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- Saturday, March 18 at 1:00 p.m., *Disney's Aladdin Kids* at Rosa Parks Community School
- Sunday, March 19, FilmBoot24, Film screening/Awards/Red Carpet Celebration, doors open at 3:30, event 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Orange Prep Academy
- Thursday and Friday, March 23 and 24, 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 25, at 2:00 p.m., *Disney's Jungle Book Kids* at Forest Street School
- Thursday and Friday, March 30 and 31, 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 1, 2:00 p.m., *Sister Act - The Musical* at Orange Prep Academy

District Spelling Bee Championship

It was no surprise that students were well prepared for the annual district Spelling Bee on March 11 at Orange Preparatory Academy. Families, friends and supporting staff cheered on 49 contestants who were previous winners of their school spelling bees.

The program opened with welcome remarks and competition rules from the Director of English Language Arts (ELA), Ms. Karen Harris (*pictured right*). The Bee was officiated by Deputy Superintendent Dr. Paula Howard, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, retired Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Cayce Cummins, Principal Cleveland Street School, Ms. Stephanie Desanges, Orange Prep Academy Community School Coordinator, Ms. Caroline Onyesonwu, District Supervisor of Bilingual/ESL/World Languages Programs, and Mr. Kurt Mathews, District ELA Supervisor for Grades 9-12.



Students in grades 1 - 7 competed in several rounds; Grades 1 and 2, Grades 3 through 7 and a final round to determine an overall champion.



Pictured (left to right): Spelling Bee officials, Dr. Cummins, Dr. Howard, Mr. Lee, Ms. Desanges, Ms. Onyesonwu and Mr. Mathews; Ms. Amina Mateen and Grade 1 to Grade 7 Spelling Bee winners.

The first and second grade students were excellent spellers. They pushed the vocabulary words into the higher levels before winners for each grade were determined. This made the round for Grade 3 to 7 more difficult, but students met the challenge. In the final round for the district championship, contestants finished the words prescribed for the competition and moved into a supplemental list, until a winner was declared. The overall District Spelling Bee Champion is fourth grader **Vanessa Odunsi**, the second place winner is third grader Jayden **Moinvil** and the third place winner is seventh grader **William Morocho**. Winners were announced by Board of Education member Ms. Kaleesha Hill. Each winner received a trophy and the top three winners received championship trophies.

Spelling Bee Champions

1st place - Vanessa Odunsi

2nd place - Jayden Moinvil

3rd place - William Morocho



Pictured (in forefront): 1st, 2nd and 3rd place overall district Spelling Bee winners.

Grade Level Winners

Grade	Champion	School
1st	Riley Stewart	Oakwood Avenue Community
2nd	Kion Files	Forest Street
3rd	Jayden Moinvil	Park Avenue
4th	Vanessa Odunsi	Rosa Parks Community
5th	Arielle Hamilton	Cleveland Street
6th	Brianna Ajawuihe	Rosa Parks Community
7th	William Morocho	Rosa Parks Community



The ELA staff coordinated the successful event with Director Harris and Supervisor of ELA Intervention in the lead. They were well supported by the remainder of the team. The team members are:

- Director Language Arts and Testing - Karen F. Harris
- Supervisor K-2 - Adriana Hernandez
- Supervisor 3-5 - April Stokes
- Supervisor 6-8 - Library Media K-12 - Rosa Lazzizera
- Supervisor 9-12 - Kurt Mathews
- Supervisor ELA Intervention - Amina Mateen
- Teacher Coach K-2 - Karen Miola
- Teacher Coach 3-5 - Delia Abreu

Orange School Students Visit the National Museum of African American History and Culture

Submitted by Mr. Barry Devone, Community Engagement Officer

On March 1, 2017 several schools in the Orange Public School District traveled to the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington D.C. The participating schools were: Rosa Parks Community School, Oakwood Avenue Community School, Park Avenue Elementary School and Heywood Avenue Elementary School. Over 250 students and chaperones attended the trip. This was a great collaboration between district staff members (administrators and teachers), parents, Office of Community Engagement, Montclair State University and AmeriCorps. *(See below for individual school stories)*

Students visited exhibitions on Slavery, Reconstruction, the Civil Rights Movement and President Barack Obama. There were interactive displays including one in which visitors were asked various questions on how they would react to several scenarios including bus boycotts, sit-ins and civic engagement. Many of the students visited the athletic, pop-culture and music exhibitions to explore influential people from the past to present day.

AmeriCorps Family Liaison, Ernesto Lorenzo and Barry Devone, Community Engagement Officer are creating a short documentary of the experience.



Pictured: Scenes from Orange's trip to the National Museum of African American History and Culture

Oakwood Avenue Community School's OACS) Visit to the National Museum of African American History and Culture

Submitted by Ericka Stevenson, Community School Site Coordinator, OACS

On March 1, students participating in the 21st Century Afterschool Program were delighted with a wonderful field trip to *The National Museum of African American History and Culture* in Washington, DC. The students of Oakwood Avenue Community School spent the entire day exploring the Museum that exclusively documents African American life, history, and culture in America.

During the visit, students boarded an elevator, which takes you back in time, and once the doors opened, they found themselves in 1800's, where they were greeted by darkness and the sounds of the Ocean. Seventh grade student Asha Charles immediately noticed that this was the beginning of slavery in America, through the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade. While going through the exhibit, the students were presented with pictures of the wood and iron of one of the slave ships used to transport the Africans from their native countries to America. While exiting the "slave ship," 7th grader, Yahnyah Wideman found herself stuck in her tracks as she stared at the three different sized shackles that were used to keep men, women, and children from running away. Yahnyah stated, "I can't believe how small the shackles were for the children! Why would anyone do that to someone simply because their skin color was different?"

As the students continued with their journey through The National Museum of African American History and Culture, they gained their "freedom" through the Emancipation Proclamation and learned what life was like for freed slaves. Many of the students began to realize that just because they were "free", that life was not as easy as they thought it was going to be.

They found out that many African Americans were still not permitted to work, own land, attend school, and many of the African Americans who fought in the Civil War, once again found themselves on the outside looking in once the war ended.

The students then made their way through the Reconstruction, Segregation, and Civil Rights Era where they learned that even though there were several laws that were put in place to stall the advancement of African Americans that they still found a way to prosper by creating their own social clubs, schools, colleges, banks, and churches. After going through the Reconstruction, Segregation, and Civil Rights Era, they found themselves back in Present Day America, where they were greeted with speeches from President Barack Obama, the BLM Movement, and regular people who explained what being Black in America meant to them.



Pictured (above): OACS students at The National Museum of African American History and Culture.

During their time at the Museum, students were asked why they believed that Museums like this one are important and that is when 7th grade student, Kimani Brunson stated “Museums like this are important because it lets me and other people know that we were more than slaves and that if we work hard enough, maybe one day someone will notice and will earn a spot in a place like this!” Many of the students stated that this was their first time ever coming to Washington, DC and could not wait to get back home so that they could tell their friends, peers, and parents about everything they had seen!

Activities at Rosa Parks Community School

Submitter by Tiffany Walker, Community School Coordinator, Rosa Parks Community School (RPCS)

RPCS Explores the National Museum of African American History and Culture

Bright and early March 1, students and teachers from RPCS traveled to Washington D.C. to visit the African American Museum of History and Culture. The day was full of excitement and emotion as students and staff explored the museum, which featured extensive exhibits of African-American contributions to history, politics and culture! There were several learning moments as students took a walk through the times starting with the Atlantic Slave Trade and ending with current history, namely, the years of President Barack Obama’s term. Students, teachers, and parents felt proud and humbled to have the opportunity to visit the museum!

Helen Keller Foundation Visits Rosa Parks Community School



On March 2, the Helen Keller Foundation-Child Sight Program visited RPCS and performed eye exams for the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students. As a result of this initiative, 227 students received eye exams and 100 students were identified as having vision problems. The students who did not pass the vision screening will participate in a follow up appointment and receive free glasses in the coming weeks.

The Foundation will do a follow up visit in the near future for students who did not have receive an eye exam can receive one. RPCS is happy to have the support of the Helen Keller Foundation, to provide needed care for its students and promote health, wellness and success. Tiffany Walker, Community School Coordinator and Afrika Bond, Treatment Coordinator, RPCS Health Clinic organized the initiative.

Rosa Parks Community School Visits Drew University

On February 28, the Rosa Parks Community School 7th grade class embarked on a fun and rewarding trip to Drew University. The purpose of the trip was to expose the class to various aspects of the collegiate academic experience. Students engaged in a Q&A panel that featured representation from the Admissions, Financial Aid and Student Life Departments. The University President, MaryAnn Baenninger, also visited the RCPS 7th grade class. She engaged the students in conversation about her own college experience and her professional responsibilities as the university president.



The day ended with a scavenger hunt to introduce student to the different points of interest throughout the college campus. The day was exciting and enjoyable. RPCS looks forward to another visit next year!

Read Across America

On March 2 many district schools joined the National Education Association's Read Across America Day, a nationwide reading celebration held annually on the incomparable children's author, Dr. Seuss's birthday.

Scholars Academy Celebrates Dr. Seuss

Submitted by Mrs. Karen Machuca, Principal Scholars Academy



Dr. Seuss Day, or Read Across America, is always met with fun and reading

opportunities at "Scholars-Ville" (AKA Scholars Academy).



Pictured (right): The Cat in the Hat (Principal Karen Machuca) celebrating with Samantha (Oakwood) from the GT program.



Although Dr. Seuss Day is only one day, the Preschool students (*pictured above*) continue to enjoy the books throughout the month from Dr. Seuss. As a culminating activity, they will be celebrating Diffendoofer Day on March 30th with field-day and carnival like activities!

Lincoln Avenue School Read Across America Event

Guests at Lincoln Avenue School's Read Across America celebration included Deputy Superintendent Dr. Paula Howard, the Honorable Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq., Dr. Terri Russo, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Professional Development, and Data Assessment and Literacy Coach Delia Abreu were among the guest readers for Lincoln's Read Across America Day celebration. The event was a team effort coordinated in part by Media Specialist, Ms. Amisah Haqq-Mohammad, with much student and staff support.



Pictured: Deputy Superintendent Dr. Paula Howard celebrated the birthday of Dr. Seuss with Ms. Faye Coward's Kindergarten class on Read Across America Day at Lincoln Avenue School.

Also present to read and guide students through arts and crafts activities, in recognition of Dr. Seuss, was Ms. Malika Berry and Berry's Butterflies. The participating students, from Orange Prep and Orange High School's female mentoring group were : Irica Grisby, Aniyah Isaacs, India Henry, Imoya Brooks, Benjarly Etienne, Tymia Williams, Jasmine Chidi, Stephanie Bamfo, Wersverlie Compere and Rolanda Therzeus.



Pictured: Berry's Butterflies at Lincoln Avenue School's Read Across America Day.



Pictured (left to right): Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq.; Ms. Berry working with students; a Berry Butterfly assisting students.



Pictured: Student readers and class participation in Lincoln Avenue School's Read Across America event.



Pictured: Group photos of participants/helpers/organizers of Lincoln Avenue School's Read Across America event. Pictured far left is Assistant Principal Isabel Colon, Media Specialist Anisha Haqq-Muhammad, Principal Denise White and Teacher Coach 3-5 Delia Abreu.

Orange Preparatory Academy Celebrates Dr. Seuss

Students and staff celebrated the iconic Dr. Seuss with moments of reading during class time and a bit of fun during a break.



Pictured: Dr. Seuss is celebrated at Orange Preparatory Academy. (Pictures by Ms. Amina Mateen).

FYI

Orange Page Turners Reading Challenge Awards Readers With a NJ Devils Game

Reading Plus has run several contests over the past few months to inspire the students to read, read, read! Next Saturday, March 25, they will be taking 450 students and 50 chaperones to a NJ Devils Hockey game. These are the students who completed the most SeeReader lessons in Reading Plus. Congratulation students!

There will be a Dress Down Day on March 24 (\$1 for students and \$5 for staff), to fund the Page Turners Reading challenge. Stay tuned for more updates and keep reading!

The Orange Page Turners Reading Challenge

Presented by the Orange Board of Education in partnership with Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq., the Orange Municipal Council, the Orange Housing Authority, Scholastic Inc., Reading Plus and the Orange Education Foundation



JOIN US IN OUR QUEST TO READ ONE MILLION PAGES

November 25, 2016 - April 16, 2017

Register today at www.orange.k12.nj.us. Registration forms will also be available at the library and local and school events. Once you are registered you will receive a welcome email and the following link to log the number of pages you have read: [Orange Page Turners' Reading Challenge Tracker](#)

March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 OEA/OASA General Meeting 2:30 ^{PM} Dismissal for Students -- OACS BOE Lobby Art Exhibit 6:00 ^{PM}	9	10	11
12 	13 Monthly Board of Education Meeting 7:00 ^{PM} at Orange Prep Academy	14 SNOW DAY!	15 SNOW DAY!	16	17 	18 
19 FilmBoot24 - Red Carpet Film Screening at Orange Prep - doors open at 3:30	20 	21	22	23 	24 	25 
26	27	28	29	30  Sister Act at Orange Prep, 7:00 ^{PM}	31  Sister Act at Orange Prep, 7:00 ^{PM}	April 1  Sister Act at Orange Prep, 2:00 ^{PM} & 7:00 ^{PM}

Check the district [Web Site calendar](#) for March events.



See Below For Important Flyers

- Disney's Aladdin Kids at Rosa Parks Community School
 - FilmBoot24 Film Screening
- Disney's Jungle Book Kids at Forest Street School
 - Sister Act at Orange preparatory Academy
- Heywood Avenue School Color Me For Technology Fundraiser
 - Parent Academy Workshops

Rosa Parks Community School

presents

Disney

Aladdin Kids

Rosa Parks Community School
369 Main Street
Orange, NJ 07050

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017 AT 7PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2017 AT 7PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2017 AT 1PM

ADMISSION:
Adults \$7.00
Children \$5.00

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ALL SHOWS WILL
START PROMPTLY, DOORS WILL CLOSE AT
SHOW TIME. NO LATE ADMISSION OR REFUNDS.

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AT THIS SPECIAL FILM SCREENING

FilmBoot 24

**SUNDAY,
MARCH 19TH**

3:30PM DOORS OPEN
4:00PM FILM SCREENING
5:00-6:00PM AWARDS
AND RED CARPET
CELEBRATION

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PREPARATORY
ACADEMY**

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ORANGE, NJ 07050

Orange High School students
are flexing their storytelling
muscles at a 24-hour
filmmaking bootcamp.

Come Walk the Red Carpet
with Them and See Their
Winning Films!

FREE ADMISSION!

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Forest Street School

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proudly present



Disney's
The Jungle Book
KIDS



Advanced Ticket Sales



- Children & Students \$3 Adults \$7
- LIMIT - Only 100 seats for each show!
- Preferred show date is not guaranteed, please be available for other dates
- NO TICKETS will be sold at the door
- Please return attached form with cash in a sealed envelope

To purchase in school, see Ms. Murphy, Guidance Counselor or Mr. Lorenzo, Family Liaison

Ticket Order Form

YOUR NAME (Please Print): _____

CHILD NAME (Please Print): _____ **GRADE:** _____

HOW MANY TICKETS?

Please Select 1st and 2nd Choice

Adult \$7: _____ ☐ March 23, 2017 6:00PM

Children \$3: _____ ☐ March 24, 2017 6:00PM

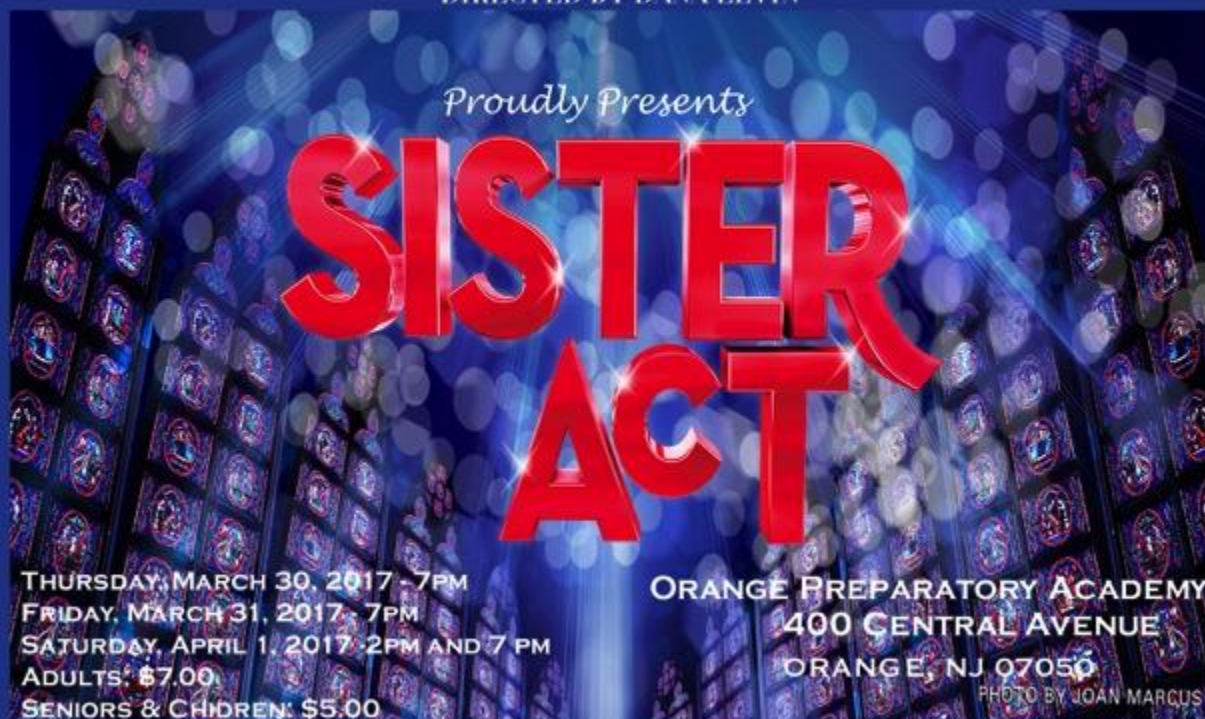
☐ March 25, 2017 2:00PM



Yancisca Cooke
Principal

ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL & ORANGE PREPARTORY ACADEMY
THE VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT

DIRECTED BY DANA LEVIN



Proudly Presents

SISTER ACT

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2017 - 7PM
FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2017 - 7PM
SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017 - 2PM AND 7 PM
ADULTS: \$7.00
SENIORS & CHILDREN: \$5.00

ORANGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY
400 CENTRAL AVENUE
ORANGE, NJ 07050
PHOTO BY JOAN MARCUS

Heywood Avenue School

Invites you to join our event
"Color Me for Technology"

join the fun!

April 29, 2017

Registration: 8:30-9:15am

Race starts @ 9:15am

Orange Park

S. Harrison Street
Orange, NJ 07050

a color run for all

run, jog, or walk at your own pace!

Registration fee: \$20 (before
4/12; \$25 after 4/12)

****All race participants must
register by 4/12/17**



Register Online!
www.heywoodMSCR.eventbrite.com

**A great new
fundraising event**

This year, we will be hosting our own school color run! This is an exciting way to promote awareness for healthy living and raise funds!

**This event is
co-sponsored by:**

Councilwoman
Summers-Johnson
and
21st Century
Community
Learning Centers





Orange Township Public Schools

Parent Academy 2017 Workshops



FREE PARENT WORKSHOPS

Parent Academy is a District Wide Initiative to support overall student achievement by providing families with learning opportunities and resources that will enable them to become more involved in our students success. By attending the workshops, or school related events/programs you can earn 1 point toward a Special Graduation Ceremony. Board Meetings (2 points) are held on the second Tuesday of each month.

EACH WORKSHOP IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO WIN FREE GIFTS!

March

Date	Time	Location	Topic	Facilitator
Tuesday 3/13/17	6:00pm	Board of Education 451 Lincoln Ave.	Technology Workshop	Ms. Epps
Saturday 3/18/17	9:00am- 1:00pm	Scholars Academy 268 Capuchin Way	EPIC Facilitators Training	Carole O'Brien
Tuesday 3/21/17	6:00pm	Board of Education 451 Lincoln Ave.	Communication	Coach Kumari
Thursday 3/23/17	6:00pm	Orange Prep 400 Central Ave.	EPIC Facilitators Training	Carole O'Brien
Tuesday 3/28/17	6:00pm	Board of Education 451 Lincoln Ave.	PARCC Training	Dr. Russo
Thursday 3/30/17	6:00pm- 8:00pm	Orange Prep 400 Central Ave.	EPIC Facilitators Training	Carole O'Brien

**For Information on Parent Academy Workshops/Programs/Events please contact:
Barry Devone, Office of Community Engagement
973-677-4000 ext. 6064**



Orange Township Public Schools
Parent Academy 2017 Workshops
FREE PARENT WORKSHOPS



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April

Date	Time	Location	Topic	Facilitator
Wednesday 4/12/17	6:00pm	Board of Education 451 Lincoln Ave.	Stress Management Workshop	Coach Kumari
Thursday 4/27/17	5:30pm	Orange Prep 451 Central Ave.	ELL/Bilingual Parent Workshop	Ms. Onyesonwu

June

Date	Time	Location	Topic
Saturday 6/3/17	9:00am- 12:00pm	Lincoln Avenue School	Bilingual ESL Fair
Wednesday 6/14/17	6:00pm	Lincoln Avenue School	Parent Academy Recognition Ceremony

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