING SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL AND COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT.

THE ORANGE SCHOOL DISTRICT REPRESENTS AT THE NAEYC CONFERENCE





CONGRATULATIONS TO SHARDEA BROWN (PRESCHOOL INSTRUCTIONAL COACH) AND NICOLE O'DONNELL (PRESCHOOL TEACHER AT JOHN ROBERT LEWIS) AS THEY PRESENTED PROCESS OVER PRODUCT: DOCUMENTING ART IN MEANINGFUL WAYS TO ENHANCE LEARNING FOR THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN (NAEYC) IN NASHVILLE, TN.

THE NAEYC ANNUAL CONFERENCE IS THE LARGEST ORGANIZATION THAT CONCENTRATES ON EARLY DEVELOPMENT.

THERE WERE OVER 7,000 ATTENDEES AND OVER 500 SESSIONS.

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THE 21ST CENTURY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM CONTINUES TO EMBARK ON GREATNESS



THE 21ST CENTURY AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS AT OAKWOOD AND ROSA PARKS WERE BUSY! STUDENTS ENGAGED IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES INCLUDING HOMEWORK HELP, ROBOTICS, YOGA, PHYSICAL FITNESS, BOOK AND MOVIE REVIEW, AND MUCH MORE!

YEARLY TURKEY DRIVE INITIATIVE WITH THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF THE ORANGES AND SHORT HILLS



THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF THE ORANGES AND SHORT HILLS (JLOSH) AND THEIR COMMUNITY PARTNERS, DONATED OVER 350 TURKEYS AND FIXINGS FOR THANKSGIVING MEALS TO THE ORANGE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SELECT DISTRICT FAMILIES.

THE OHS NAVY NJROTC CADETS HELPED UNLOAD THE TURKEYS AND FOOD BAGS PROVIDED.

THANK YOU, JLOSH AND PARTNERS, FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS-UPCOMING PROGRAM ON IDENTIFYING SEIZURES SYMPTOMS AND HOW TO HELP AT PARK AVENUE











WHAT ARE SEIZURES?

with Lucio Volino, PharmD



It's important to be able to recognize when a seizure is happening and know how to help! Whether you're a friend, family member, or caregiver, it's vital to understand what a seizure is and be aware of what to do if someone experiences one near you.













Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center





Prrovided by the Community Health & Outreach Department at Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center

PARK AVENUE SCHOOL IN COLLABORATION WITH COOPERMAN BARNABAS MEDICAL CENTER, IS HOSTING A WORKSHOP FACILITATED BY LUCIO VOLINO, PHARMD, TITLED "WHAT ARE SEIZURES", ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023, AT 10:00 AM.

INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED ON HOW TO RECOGNIZE A SEIZURE AND HOW TO HELP.

SEE THE FLYER FOR DETAILS.

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 HOMESCHOOL 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 GR CODE TO COMPLETE THE FORM:

FALL 2023 PARENT UNIVERSITY SESSION INTEREST FORM: LINK: HTTPS://BIT.LY/49LROFD

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION!



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

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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 DECEMBER 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 December calendars on each school posted on social media as well as each school's website. Please find the following as samples:



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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/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.

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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.



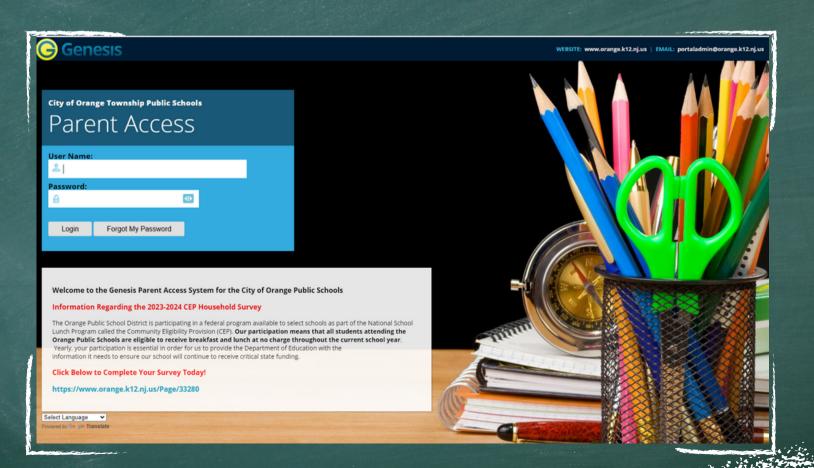
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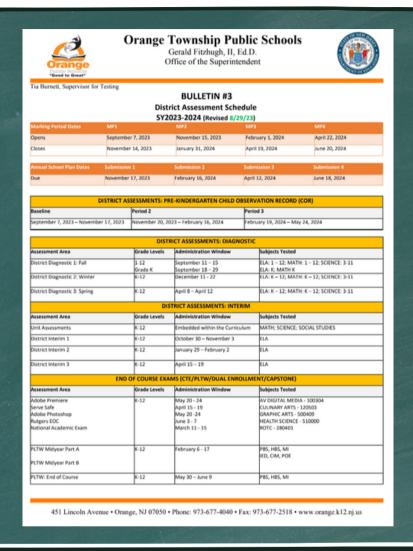
DO YOU WISH TO ACCESS YOUR STUDENT'S ATTENDANCE, ACADEMIC PROGRESS AND MORE IN REAL-TIME?

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



DISTRICT ASSESSMENT CALENDAR



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.

DISTRICT CALENDAR



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

(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.



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.

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.