

WEEKLY UPDATES

DECEMBER 15, 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.

Further, questions that you may have, as shared, utilize 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 ACADEMIC CORNER



THIS WEEK WE WILL DELVE A BIT INTO ANNOTATION OF TEXT. AS WE KNOW, ANNOTATION OF TEXT IS A CLOSE READING STRATEGY.

WHAT IS ANNOTATION OF TEXT?

ANNOTATED TEXT IS A WRITTEN PIECE THAT INCLUDES ADDITIONAL NOTES AND COMMENTARY FROM THE READER. THESE NOTES CAN BE ABOUT ANYTHING FROM THE AUTHOR'S STYLE AND TONE TO THE MAIN THEMES OF THE WORK. BY PROVIDING CONTEXT AND PERSONAL REACTIONS, ANNOTATIONS CAN TURN A DRY TEXT INTO A LIVELY CONVERSATION.

CREATING TEXT ANNOTATIONS DURING CLOSE READINGS CAN HELP YOU FOLLOW THE AUTHOR'S ARGUMENT OR THESIS AND MAKE IT EASIER TO FIND CRITICAL POINTS AND SUPPORTING EVIDENCE. PLUS, ANNOTATING YOUR OWN TEXTS IN YOUR OWN WORDS HELPS YOU TO BETTER UNDERSTAND AND REMEMBER WHAT YOU READ.

TEXT ANNOTATION REFERS TO ADDING NOTES, HIGHLIGHTS, OR COMMENTS TO A TEXT. THIS CAN BE DONE USING A PHYSICAL COPY IN TEXTBOOKS OR PRINTABLE TEXTS. OR YOU CAN ANNOTATE DIGITALLY THROUGH AN ONLINE DOCUMENT OR E-READER.

GENERALLY SPEAKING, ANNOTATING TEXT ALLOWS READERS TO INTERACT WITH THE CONTENT ON A DEEPER LEVEL, ENGAGING WITH THE MATERIAL IN A WAY THAT GOES BEYOND SIMPLY READING IT. THERE ARE DIFFERENT LEVELS OF ANNOTATION, BUT ALL ANNOTATIONS SHOULD AIM TO DO ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- SUMMARIZE THE KEY POINTS OF THE TEXT
- IDENTIFY EVIDENCE OR IMPORTANT EXAMPLES
- MAKE CONNECTIONS TO OTHER TEXTS OR IDEAS
- THINK CRITICALLY ABOUT THE AUTHOR'S ARGUMENT
- MAKE PREDICTIONS ABOUT WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN NEXT

WHEN DONE EFFECTIVELY, ANNOTATION CAN SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVE YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF A TEXT AND YOUR ABILITY TO REMEMBER WHAT YOU HAVE READ.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF ANNOTATION?

ANNOTATION CAN ALSO BE HELPFUL BECAUSE IT:

- ALLOWS YOU TO QUICKLY REFER BACK TO IMPORTANT POINTS IN THE TEXT WITHOUT REREADING THE ENTIRE THING
- HELPS YOU TO MAKE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN DIFFERENT TEXTS AND IDEAS
- SERVES AS A STUDY AID WHEN PREPARING FOR EXAMS OR WRITING ESSAYS
- IDENTIFIES GAPS IN YOUR UNDERSTANDING SO THAT YOU CAN GO BACK AND FILL THEM IN

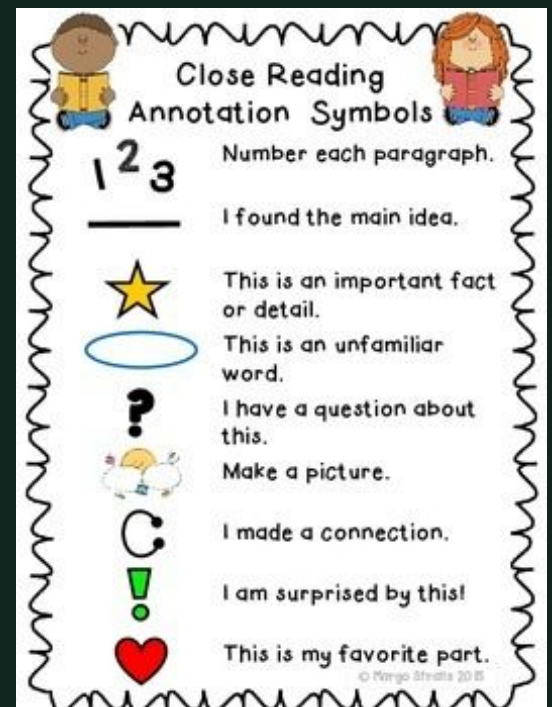
THE PROCESS OF ANNOTATING TEXT CAN MAKE YOUR READING EXPERIENCE MORE FRUITFUL. ADDING COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, AND ASSOCIATIONS DIRECTLY TO THE TEXT MAKES THE READING PROCESS MORE ACTIVE AND ENJOYABLE.

ANNOTATION STRATEGIES TO UTILIZE

WHEN ANNOTATING TEXT, YOU CAN USE A VARIETY OF STRATEGIES. THE BEST METHOD FOR YOU WILL DEPEND ON THE TEXT ITSELF, YOUR REASON FOR READING, AND YOUR PERSONAL PREFERENCES. START WITH ONE OF THESE COMMON STRATEGIES IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN.

- QUESTIONING
- SUMMARIZING
- PARAPHRASING
- CONNECTING
- VISUALIZING
- RESPONDING

1. READ WITH A PURPOSE.
2. BE CONCISE.
3. USE ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS.
4. HIGHLIGHT OR UNDERLINE KEY POINTS.
5. BE SPECIFIC.
6. CONNECT IDEAS.
7. WRITE IN YOUR OWN WORDS.



[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO READ THE FULL MEMO ON ANNOTATED TEXT.](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS



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: [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:
• [Click HERE for the District Snack Menu.](#)



COMMUNITY EVENTS

THE ORANGE SCHOOL DISTRICT CELEBRATES GEOY NOMINEES

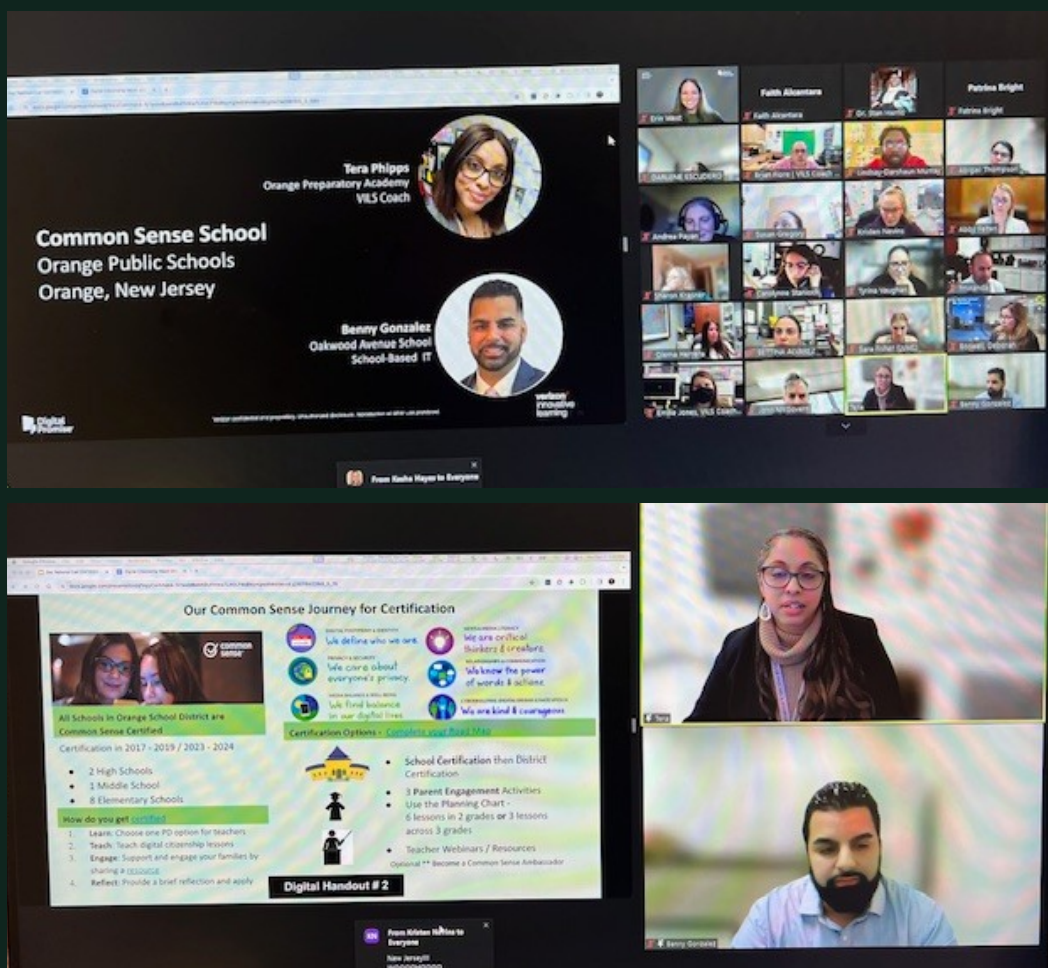


ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, DR. GERALD FITZHUGH, II, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, AND MR. BARRY DEVONE, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER, VISITED ALL DISTRICT SCHOOLS TO SURPRISE STAFF WHO WERE NOMINATED FOR EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AND EDUCATIONAL PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR.

THE EXCITEMENT AND ENTHUSIASM FROM OUR STELLAR NOMINEES WERE BREATHTAKING. ON BEHALF OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND BOARD OF EDUCATION WE SALUTE OUR GREAT NOMINEES FOR BEING BEACONS OF LIGHT FOR OUR SCHOLARS AS WELL AS THEIR COLLEAGUES. EACH OF YOU ARE TO BE COMMENDED.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS HONOR!

MS. PHIPPS AND MR. GONZALEZ SHINE BRIGHT ON THE NATIONAL CALL WITH VILS PARTNERS



VERIZON INNOVATION LEARNING SCHOOLS (VILS) COACH, MS. TERA PHIPPS, FROM ORANGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY OF INQUIRY & INNOVATION, AND VILS SCHOOL IT LEAD, MR. BENNY GONZALEZ, FROM OAKWOOD AVENUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL, PRESENTED TO DISTRICT LEADS, PRINCIPALS, COACHES, LIAISONS, DISTRICT IT LEADS, AND SCHOOL-BASED IT LEADS ON THE VILS NATIONAL CALL ATTENDED BY OVER 150 PARTICIPANTS.

OUR TEAM PROVIDED VALUABLE INSIGHT AND STRATEGIES FOR ALL TO EXPLORE DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP: LOOKING BEYOND THE FIRST MONTHS OF SCHOOL, AND EXPLORED CROSS-FUNCTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT AND SET PRIORITIES FOR ONGOING DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP INTEGRATION AT THE DISTRICT AND SCHOOL LEVELS.

MS. PHIPPS AND MR. GONZALEZ HIGHLIGHTED GREAT SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES THEY HAVE IN PLACE AT BOTH SCHOOLS, INCLUDING HIGHLIGHTING THE WORK OF THEIR STUDENT TECH TEAMS, AND IMPRESSIVELY SHOWCASING THE IMPACT OF OUR VILS INITIATIVE AT OUR THREE VILS SCHOOLS.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



OAKWOOD AVENUE SCHOOL MARKING PERIOD ONE AWARDS ASSEMBLY



OAKWOOD AVE COMMUNITY SCHOOL HONORED STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AT THE FIRST MARKING PERIOD AWARDS CEREMONY ON DECEMBER 7, 2023.

THE PROGRAM ACKNOWLEDGED THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF STUDENTS IN GRADES K - 3, FOLLOWED BY GRADES 4 - 7. STUDENTS RECEIVED AWARDS FOR HIGH HONOR ROLL, HONOR ROLL, AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN MATH, SCIENCE, AND ELA, AS WELL AS PERFECT ATTENDANCE, RISING STAR, AND MORE.

IN ADDITION, STAFF AND STUDENTS RECOGNIZED SCIENCE TEACHER, DR. CLARK, FOR BEING RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE DISTRICT STAFF MEMBERS TO RECEIVE THE GOVERNOR'S EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Monthly Newsletter

December Issue II

ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL (OHS) CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)

Program Spotlight: Entrepreneurship

In partnership with the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NTE), the Entrepreneurship program offers students the opportunity to learn how to critically think and plan like entrepreneurs while creating competencies in critical thinking, communication and collaboration, flexibility and adaptability, conduct with risk, creativity and innovation, initiative and self-reliance, future orientation, and opportunity recognition.

The Entrepreneurship program consists of the following courses:
Business Finance, Introduction to Marketing, and Entrepreneurship
with the opportunity to earn 3 college credits from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Entrepreneurs enter business on a journey with various levels of educational backgrounds and certifications. New Jersey's economy relies on small businesses on a journey to keep the economy thriving. According to the U.S. Small Business Association, 937,136 small businesses account for 99.9% of New Jersey businesses.

Women's Conference at MSU

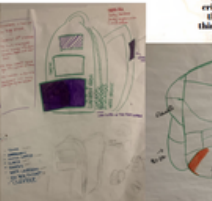
Orange High School female Business students attended the 9th Annual Women's Conference at Montclair State University. Conference discussion topics included the importance of attending college, the ETE program, healthy relationships, mentorship, womanhood, effective leadership, and more. Keynote speaker Maryann Diaz, a licensed social worker, spoke passionately about "The Power of Words." Student attendees enjoyed a talent show during the conference and had the opportunity to "Walk the Runway" while representing their schools.



Ms. Venable's Marketing, Accounting II, and Entrepreneurship students visited Ernest and Young on Nov. 3rd for the World Series of Innovation Day with Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship. The students toured the new, modernly designed, open floor plan office space at EY. Students networked with EY employees. Student groups developed a solution to utilize artificial intelligence (AI) and entrepreneurship to create sustainable, inclusive, and peaceful communities for a chance to be entered into NTE's World Series of Innovation Challenge.

Filmfest 24- Link to films

Filmfest 24 is a 24-hour filmmaking boot camp that brings together Orange High School, Clarksburg, and Orange University. Students work together to write, film, and edit short films that industry professionals judge. Each group works with filmmaking mentors, and the themes of their movies are tied to our high school curriculum. Students continue to work each year with their films, and we look forward to next year.



In Emergency and Medical Care, students learn that time is precious and a good knowledge of human anatomy can make the difference between saving and losing lives in emergency medical situations. The E.C.C. students were tasked with drawing, identifying, and measuring the major abdominal organs on charts to properly visualize and understand where everything fits, so they can quickly and accurately assess someone with injuries.

Ms. Martin's Graphic Arts students visited Kean University to learn about admissions and ETE opportunities. They also toured Kean's Graphic Design Department and visited a design class. They observed college students who were designing portfolio projects and had discussions about how the artwork was created.

Entrepreneurship students simulated the design thinking process by designing a custom backpack for a specific customer's needs. Students performed an investigation in which they utilized critical thinking and problem-solving skills to create backpacks that meet the needs of specific users. Human centered design thinking is a way that businesses think about a client's problem in order to find an appropriate solution.



CTE Student of the Month - November 2023

Accounting



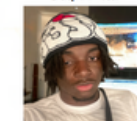
T. St. Vry is an intelligent and attentive student with a bright future.

Culinary Arts



C. Gomez is polite, respectful, and always willing to help in Culinary Arts.

Graphic Arts



H. Jerome is an exceptional role model for his peers and he is dedicated to becoming an artist.

Care



A. Duan serves as a role model for her peers and she is dedicated to completing her CDEO coursework.

Entrepreneurship



M. Reyes is dedicated, insightful, and full of enthusiasm.

Health Science



A. Duarte is the Co Secretary for HOSA and she is assisting with creating the vision for the chapter.

Cosmetology



A. Hamlett is a hardworking student and she is passionate about cosmetology.

Filmaking



J. Louis is the lead actress in the film "Graves and Blossom," which will be entered into the Garden State and Artist Alliance Film Festivals.

Naval JROTC



Cadet S. Cort created a project to honor the siblings of ROTC cadets with holiday gifts and she raised \$1020 in donations.

Career & Technical Education (CTE) Middle School Exploration Program

Space is LIMITED!



*Open to Students in Grades 7 and 8

January 13, 2024

January 20, 2024

January 27, 2024

9 am - 12 pm

Orange High School

Register using the link or QR code below:

<https://bit.ly/3Neek6A>



Programs Offered

- Culinary Arts
- Entrepreneurship
- Health Science
- Naval JrROTC

For more information or to register, contact Mr. Jahmel Drakeford

Save the Date



Join us for our

Career & Technical Education (CTE) Middle School Exploration Program Parent Meeting

December 20, 2023
5:00 pm

Register for the Zoom using the link below or QR code:

<https://bit.ly/47M5VPO>



THE ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM (CTE) HAS PUBLISHED ITS DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER!

EVERY MONTH, THE CTE NEWSLETTER WILL PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE PROGRAMS OFFERED, COLLEGE AND CAREER PREPARATION, AND AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS.

TO VIEW THE NEWSLETTER, VISIT THE DISTRICT WEBSITE AT: [HTTPS://WWW.ORANGE.K12.NJ.US/PAGE/33539](https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/page/33539).



COMMUNITY EVENTS



ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL'S WINTER CONCERT



THE WINTER MUSIC CONCERT PRESENTED BY ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL ON DECEMBER 7, 2023 WAS AN EXCELLENT DISPLAY OF ARTISTIC TALENT!

LED BY MR. MICHAEL HAYDEN, VOCAL MUSIC TEACHER, THE AUDIENCE WAS TREATED TO INSTRUMENTAL AND CHORAL PERFORMANCES BY THE CONCERT BANDS, SELECT INSTRUMENTAL GROUPS, AND CONCERT CHOIRS.

CONGRATULATIONS ON A GREAT PERFORMANCE!



COMMUNITY EVENTS



WINTER COAT GIVEAWAY

Sponsored by
Councilmen at Large
Weldon Montague and Clifford Ross
&
Parents Engaging Parents Inc.

WINTER

Coat Giveaway

Saturday, December 16, 2023

10 am - 1 pm

234 Lincoln Ave, Orange NJ 07050

Upper Field House Central
Playground (Across from the Fire House)



Registration is required.
Quantities are limited & children
must be present.

Scan the QR code or click this
[LINK https://forms.gle/EvefkAAXSXrPPdxV9](https://forms.gle/EvefkAAXSXrPPdxV9)
to register today!



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COUNCILMAN
CLIFFORD ROSS

Councilman at Large
Weldon Montague

CITY OF ORANGE
TOWNSHIP
COUNCILMEN WELDON
MONTAGUE
AND CLIFFORD ROSS
IN COLLABORATION WITH
PARENTS ENGAGING
PARENTS, INC., IS
SPONSORING A "WINTER
COAT GIVEAWAY" AT THE
UPPER FIELD HOUSE IN
CENTRAL PLAYGROUND,
LOCATED AT
234 LINCOLN AVENUE,
ORANGE, NJ 07050.

THE EVENT WILL BE HELD
ON SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 16, 2023,
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

COATS ARE AVAILABLE
FOR ORANGE, NJ
RESIDENTS ONLY, IN
GRADES K-7.

QUANTITIES ARE LIMITED,
AND REGISTRATION IS
REQUIRED.

TO REGISTER, SCAN THE
QR CODE OR VISIT:

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/487EEWP](https://bit.ly/487EEWP)

Orange NJ Residents Only
Grammar School K-thru 7th Grade Only
Must be registered:
<https://forms.gle/EvefkAAXSXrPPdxV9>



COMMUNITY EVENTS



EARLY CHILDHOOD VISITATION TO FOREST STREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL



A GREAT VISIT TO FOREST STREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL TODAY!

DR. FITZHUGH ALONGSIDE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS DR. BLANTON AND MRS. HARPER, ACCOMPANIED DR. LOFTEN-COOKE PRINCIPAL ON A TOUR OF EARLY LEARNING AND ELEMENTARY CLASSROOMS.

"WHAT GREAT PRACTICES FROM CRITICAL THINKING TO TARGETED SMALL GROUP INSTRUCTION WERE VIEWED. THANK YOU TEAM FOREST!" - DR. GERALD FITZHUGH, II.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

BILINGUAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (BAC) MEETING

THE OFFICE OF BILINGUAL/ESL & WORLD LANGUAGES VIRTUAL BILINGUAL PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING, HOSTED BY DR. NURKA NIEVES, SUPERVISOR OF BILINGUAL/ESL & WORLD LANGUAGES K-5TH AND MR. FRANKLIN TAFUR, SUPERVISOR OF BILINGUAL/ESL & WORLD LANGUAGES 6TH - 12TH, WILL TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023, FROM 5 PM - 6 PM, TO DISCUSS COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES. PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S CLASSDOJO FOR THE MEETING INFORMATION AND LINK.

BILINGUAL



Virtual Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee

Office of Bilingual/ESL & World Languages

Hosted by
Nurka Nieves, Ed.D.
Supervisor of Bilingual/ESL & World Languages K-5th
&
Mr. Franklin Tafur
Supervisor of Bilingual/ESL & World Languages 6th-12th

Monday, December 18, 2023
5pm - 6pm

Agenda: Community Resources for our Multilingual Families

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Comité Asesor Virtual de Padres Bilingües

Oficina de Bilingüe/ESL & Lenguajes del Mundo

Presentado por
Nurka Nieves, Ed.D.
Supervisora de Bilingüe/ESL & Lenguajes del Mundo K-5th
&
Mr. Franklin Tafur
Supervisor de Bilingüe/ESL & Lenguajes del Mundo 6th-12th

Lunes, 8 de diciembre del 2023
5pm - 6pm

Agenda: Recursos comunitarios para nuestras familias multilingües

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Biwo Bileng/ESL & Lang Mondyal

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Nurka Nieves, Ed.D.
Sipèvizè Bileng/ESL & Lang Mondyal K-5yèm ane
&
Mr. Franklin Tafur
Sipèvizè Bileng/ESL & Lang Mondyal 6yèm-12yèm ane

Lendi 18 Desanm 2023
5pm - 6pm

Ajenda: Resous Kominite a pou Fanmi nou yo ki Pale Plizyè

BILINGUAL

FAMILY PAINT NIGHT AT PARK AVENUE SCHOOL



ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023, STAFF, CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES PARTICIPATED IN PARK AVENUE SCHOOL'S FAMILY PAINT NIGHT EVENT.

EVERYONE CREATED THEIR OWN MASTERPIECES AND HAD A GREAT TIME!

IN ATTENDANCE WERE SUPERINTENDENT, DR. GERALD FITZHUGH, II, SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT, SHAWNEQUE JOHNSON, AND VICE PRESIDENT, SUEANN GRAVESANDE.

WHAT A GREAT NIGHT HELD BY ALL!!



COMMUNITY EVENTS



CLEVELAND STREET SCHOOL HOLIDAY CONCERT

A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT DR. GERALD FITZHUGH, II, REGARDING
THE CLEVELAND STREET SCHOOL WINTER CONCERT HELD ON DEC 6:
"WHAT A GREAT JOB FROM CLEVELAND.
THANK YOU MS. KESHNER FOR PUTTING THIS GREAT SHOW TOGETHER."

ALONGSIDE DR. FITZHUGH, II, IN ATTENDANCE WERE SCHOOL BOARD
PRESIDENT
MS. JOHNSON AND VICE PRESIDENT GRAVESANDE.





COMMUNITY EVENTS



CITY OF ORANGE - TREE LIGHTING



MAYOR WARREN INVITED THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO MILITARY PARK TO BRING HOLIDAY CHEER THROUGH THE PERFORMING ARTS.

ORANGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY OF INQUIRY AND INNOVATION, ROSA PARKS, AND PARK AVENUE SCHOOLS WERE FEATURED. THANK YOU MS. BARROW (PARK AVENUE), MR. ETIENNE (RPCS), AND MR. ABAZIA (ORANGE PREP) FOR PREPARING OUR STUDENTS! YOU ARE APPRECIATED.

THANK YOU TO BOARD PRESIDENT JOHNSON, VICE PRESIDENT GRAVESANDE, AND BOARD MEMBER DR. TURNER, FOR BEING PRESENT AND SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS AS WELL AS THE COMMUNITY.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR DECEMBER 2023:

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

DECEMBER 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.
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>
<h3>2023-2024 School Year Preschool Registration</h3> <p>MUST BE 3-YEARS-OLD BY OCTOBER 1, 2023!</p> <p>DATES: NOVEMBER 14, 21 & 28 DECEMBER 5, 12 & 19 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM</p> <p>REGISTRATION LOCATION: ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER 397 PARK AVE, ORANGE, NJ VISIT OUR WEBSITE: ORANGE.K12.NJ.US/DOMAIN/528</p> <p>REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: Child's Original Birth Certificate Vaccination Record Current Lease or Mortgage Statement 2 Additional Proofs of address Photo I.D. of Parent/Guardian</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>ORANGE RESIDENTS ONLY!</p> <p><small>email contact: prekindergartenregistration@orange.k12.nj.us</small></p> <p><small>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.</small></p>	<h3>Año Escolar 2023-2024 Registración Preescolar</h3> <p>[DEBE TENER 3 AÑOS PARA EL 1 DE OCTUBRE DE 2023!]</p> <p>FECHAS: 14, 21 Y 28 DE NOVIEMBRE 5, 12 Y 19 DE DICIEMBRE 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM</p> <p>UBICACIONE DE REGISTRO: ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER 397 PARK AVE, ORANGE, NJ 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>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>[SOLO PARA RESIDENTES DE ORANGE!]</p> <p><small>email contact: prekindergartenregistration@orange.k12.nj.us</small></p> <p><small>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.</small></p>

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE
CENTRAL ELEMENTARY ART EXHIBIT
TO TAKE PLACE ON DECEMBER 20, 2023



THE BOARD OF EDUCATION IS HOSTING
THE CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
STUDENT ART EXHIBIT ON
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2023,
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM.
SEE THE FLYER FOR DETAILS.



Central Elementary School BOE STUDENT ART EXHIBIT



Opening Reception



DECEMBER 20, WEDNESDAY

6:00PM - 7:00PM

Orange Board of Education

451 Lincoln Ave. Orange, NJ



Ms. Mary Angeline Palma - Art Teacher

Ms. Denise White - Principal | Ms. Daniele Washington - Vice Principal

COMMUNITY EVENTS

STEM INNOVATION ACADEMY OF THE ORANGES OPEN HOUSE

STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges

445 Scotland Rd South Orange, NJ 07079 | STEMadmissions@orange.k12.nj.us



A Special

OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 20, 2023 6:00-8:00PM

445 Scotland Rd South Orange, NJ 07079



**RSVP
Here**

Join Dr. Reid and members of the STEM Faculty for an informational Open House event! We invite all community members, including rising 9th grade scholars that are interested in applying for the 24-25 SY, to attend!

COME LEARN ABOUT THE STEM INNOVATION ACADEMY'S...

Mission to ensure all STEM scholars graduate college and are career ready!

University partners and coursework that sets all scholars on a trajectory to graduate from college early.

Steps to complete our rigorous application process.

& TOUR OUR STUDENT CENTER CAMPUS!

Visit our STEM Innovation Academy Website for information & updates!

STEM Innovation Academy Website

www.orange.k12.nj.us/Domain/2350

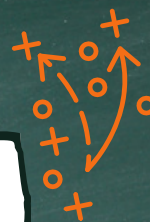
WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT STEM INNOVATION ACADEMY OF THE ORANGES WILL BE HOSTING A SPECIAL OPEN HOUSE FOR ALL INTERESTED 8TH GRADE STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS. THE STEM INNOVATION ACADEMY OF THE ORANGES IS A HIGHLY INNOVATIVE 4-YEAR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) HIGH SCHOOL WITHIN THE ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SPANNING GRADES 9-12. THE ACADEMY IS LOCATED ON A 5.5-ACRE CAMPUS AT 445 SCOTLAND ROAD, SOUTH ORANGE, NJ 07079. THE ACADEMY EXEMPLIFIES AN EARLY COLLEGE MODEL WHEREBY STUDENTS NAVIGATE THROUGH A FOUR-YEAR SCOPE AND SEQUENCE OF HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE COURSEWORK.

THIS EVENT WILL ALSO START THE COUNTDOWN TO THE RELEASE OF THE OFFICIAL APPLICATION PROCESS FOR STEM INNOVATION ACADEMY OF THE ORANGES. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE OPEN HOUSE ON DECEMBER 20TH OR STEM'S APPLICATION PROCESS, PLEASE E-MAIL THE ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE AT STEMADMISSIONS@ORANGE.K12.NJ.US.

BELOW IS THE THE LINK TO REGISTER FOR THE OPEN HOUSE IS BELOW:
[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/2E5PDQXMXNJTF91GA](https://forms.gle/2E5PDQXMXNJTF91GA)



COMMUNITY EVENTS



OHS ATHLETICS - WINTER UPDATE

WE'RE BACK



ORANGE TORNADOES

TORNADO FAMILIES & FANS!!

- THE START TO OUR WINTER ATHLETIC SEASON IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER. USE THE LINK BELOW TO VIEW LIVE SCHEDULES FOR ALL WINTER SPORTS.
- WE HAVE ALSO LAUNCHED "MY TEAM STORES" FOR GIRLS & BOYS BASKETBALL, WRESTLING, AND TRACK & FIELD FOR FANS TO PURCHASE YOUR OWN OHS ATHLETIC APPAREL.
- THE LINKS BELOW WILL TAKE YOU TO EACH TEAM'S STORE. ALL STORES CLOSE ON DECEMBER 22ND, SO GET YOUR ORDERS IN TODAY! GO TORNADOES!


LIVE ATHLETIC SCHEDULES: [HTTPS://WWW.ORANGE.K12.NJ.US/PAGE/19531](https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/page/19531)

- OHS GIRLS BASKETBALL: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/3N7PA9K](https://bit.ly/3N7PA9K)
- OHS BOYS BASKETBALL: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/3T9SGUZ](https://bit.ly/3T9SGUZ)
- OHS WRESTLING: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/4A6RBDI](https://bit.ly/4A6RBDI)
- OHS TRACK: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/46KKDZK](https://bit.ly/46KKDZK)


COMMUNITY EVENTS

PARENT UNIVERSITY IS BACK FOR SY 2023-2024:


Health and Wellness Academy & UdeMY Academy




Adult Learning Academy




Visual Performing Arts Academy



Academic Support Academy





Orange Public Schools
"Good to Great"

Orange Public Schools presents:

Parent University

School Year 2023-2024

ENROLL NOW!


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FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
<https://sites.google.com/orange.k12.nj.us/parent-university-2024/home>

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PARENT UNIVERSITY IS BACK FOR SY 2023-2024:

GOOD DAY ORANGE FAMILIES:

THE ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE LAUNCH OF THE 2023-2024 PARENT UNIVERSITY.

THE DISTRICT SEEKS TO EDUCATE AND EMPOWER FAMILIES AS ADVOCATES AND LIFELONG LEARNERS COMMITTED TO IMPROVING THE OVERALL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN AND OUR COMMUNITY. OUR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE WORKSHOPS OFFER PARENTS A RANGE OF EXPERIENCES ACROSS VARIOUS TOPICS. THIS YEAR, WE ARE KICKING OFF THE RETURN OF THE PARENT UNIVERSITY BY OFFERING COURSES IN THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS, VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS, ADULT LEARNING, AND UDEMY LEARNING ACADEMIES.

COURSES WILL BE ACCESSIBLE TO PARENTS VIA THIS ONLINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM, SO PLEASE REGISTER NOW! WE INVITE PARENTS, FAMILIES, AND THE ORANGE COMMUNITY INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE WORKSHOPS TO APPLY. ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE REVIEWED UPON SUBMISSION WITH QUICK FEEDBACK ON ACCEPTANCE STATUS.

VISIT AND REGISTER AT:

[HTTPS://SITES.GOOGLE.COM/ORANGE.K12.NJ.US/PARENT-UNIVERSITY-2024/HOME](https://sites.google.com/orange.k12.nj.us/parent-university-2024/home)

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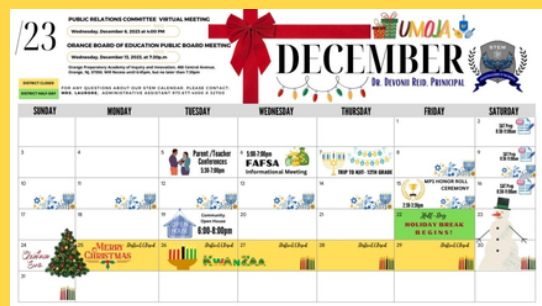
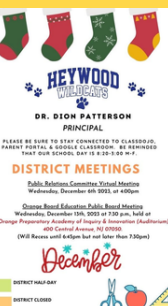
SCHOOL YEAR ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS SY 2023-2024:

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

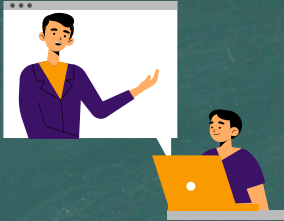
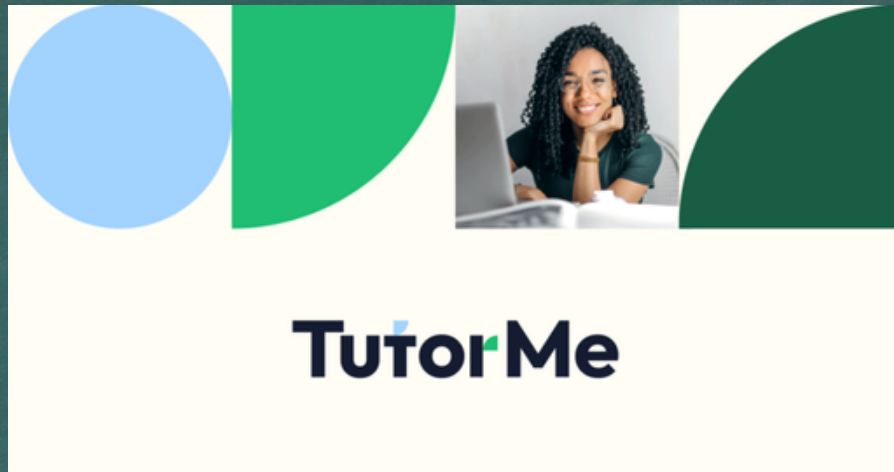
As a reminder, the following chart outlines the school start and end times for this school year. As shared in June and August 2023, these times were presented via letter as well at board of education meetings.

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:



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/Domain/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**.

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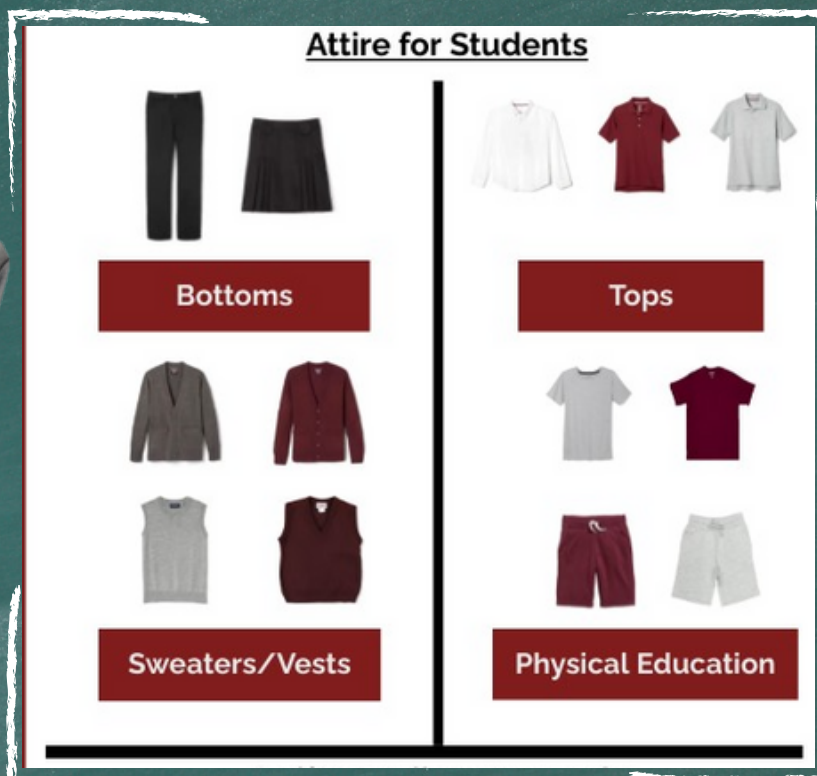
UNIFORM INITIATIVE DISTRICT WIDE:

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!

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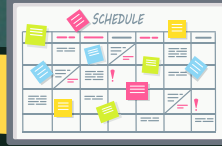
EACH YEAR, YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATES IN A NUMBER OF ASSESSMENTS THAT ARE EITHER MANDATED BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (NJDOE) OR ARE ADMINISTERED BY OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT IN ORDER TO ASSIST US IN DETERMINING INDIVIDUAL STUDENT EDUCATIONAL LEVELS AS WELL AS DETERMINING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT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

*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)

COMMUNITY EVENTS



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.

2024 BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS MEETING SCHEDULE:

REORGANIZATION MEETING

Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 6p.m., held at
ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Administrative Building
BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM
451 Lincoln Avenue, Orange, NJ, 07050.

UPCOMING COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETINGS (PUBLIC)

ORANGE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE VIRTUAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at 4:00p.m.,
Live Streamed on COMCAST channel 36
and on the District's Facebook Page.

ORANGE BOARD EDUCATION PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 7:30p.m., held at
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.

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>.