

WEEKLY UPDATES

NOVEMBER 3, 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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

IMPORTANT REMINDER:
DISTRICT CLOSED FOR NJEA CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 9 & 10, 2023



DISTRICT SCHOOLS AND OUR
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED
FOR THE

NJEA CONVENTION

NOVEMBER 9 & 10, 2023

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.ORANGE.K12.NJ.US



PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS,

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023 & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2023,
DISTRICT SCHOOLS WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE NJEA CONFERENCE.

SCHOOL WILL REOPEN ON
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023,
AT REGULAR TIME FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS.

SUPERINTENDENT'S ACADEMIC CORNER



AS A DISTRICT, WE ARE PUSHING PEDAGOGICALLY FORWARD TO ENSURE THAT INTENTIONAL AND RIGOROUS INSTRUCTION IS TAKING PLACE. WEEKLY, WE SHARE INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES TO ASSIST IN THIS AREA.

THIS WEEK, WE WILL DELVE A BIT INTO WRITING CONFERENCES AND THE PURPOSE. AS WE HAVE SHARED, READING AND WRITING ARE MARRIED.



SO HERE WE GO WITH THE IMPORTANCE OF WRITING CONFERENCES.

WHAT ARE WRITING CONFERENCES?

A WRITING CONFERENCE IS A ONE-ON-ONE DIRECT STRATEGY, DESIGNED TO GUIDE AND ASSIST STUDENTS THROUGH THE PROCESS OF WRITING. THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF WRITING CONFERENCES IS TO HELP UNLOCK THE POTENTIAL OF STUDENTS AS "WRITERS" AND TO HELP THEM UNDERSTAND AND REALIZE THEIR POTENTIAL. USING INDIVIDUALIZED TEACHING, INTROSPECTIVE QUESTIONING, AND CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT STUDENTS WILL GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROCESS OF WRITING. THE PROVISION OF PROMPT FEEDBACK AND SUGGESTIONS DURING THE ACT OF WRITING HELPS STUDENTS TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THEIR WORK AND IMPROVE IT.

BENEFITS OF WRITING CONFERENCES

ACCORDING TO DONALD GRAVES WHO IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE FATHER OF THE 'PROCESS TO WRITING APPROACH', THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF A WRITING CONFERENCE IS TO "HELP CHILDREN TEACH YOU ABOUT WHAT THEY KNOW SO THAT YOU CAN HELP THEM MORE EFFECTIVELY WITH THEIR WRITING." IN SHORT, USING WRITING CONFERENCES WILL HELP STUDENTS BECOME INDEPENDENT WRITERS.

BENEFITS OF THE WRITING CONFERENCE STRATEGY:

- IT PROVIDES IMMEDIATE FEEDBACK
- IT CREATES A POSITIVE ATTITUDE AMONG STUDENTS TOWARDS WRITING AND MOTIVATES THEM TO IMPROVE THEIR WORK
- IT STRUCTURES THE TEACHING PROCESS AROUND THE STUDENT'S SKILL LEVEL AND UNDERSTANDING
- IT ADDRESSES AND IMPROVES WRITING SKILLS INCLUDING THE PROCESS OF WRITING

HOW DOES IT WORK?

A GOOD WRITER CONSTANTLY QUESTIONS HIS/HER WORK IN ORDER TO BECOME BETTER. THEY ANALYZE THEIR WRITINGS WITH A CRITICAL EYE, TRYING TO FIND WAYS TO MAKE IT MORE MEANINGFUL AND TO BETTER ENGAGE THEIR AUDIENCE. SIMILARLY, OUR STUDENTS NEED TO BE ENCOURAGED AND STIMULATED TO IMPROVE THEIR WRITING ABILITIES. TO DO SO, WE NEED TO HELP THEM, LIKE GOOD WRITERS, BE CRITICAL OF THEIR WORK. USING WRITING CONFERENCES, TEACHERS CAN GUIDE OR MODEL THE PATTERN OF INTROSPECTIVE QUESTIONING, WHICH WILL STIMULATE STUDENTS TO REFLECT ON THEIR WRITINGS. FOR EXAMPLE, QUESTIONS LIKE "WHAT CAN YOU INCLUDE TO MAKE IT BETTER?" "WHAT EXTRA INFORMATION SHOULD BE INCLUDED TO GIVE CLARITY TO THE CONTENT?" AND "HOW ELSE CAN YOU MAKE THIS STORY BETTER FOR THE READERS?" THESE QUESTIONS WILL HELP STUDENTS TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THEIR WRITINGS TO IDENTIFY AND CORRECT MISTAKES AND TO GENERALLY IMPROVE THEIR WAY OF WRITING AND THINKING.

WHEN TO USE WRITING CONFERENCES?

THE STRATEGY CAN BE INCORPORATED IN THE CLASSROOM WHEN ALL STUDENTS ARE ABLE TO INDEPENDENTLY ENGAGE IN WRITING ACTIVITIES. A BRIEF (3-5 MINUTE), ONE-ON-ONE INTERACTION CAN BE CONDUCTED DURING A GROUP WRITING SESSION AS LONG AS IT IS DONE IN A WAY WHERE IT WILL NOT DISTURB OTHERS. TYPICALLY, IT IS BEST TO HAVE THE CLASS WORK INDEPENDENTLY AT THEIR DESKS WHILE THE TEACHER CALLS ONE STUDENT AT A TIME TO THEIR DESK FOR A CONFERENCE. AS THE CONFERENCES ARE HELD DURING VARIOUS PHASES OF WRITING, THE SKILLS AND THE PHASES REQUIRED FOR WRITING CAN BE WORKED ON, ALONG WITH THE APPLICATION OF VARIOUS WRITING STRATEGIES AND TIPS.

HOW TO CONDUCT A WRITING CONFERENCE?

THE FIRST STEP IS TO INTRODUCE THE ENTIRE CLASS TO NEW CONCEPTS OR NEXT PHASES DURING WRITING WORKSHOPS. THEN, THE CLASSROOM CAN BE DIVIDED INTO SPECIFIC WRITING CENTERS WITH A LIST OF WRITING ACTIVITIES; FOR EXAMPLE, RESEARCH, OUTLINE, FIRST DRAFT, FINAL DRAFT ETC. STUDENTS ARE INSTRUCTED TO CONTINUE WITH THEIR WORK DURING THE SESSION AND TO WAIT THEIR TURN FOR A CONFERENCE WITH THE TEACHER. THEY ARE NOT TO INTERRUPT ANOTHER CONFERENCE UNLESS IT IS AN EMERGENCY.

DURING THE WORKSHOPS, TEACHERS CAN MODEL NEW STRATEGIES BY ANALYZING THEIR OWN WORK, USING THE "THINK ALOUD STRATEGY." IN DOING SO, TEACHERS CAN BOTH FAMILIARIZE AND EMPOWER STUDENTS WITH THE MODE OF QUESTIONING, ENABLING THEM TO CRITICALLY APPRAISE THEIR OWN WORK. USING A CONVERSATIONAL STYLE IN EACH CONFERENCE, THE TEACHER CAN GAIN INSIGHT INTO THE STUDENT'S THOUGHT PROCESS. IT WILL ALSO HELP THE TEACHER DECIDE WHERE THE STUDENT SHOULD ADVANCE TO IN TERMS OF HIS/HER WRITING. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT QUESTIONS SHOULD BE TAILOR MADE, AS EACH STUDENT IS DIFFERENT. THE INFORMATION GATHERED IN THE CONFERENCES AND AN OVERALL UNDERSTANDING OF THE ABILITIES OF THE STUDENT WILL HELP DIRECT THE COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK. TYPICALLY, THE FEEDBACK SHOULD BE POSITIVE, SHORT, SIMPLE AND SPECIFIC AND HELP FACILITATE THE STUDENT TO ENTER THE NEXT PHASE OF WRITING.

TIPS FOR STARTERS:

IT IS BEST TO KEEP CONFERENCES SHORT (3-5 MINUTES), SIMPLE AND SPECIFIC. ALSO, REMEMBER TO GIVE POSITIVE AND SPECIFIC FEEDBACK. STUDENTS FIND IT EASIER TO WORK WITH SPECIFIC DIRECTIONS LIKE A STRATEGY OR A TIP. A RECORD OF THE CONFERENCE IS TO BE MAINTAINED FOR EACH STUDENT. ONE CAN TAKE NOTE OF THE SKILLS OR PHASES ADDRESSED, TIPS AND IDEAS SUGGESTED AND THE OUTCOME OF THE CONFERENCE IN THESE RECORDS. A CHECKLIST CAN ALSO BE MAINTAINED TO ENSURE THAT A CONFERENCE HAS BEEN CONDUCTED WITH EVERY STUDENT AND THAT A UNIFORM SET OF TOPICS HAS BEEN ADDRESSED WITH EACH.

CHARACTERISTICS OF SUCCESSFUL WRITING CONFERENCES

AS IDENTIFIED BY DONALD GRAVES A WRITING CONFERENCE IS SUCCESSFUL WHEN IT HAS THE FOLLOWING*:

- A SPECIFIC STRUCTURE
- FOCUSES ON A SPECIFIC SET OF POINTS
- IDENTIFIES AND MODELS SOLUTIONS TO THE STUDENTS' PROBLEMS
- ENCOURAGES THE EXPLORATION AND APPLICATION OF VOCABULARY SUITED FOR THE WRITING
- HELPS STUDENTS FIND JOY IN WRITING

WRITING CONFERENCES ARE A GREAT TOOL TO HELP EVERY STUDENT WITH THEIR WRITING. TAKING THE TIME TO MEET EACH STUDENT AND PROVIDE INDIVIDUALIZED TEACHING WILL HELP THE CLASS AS A WHOLE, AS ALL STUDENTS WILL ADVANCE AND LEARN AT A GREATER LEVEL.

Sample Writing Log

Teacher Name: _____
Type of Writing (): _____
Goal: _____
Strategy: _____

Student Name/Date	Conferencing Notes
	Strengths/Areas Needing Improvement Observed During Instruction

SUPERINTENDENT'S ACADEMIC CORNER



Orange Township Public Schools

Gerald Fitzhugh, II, Ed.D.
Office of the Superintendent



Language for the NJQSAC Evaluation Results

The Orange School District Received their New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum Review Results

Pursuant to the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:30, the Orange Board of Education School District (District) has undergone the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) review. The Essex County Executive Superintendent and team conducted a review of the District's self-assessment on the district performance review (DPR) to verify the District's compliance with the five areas of NJQSAC: Instruction and Program, Fiscal Management, Governance, Operations and Personnel. Based on the review, the school district has been placed on the continuum of NJQSAC with the following placement scores for each area:

NJQSAC Results October 2023

NJQSAC Compliance Areas	Score (October 2023)
Instruction and Program	81%
Fiscal Management 92%	92%
Governance 95%	95%
Operations 97%	97%
Personnel 97%	97%

These placement results will be presented to the State Board of Education at an upcoming meeting. Per the Assistant Commissioner of Education within the Division of Field Support and Serviced Department, Dr. Christopher Irving, he shared the following: I am pleased to inform you that your district has satisfied at least 80% of the weighted indicators in each of the five areas of the NJQSAC review process and has been designated as "high performing." The Commissioner will recommend to the State Board of Education that your district be certified as providing a thorough and efficient system of education, for a period of three years or until the next NJQSAC review. Congratulations on this accomplishment.

Thank you to our fantastic teams at the schools as well as Central Office for working in tandem to ensure that we continued to have each area over 80%. The last evaluation presented out in June 2020 indicated the same, all five areas of NJQSAC with scores of 80%. The evaluators are experts in their given areas. Again, congratulations to our school district. We are certainly "Moving into Greatness." In the coming days, the DPR with the official letter I received from the New Jersey Department of Education will be placed on the website.

—Dr. Fitzhugh, Superintendent of Schools

COMMUNITY EVENTS



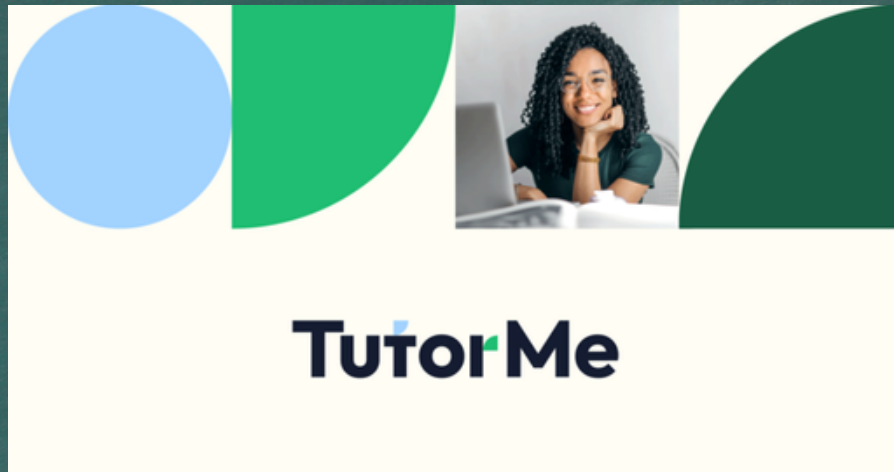
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY LUNCH MENUS FOR NOVEMBER 2023

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



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**.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!! PRE-SCHOOL ART EXHIBITION



**PRESCHOOL
ART
EXHIBIT**



Orange
Public Schools
"Good to Great"

**WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 15TH**

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

ORANGE BOARD OF
EDUCATION BUILDING
451 LINCOLN AVE, ORANGE, NJ

PRESCHOOLS FEATURED:
ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER,
SCHOLARS ACADEMY, JOHN ROBERT
LEWIS EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER,
HEYWOOD, OAKWOOD & FOREST

• DUE TO SPACE LIMITATIONS, ALL STUDENTS
WILL NOT HAVE ARTWORK DISPLAYED. •



**PREESCOLAR
EXHIBICIÓN
DE ARTE**



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Public Schools
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**MIÉRCOLES
15 DE NOVIEMBRE**

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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JOIN US FOR OUR PRESCHOOL ART EXHIBIT FEATURING ARTWORK CREATED BY STUDENTS FROM ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER, SCHOLARS ACADEMY, JOHN ROBERT LEWIS EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER, HEYWOOD, OAKWOOD, AND FOREST PRESCHOOLERS. THE ART EXHIBIT WILL TAKE PLACE ON

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 6 PM - 7 PM AT
THE ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION BUILDING LOCATED AT
451 LINCOLN AVENUE.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

THE FALL PLAY WILL COMMENCE SOON

THE ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT PRESENTS "THE ALIBIS: A ONE-ACT MURDER MYSTERY PLAY". SHOW DATES AND TIMES ARE BELOW:

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NOVEMBER 15, 16, & 17, 2023

SHOWTIME: 6:30 PM

NOVEMBER 18, 2023

SHOWTIMES: 1:00 PM & 5:00 PM

ADVANCE TICKET SALES ARE \$8
\$10 AT THE DOOR

NOVEMBER
15, 16, & 17
@6:30PM

NOVEMBER
18TH @1PM
& 5:00PM

The Orange Public School District
presents

Tickets:

\$8.00
ADVANCE PURCHASE

\$10.00
AT THE DOOR

THE
ALIBIS

A ONE-ACT
MURDER MYSTERY PLAY

The Auditorium at
Orange Preparatory Academy of Inquiry & Innovation

COMMUNITY EVENTS

ROSA PARKS COMMUNITY SCHOOL IS HOSTING A PTO FAMILY GAME NIGHT



ROSA PARKS COMMUNITY SCHOOL
COME AND JOIN US
PTO:
FAMILY GAME NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

Time: 5:30-6:30 pm Location: Gym	Tickets: \$2.00 per person Includes: Access to All Games -Light Snacks & Refreshments	Time: 5:30-6:30 pm Location Gym:
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THIS IS NOT A DROP OFF EVENT
ALL STUDENTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT
PLEASE REGISTER BY: NOVEMBER 13TH

NAME: _____

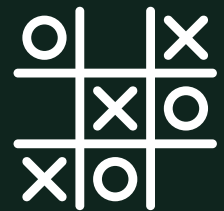
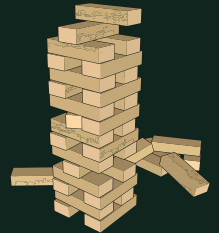
HOMEROOM: _____ GRADE: _____

NUMBER OF PEOPLE: _____

TOTAL PAID: _____

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT :
MS. COLORADO
ROOM 106
(973) 677-4000 EXT: 18106
COLORAGU@ORANGE.K12.NJ.US



ROSA PARKS COMMUNITY SCHOOL INVITES ITS FAMILIES TO THE PTO FAMILY GAME NIGHT ON
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023, FROM 5:30 - 6:30 PM.

TICKETS ARE \$2.00 PER PERSON AND INCLUDE ACCESS TO ALL GAMES, LIGHT SNACKS, AND
REFRESHMENTS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL MS. COLORADO AT COLORAGU@ORANGE.K12.NJ.US.
SEE THE FLYER FOR DETAILS.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



FAMILY STEM NIGHT @ FOREST STREET SCHOOL



Forest Street Community School



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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

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

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

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

FALL FESTIVAL AT JOHN ROBERT LEWIS EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER



AS PART OF ITS FALL FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES, THE JOHN ROBERT LEWIS EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER HELD A "PUMPKIN PICKING AND PICTURES" EVENT FOR STUDENTS TODAY.

EACH STUDENT WAS ABLE TO PICK A PUMPKIN THEY WILL DECORATE, AS WELL AS ENGAGE IN CLASSROOM DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE ATTRIBUTES OF PUMPKINS INCLUDING HOW THEY GROW AND FEEL.

THERE WAS ALSO A PHOTO BOOTH AVAILABLE FOR THEM TO TAKE PICTURES.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



PARK AVENUE SCHOOL - PINK OUT PROGRAM



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023, WAS PARK AVENUE SCHOOL'S "PINK OUT DAY" IN OBSERVANCE OF BREAST CANCER AWARENESS. STUDENTS AND STAFF WORE PINK FOR DAY.

COMMUNITY SCHOOL COORDINATOR, MRS. MOINVIL AND SCHOOL NURSE, MS. ELOI, HOSTED A RESOURCE TABLE OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL CONTAINING INFORMATION AND GIVEAWAYS FOR PARENTS AND STAFF.

PARENTS ALSO HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WRITE A GET WELL WISH AND/OR SOMEONE'S NAME THEY KNOW BATTLING CANCER TO PLACE ON A POSTER BOARD.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



MEND MARKET RETURNS THIS YEAR:



MEND HUNGER RELIEF NETWORK IS SPONSORING
A MONTHLY FREE FARMER'S MARKET
AT THE ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
(OECC)

FOR FAMILIES ATTENDING THE OECC ON
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, FROM 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM.



AT THE ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER, FAMILIES RECEIVED FREE PRODUCE TODAY, PART OF A MONTHLY FARMER'S MARKET PROVIDED FOR THE SCHOOL, THANKS TO MEND (MEETING ESSENTIAL NEEDS WITH DIGNITY).

STUDENTS ENJOYED HELPING TO SELECT JALAPENOS, MANGOES, GARLIC, POTATOES, ONIONS, APPLES, BANANAS, TOMATOES AND RED PEPPERS TO TAKE HOME.

THANK YOU, MEND!



COMMUNITY EVENTS

21ST CENTURY EXPERIENCE FOR ROSA PARKS AND OAKWOOD AVENUE SCHOOL SCHOLARS



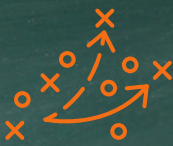
21ST CENTURY AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS AT ROSA PARKS COMMUNITY SCHOOL AND OAKWOOD AVENUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL PARTICIPATED IN THE 24TH ANNUAL LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL INITIATIVE. ANNUALLY, ON OCTOBER 26TH, STUDENT ACROSS THE COUNTRY ENROLLED IN AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS SHOWCASE THEIR ACTIVITIES AS PART OF THE INITIATIVE.

STUDENTS WERE ENGAGED IN THE STEM CLUB AT ROSA PARKS FOCUSING THE ARCHITECTURAL TECHNIQUE OF SCULPTURE BUILDING AND SHARPENING THEIR ACADEMIC SKILLS IN THE HOMEWORK HELP CLUB WITH ASSISTANCE FROM DREW UNIVERSITY VOLUNTEERS.

OAKWOOD SCIENCE TEACHER, DR. CLARK, LED THE SCHOOL'S GARDEN CLUB AS STUDENTS LEARNED HOW TO MAKE A BOX COMPOSTER, PLANT VEGETABLES SUCH AS BEETS, PEAS, AND MINT, AND THE EFFECT OF BAD SOIL ON THE GROWTH FRUITS & VEGETABLES.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



SATURDAY NIGHT LIGHTS - PINK OUT/HOMECOMING



THIS PAST SATURDAY, ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATED HOMECOMING AND SENIOR DAY AS THE OHS TORNADO FOOTBALL TEAM HOSTED BERGENFIELD.

ALTHOUGH THE TORNADOES DID NOT PICK UP THE WIN, LOSING 28-26, IT WAS STILL A GREAT DAY FOR FANS, STUDENTS, AND ALUMNI.

SENIOR QB MAURICE WILLIAMS HAD ANOTHER OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE, THROWING FOR 378 YARDS AND 3 TDS, WHILE ALSO RUNNING FOR 1 TD WITH 58 YARDS RUSHING. WITH THOSE STATS, MAURICE BROKE THE PREVIOUS ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL RECORD FOR PASSING YARDAGE AND TDS IN A SEASON.

ANOTHER STANDOUT FOR THE DAY WAS SENIOR WR MA'KHY ACEY, WHO HAULED IN 16 PASSES, FOR 237 YARDS AND 2 TDS.

THE ORANGE COMMUNITY WAS OUT IN FULL-FORCE TO SUPPORT OUR STUDENT-ATHLETES, WITH ALUMNI AND FAMILY ENJOYING THE DAY.

THANK YOU TO ALL THAT CAME OUT! GO TORNADOES!!

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 14, 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

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</p> <p>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>email contact: prekindergartenregistration@orange.k12.nj.us</p> <p>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.</p> <p>ORANGE RESIDENTS ONLY!</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</p> <p>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 Direccion Adicionales Foto Identificacion de Padre/Guardian</p> <p>email contact: prekindergartenregistration@orange.k12.nj.us</p> <p>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.</p> <p>[SOLO PARA RESIDENTES DE ORANGE]</p>

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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 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:

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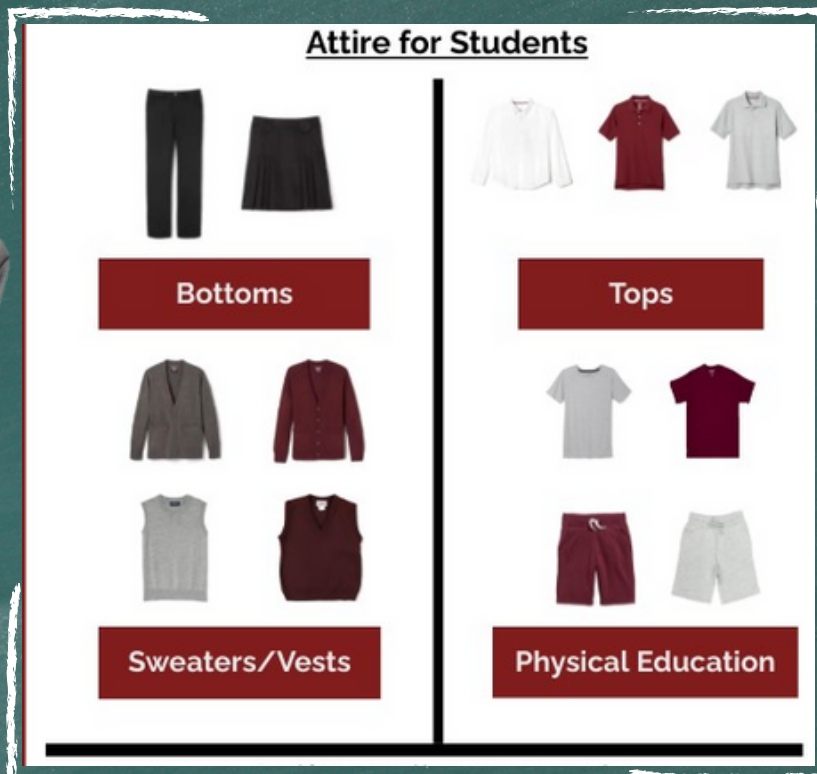
UNIFORM INITIATIVE DISTRICT WIDE:

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.



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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
TO FIND THE GENESIS PARENT PORTAL REGISTRATION FORM LINKS IN
THE ORANGE BOX UNDER ANNOUNCEMENTS



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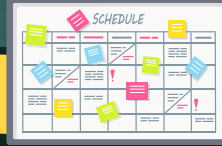
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EACH YEAR, YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATES IN A NUMBER OF ASSESSMENTS THAT ARE EITHER MANDATED BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (NJDOE) OR ARE ADMINISTERED BY OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT IN ORDER TO ASSIST US IN DETERMINING INDIVIDUAL STUDENT EDUCATIONAL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

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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, November 8, 2023
Wednesday, December 13, 2023

UPCOMING COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETINGS (PUBLIC)

ORANGE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE VIRTUAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 1, 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, November 8, 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>.