

JUNE 6, 2025 | THE ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# WEEKLY UPDATE



**PUBLIC RELATIONS  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
JUNE 4, 2025  
AT 4:00 P.M.**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PUBLIC BOARD MTG.  
JUNE 11, 2025  
AT 7:30 P.M.**

**PUBLIC MEETING  
LIVESTREAM  
COMCAST  
CHANNEL 36**



June 6, 2025

# 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. The Superintendent's Weekly Update allows our families and staff to stay in the know as it relates to all things Orange Public Schools.

**I want to take a moment to extend my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for your continued belief in our school district.** Your trust and support are what make our work possible and meaningful.

Together, we are building a strong foundation for our students – one that is rooted in academic excellence, integrity, and opportunity. Your belief in our mission fuels our commitment to providing every child with the tools they need to thrive, not only in the classroom but in life.

**We are proud of the progress we have made and excited for the road ahead. Whether you are a parent, teacher, staff member, student, or community partner, your contributions are vital, and they do not go unnoticed.**

Thank you for standing with us and for continuing to believe in what we can accomplish together. **We are stronger because of you.**

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LINCOLN AVENUE

# Hat Day Showcases Student Style & Spirit

From wide brims to baseball caps, creative designs to fun patterns, students & staff rocked their favorite hats and showed off their Panther Pride in a unique way!



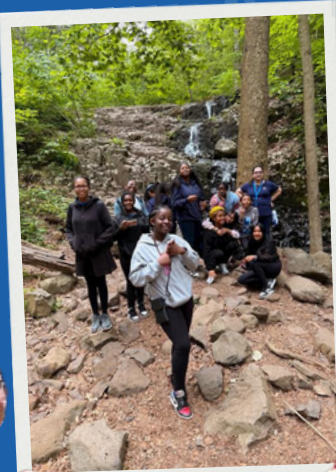
FOREST STREET

# Forest Scholars Receive Honors Awards

Congratulations to our Forest scholars who received awards for Honor Roll, High Honor Roll, Caught in the Act, and Perfect attendance! A special thank you to our Forest representatives that participated in the District Student Council this year!







CLEVELAND STREET

## Staff Receive Their Verizon VILS Devices

Cleveland Street School hosted a successful VILS (Verizon Innovative Learning School) Teacher Onboarding Event! Special thanks to our Student Tech Team who assisted teachers in learning about their new IPAD!



HEYWOOD AVENUE

## Sister2Sister Club Enjoys Nature Experience

The Sister2Sister Club from Heywood Avenue School took their sisterhood to new heights with a youth hike at South Mountain Reservation! It was a day of bonding, nature, and empowerment.



# FLOWER BOXES

OPA I&I Students Beautify Metcalf Park with Artful Flower Boxes Through Essex County Partnership!



Mrs. Politi and her gifted students: Darshana Joe, Amoya Chapman, Luz Mestiza Lorenzo, and S'miyyah Fuller of Orange Preparatory Academy of Inquiry and Innovation were commissioned by Essex County, in collaboration with the City of Orange Chamber of Commerce, to design and build a series of vibrant flower boxes that will be permanently installed at Metcalf Park!



OPA received a \$1,000 donation from the Orange Chamber of Commerce for their creation of the boxes!





## ROSA PARKS

# Rosa Parks Students Dazzle Artistically

The Rosa Parks community came out and lit up their Art Show as families, faculty, and staff were treated to a beautiful display of student-created art that celebrated creativity and diversity. And in a first for the district, the showcase opened with a performance by RPCS's own talented drumline!



## ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL

# Civics Day

Voting-aged students stepped into civic engagement. In partnership with the Mayor's Office, OHS hosted a dynamic student voting drive aimed at preparing everyone for primary Election Day on June 10<sup>th</sup>. We're empowering future voters!





CENTRAL ELEMENTARY

# S.T.E.M. Night at Central!

CES hosted an exciting STEM Night! Parents, students, and staff came together for an evening filled with fun learning at a variety of hands-on stations focused on science, technology, engineering, and math.



## Theatre Upgrade Ribbon Cutting

CES celebrated the completion of their state-of-the-art theatre technology upgrade in partnership with PureTek Group! Our youngest students now have access to professional lighting and sound that has transformed their learning experience.





## SCHOLARS ACADEMY

# Family Fun at Scholars Academy

Scholars Academy hosted the Annual School Plan Preschool Family Bingo in May to support family time and literacy! Great prizes and so fun! Did you miss it? See you next year but take a peek at all the fun!



## ROSA PARKS

# Talented Students Shine During the Spring Concert

Rosa Parks Community School Held their annual Spring Concert this past week. It was a packed house with standing room only, as families were welcomed to see their children put on a fantastic show.





ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL

# Student Athlete Spotlight



OPA I&I

## Ice Cream for Academic Excellence at Orange Prep

Orange Preparatory Academy of Inquiry & Innovation honored their amazing Honor Roll scholars with a sweet ice cream social! So proud of their hard work and dedication. Keep pushing towards greatness.



Congratulations to OHS Senior Jadon McCoy for being nominated for the SEC Best Teammate Award. The SEC partners with the Yogi Berra Museum & Learning Center to recognize Essex County student-athletes that exemplify teamwork, sportsmanship, and support for their teammates!



Congratulations to OHS Senior Kevin Jones for another amazing performance: Kevin is the North II Section 3 Champion, taking First Place in the 200m and 400m Dash!



# Scholarships

OFFICE OF GUIDANCE

## Orange High School + STEM Academy Scholarship Update

Each month, Supervisor of Guidance, Mrs. Williams-Ware, provides our Superintendent with scholarship totals. Here are the current totals:



ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL

**\$14,686,750.00**



STEM ACADEMY OF THE ORANGES

**\$14,940,882.00**

We are so very proud of our scholars. Thank you to our fantastic staff at Orange High School and STEM Academy for working so closely with our scholars to ensure that they have the opportunities to amass millions of dollars in scholarships!





# DISTRICT REMINDERS

## Tennis Tournament This Saturday – June 7th!

on Saturday, June 7, 2025, the Tennis Tournament will take place at Central Playground from 9am to 1pm. This marks the start of Orange Week 2025! Please see social media for the schedule of events being celebrated June 7th - 14th.



## Summer Programming Has Launched

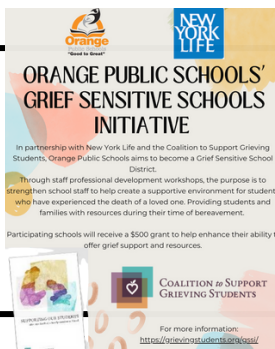
Get ready for an educational summer ahead! Our **Summer Program 2025** is here to supercharge your child's academic journey. Ready to join the adventure? Visit our Summer School Website to learn more:

[SUMMER PROGRAM CATALOG](#)

## Graduation Dates Announced

Graduation and Moving Up Ceremonies for June 2025 have been announced. We love helping you plan for these proud moments. From Pre-K to High School, visit our website for the full schedule:

[GRADUATION / MOVING UP SCHEDULES](#)



## Grief Sensitive Schools Initiative

In partnership with New York Life & the Coalition to Support Grieving Students, Orange Public Schools is becoming a grief-sensitive school district to strengthen staff & create a supportive environment for students. Learn More: [\*\*GrievingStudent.org/gssi\*\*](https://grievingstudent.org/gssi)





# June 2025 school calendars are up!

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