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**Ronald C. Lee,  
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## "Bringing Out The Brilliance"

### Academic Competition 2015 PK-12

Since 2011, the Orange Public Schools have provided local academic competition opportunities for ALL students in grades PK-12. While our students have been competing in out of district competitions for many years, the district now offers "feeder" programs that have catapulted our students into regional and national competitive events.

It is important for students to apply learning. The events in this guide foster a love for learning and provide opportunities for students to demonstrate skill mastery.

The competitions help support the district's common core standards driven curricula. We hope that parents AND students take advantage of the opportunities to engage with like-minded neighbors in our Orange Education Community as we BRING OUT THE BRILLIANCE!



# Competition Line Up

**MISSION:** Orange Public Schools and their employees are committed to fostering scholastic aptitude and encouraging a sense of academic competitiveness amongst students and their peers at home and in surrounding communities.

“EVERYTHING is ALL WRITE in Orange Public Schools”

**A Writer’s Festival:** On Saturday, June 6, 2015, the annual writer’s festival will be held at Lincoln Avenue School. Students in all grade levels will display their work from school portfolios. Some of the district’s best selections will receive special recognition. **ALL STUDENT AND PARENT** authors are encouraged to participate as presenters and participants.

**Great American Spellcheck Program:** On the **LAST MONDAY** in September, students will take the qualifying assessment for the school spelling bee.

**Spelling Bee of Champions\*** On Saturday, February 7, 2015, grade level winners will compete for the district title in the Spelling Bee of Champions.

**Follow The Reader Book Challenge with Reading Rewards:** Students in grades 4-12 are responsible for logging in their books **AND RECORDING EXTENSIVE AND APPROPRIATE BOOK REVIEWS.** **CUT AND PASTE** entries **WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**

**History Bee\***

Using the resource material provided by the National History Bee, students in grades 4-10 will prepare for the local competition in March 2015

**TRYMathlon and MATH Quest\***

In the Fall of 2014, Math is Back! Our students in grades 1-3 will compete in our fast-paced athletically driven TRYMathlon. While our students in grades 4-7 will go on a Math themed journey of challenges in our MATH Quest.

**He Said She Said: A Public Speaking Competition\***

In December 2014, our students in grades 3-12 will compete in either our elementary or Secondary category

**Reel Deal Movie Challenge**

Commencing in October, There will be a video accepted on or before the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month on the topics listed to the right. Videos should be submitted **BOTH** electronically and on DVD (students should seek assistance from school’s technology coordinator)

**Order in the Court: NEW! \***

Many of our students have participated in mock trial competitions and law fairs within individual schools or outside of the district. Our schools will present several cases over the course of the year on relevant issues.

**CSI: NEW!**

Students will participate as teams in multiple investigations requiring them to look at evidence, make hypotheses, analyze data, and draw conclusions.

**GASP:** Over the summer, students in grades K-7 should study the word lists found on spelling city. The link is below:

Students will receive pledge sheets in September for family and friends to pledge a small amount for each word spelled correctly on the qualifying exam. Finalists will go on to compete in their local school bee on a date between October 15 and December 15.

Winners of the grade level competition will be eligible to compete in the district’s **SPELLING BEE OF CHAMPIONS** at OPA on Saturday, February 7, 2015. School winners are also eligible to compete in the **SCRIPPS** regional (Bergen County Community College) if the school has registered before October 15, 2014. The contact for the regional bee is Ms. Forster at [forster@northjersey.com](mailto:forster@northjersey.com)

Our **FOLLOW THE READER** reading challenge will officially commence on October 1. **NEW** students will register with the school’s librarian. Former participants will continue with current username and password. The challenge will conclude on May 1, 2015.

**HISTORY BEE** finalists will be determined based upon a qualifying exam. These finalists will represent their schools on teams that will compete for the title of History Bee champion. 4 students overall will take the Online Regional Qualifying

Exam to earn a spot to compete in the regional finals of the National History Bee (Held in Orange, NJ in 2014).

**REEL DEAL MOVIES** will be submitted by students on the following topics:

October 6:

- Hispanic Icon in Education, Law, or Entertainment
- HIB (Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying) prevention and/or awareness

November 5:

- Drug Prevention and/or awareness

December 5:

- Mockumentary on an American Civil Rights Leader

January 5:

- Gang Prevention and/or awareness

February 5:

- African-American Icon in Education, Law, or Entertainment

March 5:

- The Phenomenal Woman
- Marching to their own beat: Pioneers in Music

April 2:

- Autism Speaks: Are we listening?

**HE SAID SHE SAID** is a public speaking competition. There will be a competition for grades 3-6 and grades 7-12. Students will prepare speeches on topics from education to politics and in some cases use technology as a part of the presentation. The topics will be published on the district website.

[www.orange.k12.nj.us](http://www.orange.k12.nj.us) under academic competition.

**TRYMATHLON AND MATHQUEST** are tactile and rigorous activities that are common core embedded. The performance level descriptors for grade levels 1-7 are referenced to ensure an appropriate challenge level.



Students and Parents are encouraged to register early for competitions. \*Students may have to qualify for some competitions, however, every opportunity will be provided to be all-inclusive.