

# WEEKLY UPDATES

NOVEMBER 8, 2023  
EDITION

WHAT'S NEW  
FROM  
DR. FITZHUGH



Good Day Orange School District Families & Staff,

I hope this communication finds you well. Additionally, I am hopeful each of you are in great health and spirit. We had yet another exciting week within the Orange Public School District.

As a reminder, continue to visit our district website [www.orange.k12.nj.us](http://www.orange.k12.nj.us) under latest news and information as well as our social media handles to get the most up to date district updates. As promised, we will continue to provide information in real time, so you are always in the know.

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

As always, I thank you for your continued support and belief in our school district. I extend to each of you a great weekend.

Educationally yours,  
Gerald Fitzhugh, II, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

# 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](http://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 4 EFFECTIVE LEARNING MODELS FOR STUDENTS:**

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT? INSTRUCTION MUST CONTINUE AS WE EXPERIENCED LEARNING LOSS. VARYING FORMS OF INSTRUCTION WILL ALLOW STUDENTS TO SHOW GROWTH PEDAGOGICALLY. THE ONE SIZE MODEL CERTAINLY DOES NOT FIT WELL WITHIN OUR PRACTICES.



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EACH STUDENT IS DIFFERENT, AND WHEN IT COMES TO LEARNING STYLES, THE ONES THAT PROVE THE MOST EFFECTIVE DEPEND ON WHO IS BEING TAUGHT. ONE OF THE WAYS IN WHICH TEACHERS CAN MAXIMIZE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THEIR TIME IN THE CLASSROOM IS TO ROTATE THE TYPES OF INSTRUCTION THAT THEY'RE USING, MAKING SURE THAT THERE IS A MIX OF STRATEGIES THAT MIGHT WORK WELL FOR DIFFERENT STUDENTS.

BY COMBINING A FEW DIFFERENT TYPES OF ACTIVITIES, TEACHERS MAKE THE CLASSROOM A DYNAMIC PLACE TO LEARN AND KEEP THEIR STUDENTS ENGAGED WITH THE MATERIAL.

**HANDS-ON LEARNING ACTIVITIES:** STUDENTS OFTEN THRIVE WHEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE SOMETHING ON THEIR OWN. RESEARCH SHOWS THE MORE ACTIVE A BRAIN IS IN DIFFERENT AREAS, THE GREATER CHANCE FOR RETENTION. AUTHOR JUDY DODGE EXPLAINS IN A SCHOLASTIC ARTICLE, "IF YOU'RE ONLY LISTENING, YOU'RE ONLY ACTIVATING ONE PART OF THE BRAIN. BUT IF YOU'RE DRAWING AND EXPLAINING TO A PEER, THEN YOU'RE MAKING CONNECTIONS IN THE BRAIN."

HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES ARE TRADITIONALLY USED IN ARTS AND SCIENCE COURSES, BUT VIRTUALLY ANY SUBJECT MATTER CAN HAVE HANDS-ON LEARNING. FOR EXAMPLE, AN ENGLISH CLASS COULD USE THE SAME APPROACH BY HAVING STUDENTS ASSEMBLE PORTFOLIOS OF THEIR WRITING IN BOOKLETS FOR PRESENTATION OR HAVING STUDENTS CREATE DIORAMAS DEPICTING SCENES IN BOOKS THEY'VE READ. THESE TYPES OF PROJECTS CAN BE MORE MEANINGFUL AND ENGAGING TO STUDENTS THAN TRADITIONAL EXAMS, AND ENCOURAGE MORE CREATIVE, INDEPENDENT THINKING.

**COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS:** WITH COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS, STUDENTS GET THE CHANCE TO WORK WITH ONE ANOTHER TOWARD A COMMON GOAL. THESE EXERCISES ARE VALUABLE IN THEIR CAPABILITY TO TEACH STUDENTS ABOUT THE VALUES OF COOPERATION AND WORKING WITH OTHERS WHO MIGHT BE DIFFERENT FROM THEMSELVES. PAIRING STUDENTS WITH DIFFERENT SKILL SETS CAN BE A GREAT WAY THAT WHILE NOT EVERYONE SHARES THE SAME TALENTS, EVERYONE CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROJECT MEANINGFULLY IN THEIR OWN WAY.

COLLABORATION ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO ENGAGE IN PRODUCTIVE DIALOGUE AND IT CAN PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO FOSTER DEBATE. DECIDING BETWEEN DIFFERENT APPROACHES TO SATISFY PROJECT REQUIREMENTS CAN HELP DEVELOP STUDENTS' EXECUTIVE DECISION-MAKING CAPABILITIES AND THEIR ABILITY TO LISTEN TO OTHERS' OPINIONS AND SUGGESTIONS.

WELL-STRUCTURED COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS, ACCORDING TO A NATIONAL SURVEY ON STUDENT ENGAGEMENT, HELP STUDENTS LEARN THE FOLLOWING:

- **BREAK COMPLEX TASKS INTO PARTS AND STEPS**
- **PLAN AND MANAGE TIME**
- **REFINE UNDERSTANDING THROUGH DISCUSSION AND EXPLANATION**
- **GIVE AND RECEIVE FEEDBACK ON PERFORMANCE**
- **CHALLENGE ASSUMPTIONS**
- **DEVELOP STRONGER COMMUNICATION SKILLS**

**EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING:** GIVING STUDENTS THE CHANCE TO APPLY THE CLASSROOM LESSONS TO A PRACTICAL APPLICATION CAN BE AN EXCITING AND REWARDING EXPERIENCE. BY SHOWING THEM THE DIRECT BENEFITS OF THEIR NEW KNOWLEDGE, THE TEACHER IS HELPING TO CEMENT THE NOTION THAT STUDENTS' STUDIES ARE TANGIBLY PRODUCTIVE AND WORTHY OF THEIR TIME AND EFFORT. ACTIVITIES LIKE FIELD TRIPS IN THE LOCAL AREA ARE A GREAT EXAMPLE OF HOW EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING CAN BE INCORPORATED IN YOUR LESSON PLANS FOR THE YEAR. ADDITIONALLY, HAVING PARTICIPATIVE ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE CLASSROOM AND DIRECT INSTRUCTION AS THE HOMEWORK (OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FLIPPED CLASSROOM) IS AN EXCELLENT WAY TO ENGAGE STUDENTS WITH THE MATERIAL.

**DIRECT INSTRUCTION:** WHILE MOST OF US THINK OF DIRECT INSTRUCTION WHEN WE THINK OF THE TRADITIONAL CLASSROOM STRUCTURE, ITS EFFECTIVENESS HAS NOT DIMINISHED OVER TIME. DONE PROPERLY, DIRECT INSTRUCTION HELPS STUDENTS KNOW THE WHY BEHIND THE ACTIVITIES THEY'RE DOING.

WHEN INTRODUCING A NEW LESSON, IT'S IMPORTANT TO EMPHASIZE THE BROADER CONCEPTS AS A WHOLE TO ENSURE COMPREHENSION, RATHER THAN INDIVIDUAL FACTS, AS THESE CAN DISTRACT FROM THE OVERALL MESSAGE. DIRECT INSTRUCTION ALSO HELPS TO ESTABLISH ORDER IN THE CLASSROOM AND MINIMIZE DISTRACTIONS AND DISRUPTIONS.

WHILE THESE FOUR METHODS OF INSTRUCTION ARE BY NO MEANS THE ONLY WAYS TO TEACH A CLASS, ENGAGING YOUR STUDENTS WITH A ROTATION OF THESE STRATEGIES CAN HELP KEEP THE CLASSROOM A LIVELY AND DYNAMIC ENVIRONMENT FOR LEARNING.



# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY LUNCH MENUS FOR NOVEMBER 2023



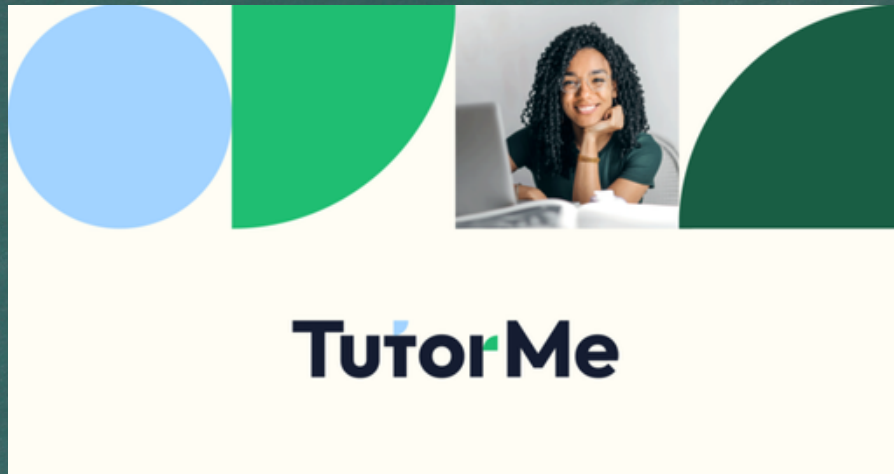
*The following links will allow all families to view the preschool, elementary, and secondary lunch menus for November 2023.*

- 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/DO  
MAIN/1/TUTORME%20FAMILY%20ANNOUNCEMENT.PDF.](https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/cms/lib/NJ01000601/Centricity/Domain/1/tutorme%20family%20announcement.pdf)**

TUTORME IS IN PLACE FOR STUDENTS ACROSS ALL SUBJECTS GRADES THREE THROUGH TWELVE.

SHOULD ANY QUESTIONS ARISE, PLEASE EMAIL  
**[REOPENINGOFSCHOOLS@ORANGE.K12.NJ.US.](mailto:REOPENINGOFSCHOOLS@ORANGE.K12.NJ.US)**



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## rites of passage initiative at orange high school



AS A CONTINUATION OF ITS "RITES OF PASSAGE PROGRAM", ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL(OHS) HELD A WALK THROUGH THE "HEART OF ORANGE", LED BY PRINCIPAL MR. BELTON. SENIOR MALE STUDENTS JOINED DISTRICT STAFF MEMBERS AS THEY WALKED TOGETHER TO SHOW UNITY, RESPECT FOR THEIR PEERS AND THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP.

THE WALK STARTED AT OHS, CONTINUED DOWN LINCOLN AVENUE TO MAIN STREET, AND CIRCLED BACK TO THE SCHOOL. THE ORANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT SUPPORTED THE WALK BY BLOCKING OFF STREETS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE WALKERS. THE ORANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT CAME OUT TO SUPPORT THE PARTICIPANTS BY CHEERING THEM ON ALONG THE ROUTE. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, DR. FITZHUGH MET THE STUDENTS UPON THEIR RETURN TO SHARE SOME WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT. ASSISTANT BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR MR. ZACHARY WAS ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE EVENT, STUDENTS AND STAFF SIGNED A BANNER THAT WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE SCHOOL.

WE ARE PROUD, WE ARE ONE, WE ARE TORNADOS!





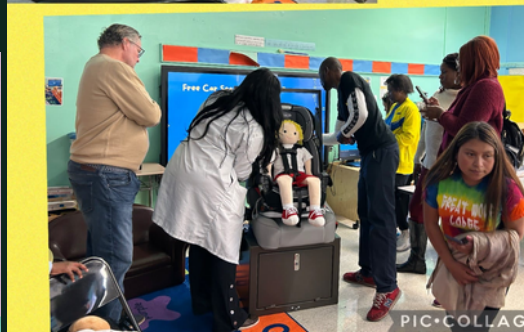
# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## CAR SEAT PROGRAM AT SCHOLARS ACADEMY



Scholars Academy:  
Car Seat Safety program



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Presenter: Doresha Jackson



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



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

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

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

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



# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## GARDENING INITIATIVE AT OECC

EAGLE SCOUT BRODY LINENBERG VISITED ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER(OECC) TO SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT GARDENING AND PLANTING WITH STUDENTS.

HE ALSO BROUGHT VEGETABLES FOR THEM TO TRY AND ENVISION WHAT THEY CAN GROW IN THE GARDEN.

THIS GARDEN WILL ENHANCE THE CURRENT UNIT OF STUDY(S) BY ALLOWING STUDENTS TO HAVE A HANDS-ON GARDENING EXPERIENCE.

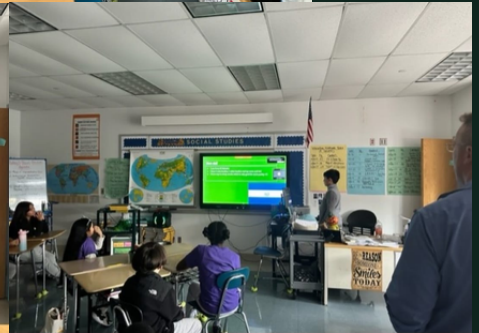
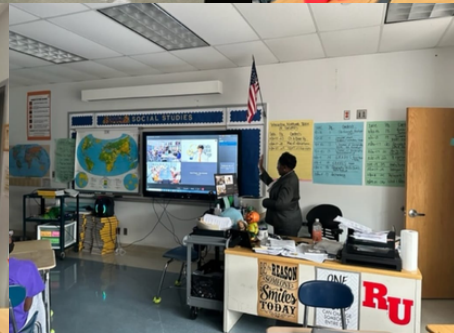
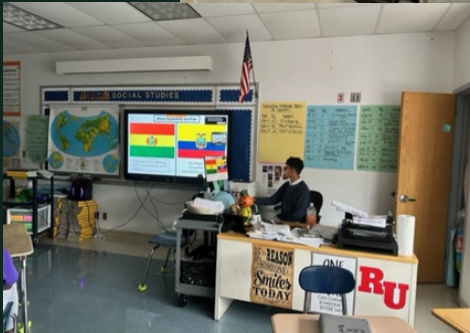
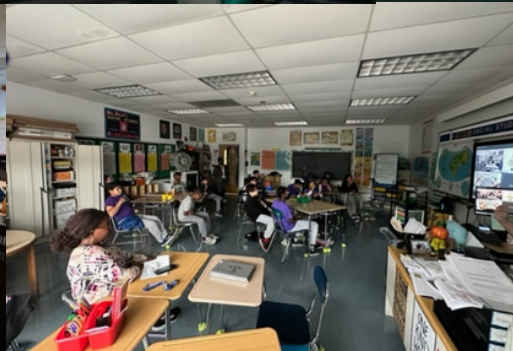
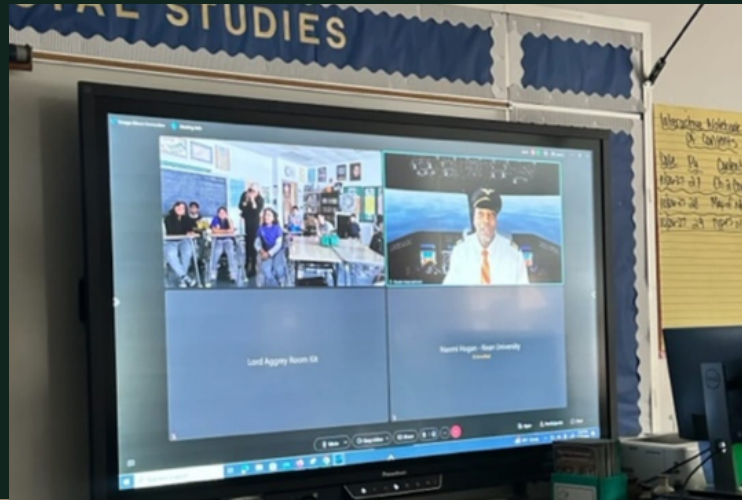
THANK YOU EAGLE SCOUT BRODY LINENBERG FOR BRINGING THIS PROJECT TO OECC!





# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## SOCIAL STUDIES PROGRAM THROUGH OIADIA INTERNATIONAL



MR. ROSE'S 6TH GRADE STUDENTS AT ROSA PARKS COMMUNITY SCHOOL HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH SCHOLARS FROM GHANA. MR. ROSE WORKED WITH THE SUPERVISOR OF SOCIAL STUDIES/HISTORY, MR. LEVENSON ON THIS VENTURE.

IN COLLABORATION WITH OIADIA INTERNATIONAL (NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION) AND KEAN UNIVERSITY, A PARTNERSHIP THAT BEGAN LAST YEAR THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, STUDENTS HAD THE OPPORTUNITIES TO INTERACT VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE TO SHARE THEIR INTERESTS AND FUN FACTS ABOUT THEMSELVES.

PRINCIPAL DR. JOSEPH-CHARLES STOPPED BY TO WELCOME THE STUDENTS.

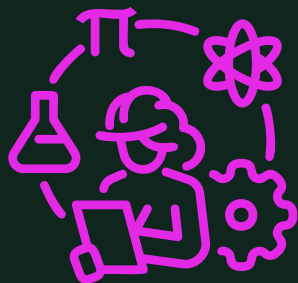






# COMMUNITY EVENTS




## THE ORANGE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOOK CLUB COMMENCES



The Orange Public Schools community is invited to participate in our districtwide

### VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB



**KATHERINE JOHNSON**  
**MY REMARKABLE JOURNEY**  
by Katherine Johnson

This year, our book club will read TWO books.  
We begin with the inspirational memoir of Katherine Johnson, a STEM pioneer and brilliant mathematician whose work was pivotal in NASA's first flights into space. Her story will inspire you in your role as parent, teacher, or community member to understand the powerful influence we each have in inspiring our children/students to dream and achieve.  
Join us!


We will host three sessions to discuss our reading on:

**Wednesday, October 18**  
Wednesday, October 25

**Wednesday, November 1**  
"Author Visit & Book Signing"  
6 pm - 7:30 pm

Our discussions will be facilitated by:  
Faith Alcantara, Executive Director, Innovation & Community Engagement  
and  
Dallis Whitley, District Science Coach, K - 5

To register, please scan the QR code provided:



THE FIRST (AND) REGISTRANTS WILL RECEIVE A "FREE" COPY OF OUR SELECTED BOOK. REGISTER TODAY!



THE ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOOK CLUB, LED BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INNOVATION, MS. FAITH ALCANTARA, AND DISTRICT SCIENCE AND STEM TEACHER COACH, MS. DALLIS WHITLEY, HELD ITS FINAL MEETING OF THE FALL SESSION ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2023, AT ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL (OHS).

CLUB MEMBERS WHO READ "MY REMARKABLE JOURNEY", THE INSPIRATIONAL MEMOIR OF DR. KATHERINE JOHNSON, A STEM PIONEER AND BRILLIANT MATHEMATICIAN WHOSE WORK WAS PIVOTAL IN NASA'S FIRST FLIGHTS INTO SPACE, WERE TREATED TO A VISIT AND BOOK SIGNING BY DR. JOHNSON'S DAUGHTER AND CO-AUTHOR JOYLETTE HYLUCK AND VIRTUAL VISIT BY HER SISTER AND CO-AUTHOR KATHERINE MOORE.

MS. WHITLEY, FACILITATED A PANEL DISCUSSION CONSISTING OF THE SISTERS AS THEY SHARED SOME INSIGHTS AND RECOLLECTIONS ABOUT THEIR MOTHER. THEY ALSO FIELDLED QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE ABOUT THE BOOK AND THE JOURNEY OF DR. JOHNSON AS SHE NAVIGATED WORKING AT NASA.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DR. BLANTON, AND DISTRICT STAFF MEMBERS WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.



# 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

## 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**



Orange  
Public Schools  
"Good to Great"

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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

## 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**

<b>Time: 5:30-6:30 pm</b> <b>Location: Gym</b>	<b>Tickets:</b> <b>\$2.00 per person</b> <b>Includes: Access to All Games</b> <b>-Light Snacks &amp; Refreshments</b>	<b>Time: 5:30-6:30 pm</b> <b>Location Gym:</b>
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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: \_\_\_\_\_

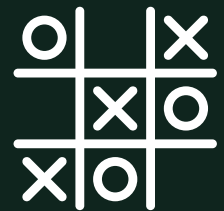
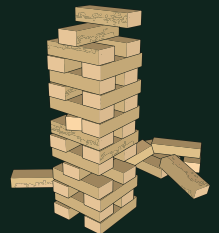
HOMEROOM: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

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



SCIENCE

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TECHNOLOGY

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ENGINEERING

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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](mailto: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

**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](https://ORANGE.K12.NJ.US/DOMAIN/528)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, AND EMAIL  
[PREKINDERGARTENREGISTRATION@ORANGE.K12.NJ.US](mailto:PREKINDERGARTENREGISTRATION@ORANGE.K12.NJ.US).  
WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

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



# COMMUNITY EVENTS



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

SCHOOL LEVEL	ARRIVAL TIME FOR STUDENTS	ARRIVAL TIME FOR STAFF	END TIME FOR STUDENTS	END TIME FOR STAFF
ELEMENTARY LEVEL (INCLUDING PRE-KINDERGARTEN)	8:30 AM	8:20 AM	3:00 PM	3:10 PM
ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL	8:20 AM	8:05 AM	2:40 PM	2:55 PM
ORANGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY OF INQUIRY AND INNOVATION	8:25 AM	8:20 AM	2:50 PM	2:55 PM
STEM INNOVATION ACADEMY OF THE ORANGES	8:20 AM	8:15 AM	MONDAYS 2:20 PM FOR TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  TUES - FRI 3:30 PM	4PM*  *INCLUDES STIPEND
TWILIGHT PROGRAM	3:30 PM* *3:00 PM - LUNCH	3:00 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM

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

## SCHOOL CALENDARS ARE NOW POSTED FOR NOVEMBER 2023

Each district school shared a monthly calendar of events and activities with families this week; including School Spirit Days, Picture Days, and Professional Development to name a few. See the November calendars on each school posted on social media as well as each school's website. Please find the following as samples:



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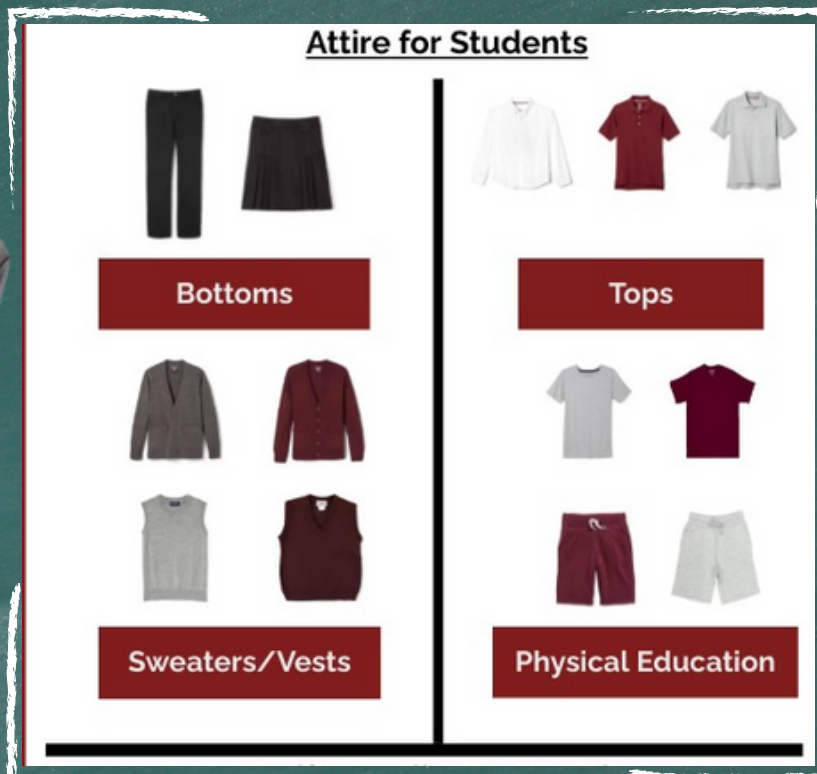
## UNIFORM INITIATIVE DISTRICT WIDE:

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](http://WWW.ORANGE.K12.NJ.US)  
TO FIND THE GENESIS PARENT PORTAL REGISTRATION FORM LINKS IN  
THE ORANGE BOX UNDER ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

City of Orange Township Public Schools

### Parent Access

User Name:



Password:



Login

Forgot My Password

Welcome to the Genesis Parent Access System for the City of Orange Public Schools

#### Information Regarding the 2023-2024 CEP Household Survey

The Orange Public School District is participating in a federal program available to select schools as part of the National School Lunch Program called the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). **Our participation means that all students attending the Orange Public Schools are eligible to receive breakfast and lunch at no charge throughout the current school year.** Yearly, your participation is essential in order for us to provide the Department of Education with the information it needs to ensure our school will continue to receive critical state funding.

**Click Below to Complete Your Survey Today!**

<https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/Page/33280>

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## DISTRICT ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

# Orange Township Public Schools

Gerald Fitzhugh, II, Ed.D.

Office of the Superintendent

Tia Burnett, Supervisor for Testing

## BULLETIN #3 District Assessment Schedule SY2023-2024 (Revised 8/29/23)

Marking Period Dates	MP1	MP2	MP3	MP4
Opens	September 7, 2023	November 15, 2023	February 1, 2024	April 22, 2024
Closes	November 14, 2023	January 31, 2024	April 19, 2024	June 20, 2024
Annual School Plan Dates	Submission 1	Submission 2	Submission 3	Submission 4
Due	November 17, 2023	February 16, 2024	April 12, 2024	June 18, 2024

### DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS: PRE-KINDERGARTEN CHILD OBSERVATION RECORD (COR)

Baseline	Period 2	Period 3
September 7, 2023 – November 17, 2023	November 20, 2023 – February 16, 2024	February 19, 2024 – May 24, 2024

### DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS: DIAGNOSTIC

Assessment Area	Grade Levels	Administration Window	Subjects Tested
District Diagnostic 1: Fall	1-12 Grade K	September 11 – 15 September 18 – 29	ELA: 1 – 12; MATH: 1 – 12; SCIENCE: 3-11 ELA: K; MATH: K
District Diagnostic 2: Winter	K-12	December 11 – 22	ELA: K – 12; MATH: K – 12; SCIENCE: 3-11
District Diagnostic 3: Spring	K-12	April 8 – April 12	ELA: K – 12; MATH: K – 12; SCIENCE: 3-11

### DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS: INTERIM

Assessment Area	Grade Levels	Administration Window	Subjects Tested
Unit Assessments	K-12	Embedded within the Curriculum	MATH; SCIENCE; SOCIAL STUDIES
District Interim 1	K-12	October 30 – November 3	ELA
District Interim 2	K-12	January 29 – February 2	ELA
District Interim 3	K-12	April 15 – 19	ELA

### END OF COURSE EXAMS (CTE/PLTW/DUAL ENROLLMENT/CAPSTONE)

Assessment Area	Grade Levels	Administration Window	Subjects Tested
Adobe Premiere	K-12	May 20 - 24	AV DIGITAL MEDIA - 100304
Serve Safe		April 15 - 19	CULINARY ARTS - 120503
Adobe Photoshop		May 20 - 24	GRAPHIC ARTS - 500409
Rutgers EOC		June 3 - 7	HEALTH SCIENCE - 510000
National Academic Exam		March 11 - 15	ROTC - 280401
PLTW Midyear Part A	K-12	February 6 - 17	PBS, HBS, MI IED, CIM, POE
PLTW Midyear Part B			
PLTW: End of Course	K-12	May 30 – June 9	PBS, HBS, MI

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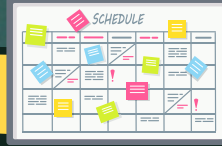
EACH YEAR, YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATES IN A NUMBER OF ASSESSMENTS THAT ARE EITHER MANDATED BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (NJDOE) OR ARE ADMINISTERED BY OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT IN ORDER TO ASSIST US IN DETERMINING INDIVIDUAL STUDENT EDUCATIONAL LEVELS AS WELL AS DETERMINING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT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

EACH OF THESE ASSESSMENTS ASSISTS US IN DEVELOPING INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES THAT MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR STUDENTS BASED ON THE DATA COLLECTED. ONE ASSESSMENT MEASURE CANNOT DETERMINE A STUDENT'S ACADEMIC TRAJECTORY, HOWEVER. THESE ASSESSMENTS ALSO ASSIST US IN REVISING OUR CURRICULUM YEARLY. PLEASE VIEW THE ASSESSMENT CALENDAR IN THE EFFORT OF KNOWING HOW WE ARE ASSESSING YOUR CHILDREN.

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

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## DISTRICT CALENDAR



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

([HTTPS://WWW.ORANGE.K12.NJ.US/PAGE/31659.](https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/page/31659))

TO THE DISTRICT CALENDAR APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF  
EDUCATION IN FEBRUARY 2023.

THE CALENDAR CAN ASSIST YOU BY KNOWING ALL DAYS IN  
SESSION AND OFF SESSION. SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY  
QUESTIONS, YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO EMAIL  
[REOPENINGOFSCHOOLS@ORANGE.K12.NJ.US](mailto:REOPENINGOFSCHOOLS@ORANGE.K12.NJ.US).

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

*EMAIL HAS REMAINED INTACT IN ORDER TO ANSWER  
QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE DURING THIS UNIQUE  
EXPERIENCE. WHILE EMAIL RESPONSES ARE OFTEN RETURNED  
WITHIN HOURS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE ALLOW 24-48 HOURS  
FOR AN EMAIL RESPONSE. THE DISTRICT WANTS YOU TO  
HEAR FROM US WITH ANY AND ALL QUESTIONS THAT YOU  
HAVE. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO KEEPING STAFF AND  
FAMILIES INFORMED, PARTICULARLY DURING THESE TIMES.*

PLEASE FIND THE DISTRICT CALENDAR FOR SY 23-24 USING  
THE FOLLOWING LINK:

[https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/Page/32723.](https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/Page/32723)



# 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.

### 2023 BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS MEETING SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, November 8, 2023  
Wednesday, December 13, 2023

### UPCOMING COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETINGS (PUBLIC)

#### 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.

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### DISTRICT GOALS AND THE STRATEGIC PLAN REMINDERS

*As we continue to Move into Greatness, I want our families and staff to  
continue to engage with the strategic plan and district goals.*

THE FOLLOWING LINK IS FOR THE DISTRICT GOALS:

<HTTPS://WWW.ORANGE.K12.NJ.US/PAGE/30018>.

THE FOLLOWING LINK IS FOR THE STRATEGIC PLAN:

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