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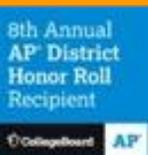
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## January EVENTS

- **Wednesday, January 30 and Thursday, January 31 Professional Development Day, 12:30 p.m. dismissal for students**

## Superintendent Search

**Superintendent Search**  
**Staff and Community**  
**Input Sessions**

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Lincoln Avenue School  
216 Lincoln Avenue  
(Jackson Street Entrance)

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Also, please participate in a survey to help develop the selection criteria, interview questions, and candidate reviews for the new educational leader of the Orange Public School District. Find the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OrangeSuperintendentSearch>.

## The Orange Page Turners Reading Challenge

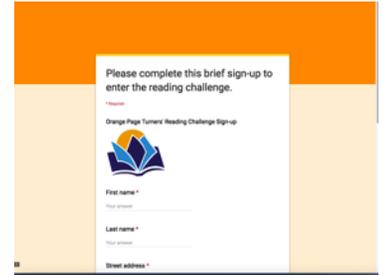
Contributed by Tia Burnett, Supervisor of Testing

Yes, the Orange Page Turners reading challenge is still going on for the 2018-2019 school year, with a quest to read 2 million pages by May Day. Since Thanksgiving, participants have read a total of more than 300,800 pages. Let's pick up the momentum, especially during our days off, when we read for pure fun and enjoyment.

The adults and community members have contributed 187 pages. Staff and teachers, don't forget the pages you read for graduate classes count, so register and log them. And don't forget to log the novel you read with your book club.



Please [click here](#) to sign up for the challenge and gain access to the tracker; it only takes a few minutes. You may also visit the district website for additional information at <http://www.orange.k12.nj.us>.



We also have the Orange Page Turners App for all Android devices. If you are a community member, organization, or parent, you may download the app for free and use it instead of the link above. This puts the challenge at your fingertips. Make all the pages you read count toward the 2 million pages mark.

Send an invite to a parent or community member and encourage him/her to get involved.

Keep in mind, there are various monthly incentives for schools through Reading Plus® for our students to earn free tickets to a NJ Devils game. Forest Street Community School won the December Challenge, logging the highest average number of SeeReaders™ and attended the January 14 game at Prudential Center. Who will be the January winner for highest number of words read in Reading Plus®? Let's go! We can reach our goal!

## NJROTC First Annual Military Inspection

On January 18, the Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) had its first Annual Military Inspection (AMI). During the Annual Military Inspection, Commander Jimmie Miller, Area 4 Manager of NJROTC Units, conducted the review. The purpose of the AMI was to provide a formal opportunity for the cadets to showcase what they have learned through drill performances, personnel inspections and reviews of the supply, material and administrative records that the cadets administer, all required by the program. The cadet company staff is also required to formally brief the inspecting officer on their goals for the unit for this school year, as well as their personal goals for life after high school. After the inspection, a formal program was held to commemorate the occasion.



**Pictured: Orange NJROTC First Annual Military Inspection ceremony.**

Staff and family members attended segments of the review, held in the Orange High School cafeteria. Present were Interim Superintendent of Schools Ronald C. Lee, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Terri Russo, Supervisor of Career and Technical Education Jahmel Drakeford and Assistant Principal Mohammed Abdelaziz. The program was officiated by the cadets with remarks from Chief Tom Sperduto, U.S. Coast Guard (Retired), Lead Instructor, Navy Junior R.O.T.C./NNDCC. Chief Sperduto thanked Commander Miller for taking time out of his busy schedule to meet the cadets, as well as Interim Superintendent Lee for his efforts in making the NJROTC possible at Orange High School. Commander Miller further mentioned that this effort had been an almost 10 year process, recounting his first meeting with Mr. Lee, and that he was proud of the cadets and that they were one of the best he had seen, so far. He applauded the program and how impressive the cadets appeared.



**Pictured (left to right): Chief Sperduto; Cadet Lieutenant Coates and Chief Petty Officer Holmes; Mr. Neglio receiving award.**

Chief Sperduto also acknowledged several milestones for the Orange NJROTC. Cadet Erica Holmes was promoted to Chief Petty Officer and the title of Cadet Supply Chief. She passed the promotions test given by the command staff leadership and was deemed ready for the next step of responsibility. Following her announcement, Chief Sperduto recognized the Cadet of the Month, Cadet Lieutenant Andrew Coates. This award is given to cadets who “go above and beyond and set an example for others.” He was instrumental in making the day possible by readying them for the supply and classroom inspections.



**Pictured: Orange NJROTC First Annual Military Inspection ceremony.**

### Cadet Highlights

Chief Sperduto announced that Cadet Lieutenant Coates has been accepted to the Disney Dreamers Academy. A program created in partnership with TV personality Steve Harvey and Essence Magazine. He is one of 100 exceptional students who will energize their potential at a life-changing 4-day event, March 21 – March 24, 2019, at the Walt Disney World® Resort in Orlando, Florida. The Dreamers Academy comes with complimentary airfare, hotel accommodations and theme park tickets for participants and a parent or guardian. Cadet Lieutenant Coates has also received a full scholarship to the College of New Jersey for completing the “Give Back” scholarship program. He is now in the process of creating step-by-step guidelines, along with Cadet Ensign Marvelous Ekeh, for 9<sup>th</sup> graders interested in pursuing the program. Their program goal is to have it mentored by the NJROTC Leadership Cadets.



The privately-funded Give Back scholarships identify students in the 9th grade, provide them with mentors and help them apply to the organization's partner colleges, which include Montclair State, The College of New Jersey, Rowan University and other schools in New Jersey.

(nj.com)

Chief Sperduto also acknowledged the following cadets:

- Cadet Lieutenant Stephanie Bamfo has been offered more than \$344,000 in college scholarships
- Cadet Master Chief Pierre Senat, Cadet Chief Tyreq Moulton will be joining the U.S. Navy
- Cadet Lieutenant Commander Tino Stephens will be joining the U.S. Navy as a reservist and was recently offered a \$150,000 scholarship to Heartwick College and \$180,000 scholarship to Chestnut Hill College
- Cadet Chief Petty Officer Joseph Menjivar is recognized as the senior athlete of the month for wrestling
- Cadet Maria Acteopan, and Michael Sanchez have been recognized as Student Upstanders for helping others

The cadets also made a special presentation to Anthony Neglio, Orange High School media specialist, for assisting the Orange NJROTC.



**Pictured: Orange NJROTC First Annual Military Inspection ceremony including Commander Miller (top left), Assistant Principal Abdelaziz, Interim Superintendent Lee, cadets and family members.**

## **SLAM-Students Learning About Medicine**

*Submitted by, Denise DePalma, Health Science Teacher, Orange High School*

Rutgers first and second year medical students visited the Health Science classes in mid-January to share their knowledge on nutrition and empower the students in a game of "Nutrition Jeopardy". This is part of the NJ Rutgers Medical School SLAM program. Through SLAM, the medical students bring the "Students learning about medicine" to life with hands on and one-on-one activities. The co-coordinators of the program are Ebony Jernigan and Candice Legister. Second year medical students volunteering their time include Thomas Ebanje, Yvlande Cajuste and Andrew Gonzalez. First year medical students that attend bi-monthly are Cecilia Uche and Mario Badro.



**Pictured: Health Science students participate in “Nutrition Jeopardy.”**

The medical students share their knowledge and expertise with all of the students in the Dynamics of Health Care in Society Classes. The medical students will be back at the end of the month to share a lesson the prevention of bacterial infections. In February, a field trip is planned to the medical school to participate in hands on activities in the laboratories of the medical school.

## **Berry’s Butterflies Ask Help to Give Seniors a College Start**

*Submitted by Malika Berry, Staff Advisor, Berry’s Butterflies*

Twelve members of Berry’s Butterflies will be graduating in June 2019. They have been members of the female mentoring group at Orange Preparatory Academy and Orange High School for five years. Mrs. Malika Berry, the group’s advisor wants to make sure these students have the materials and experiences they need to succeed in college, so she has created a funding request for her seniors at <https://www.donorschoose.org/BerryButterflies>



The young women in Berry’s Butterflies (**pictured left**) have worked hard to achieve academic excellence and some are honor roll students. They practice and work with the group’s mantra daily, "Berry Butterflies, Where a Caterpillar Becomes Her True Self." They participate in community service and work on self-awareness, self-confidence and bringing other young women along the road toward success.

The twelve students who will be graduating are in need of some essential supplies, the kind of things all college students require to have a positive jump-start. “These girls are awesome students and mentors who give back on a daily basis, so it will be nice to honor them before they leave for college,” said Mrs. Berry, “If you are able to help, you will have our heartfelt thanks.”

## **Rise Up and Dance**

On January 17, Orange High School (OHS) and Orange Preparatory Academy (OPA) presented *Rise Up and Dance*, the winter concert for the dance students attending both schools. Directed by Ms. Tosha Brown, OHS, and Mr. Alonzo Hall, OPA, the various dance ensembles performed entertaining and intricately choreographed pieces. Some notable performances included the opening “Keep Rocking!” by the OPA Dance Ensemble, choreographed by Mr. Hall, “Go Think Outside . . . The Box,” by the OHS Dance Ensemble, choreographed by Ms. Brown, “Yvaughn Project,” choreographed by OHS student Yvaughn Willis to the *Hairspray* soundtrack, and the closing dance performance “Hype,” by the combine OPA and OHS Dance Ensembles, choreographed by Mr. Hall.

Orange Preparatory Academy Assistant Principal Oliverto Agosto welcomed students, families and friends to the event. Before closing, dance instructors Ms. Brown and Mr. Alonzo came on stage to acknowledge the dancers, in particular the graduating seniors, parents and staff for their support.



**Pictured: Scenes from *Rise Up and Dance* on January 17.**

## **Oakwood Avenue Community School Spelling Bee**

*Submitted by Rose Morrisroe, Oakwood Avenue Community School Spelling Bee Coordinator*

Oakwood Avenue Community School's (OACS) spelling scholars studied very hard to engage in an academic competition and to come in 1<sup>st</sup> Place. The Spelling Bee was exciting and all the participants had fun. Parents were just as electrified as the students, especially when Principal Denise White took to the stage to spell supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!

The judges were OACS teachers Mrs. Morrisroe (Spelling Bee coordinator), Mrs. Francis and Mr. Meredith.

## **OACS 1<sup>st</sup> Place Spellers:**

- 1st Grade: Omotola Abe
- 2nd Grade: Aiden Green
- 3rd Grade: Nicole Williams
- 4th Grade: Melissa Hercules
- 5th Grade: Naomi Quinn
- 6th Grade: Lizbeth Torres-Lema
- 7th Grade: Cornillius Swan



**Pictured: OACS Spelling Bee winners with judges.**



**Pictured: OACS Spelling Bee participants.**

The top spelling bee scholars will move onto the district-wide spelling bee scheduled for Saturday, March 16.

## **FYI**

### **Preschool Registration for 2018-2019**



The Orange Public School District Early Childhood Program has scheduled registration for the 2018-2019 school year for Tuesday, January 29, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with the last sign-in at 12:00 p.m., at the Orange Early Childhood Center (OECC), located at 397 Park Avenue in Orange.

The Orange Board of Education provides a full day preschool education for all three and four year old residents of Orange. There is no fee for the school day (8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.).

The registration requirements are:

- 3 or 4 years old by 10/01/18
- Must be resident of Orange Township
- Original Birth Certificate
- Child's Immunization Record
- Current Lease or Mortgage Statement (*Note: If you are living with a friend or relative, you must be included in their lease agreement. Notarized letters stating you rent a room/apartment/house will not be accepted.*)
- 2 Current Proofs of Residency (i.e. PSE&G bill, telephone or cable bill)
- Picture ID of the Parent

Additionally, the Orange Early Childhood Program includes all children regardless of abilities. If parents are concerned about how their preschool child is developing or learning differently, they can call the district to request an evaluation for preschool special education and related services.

For more information about preschool registration call 973-677-4000 ext. 1922. See flyers below for details.

January 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		 New Year's Day District Closed				
6	<b>7</b> Orange Board of Education Organization Meeting, 7:00PM, 451 Lincoln Ave.	<b>8</b> Park Ave. Winter Concert, 6:30PM Monthly Board Meeting, 7:00PM, Orange Prep Academy	<b>9</b> Board Lobby Art Show, 6:00-7:00PM, 451 Lincoln Avenue	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	12
13	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Orange Public Schools Poetry Night, 6:00-8:00PM, Orange Prep Academy	<b>17</b> OHS & Orange Prep Academy Winter Dance Showcase, 6:00-9:00PM, Orange Prep Academy	<b>18</b>	19
20	<b>21</b> Martin L. King Birthday District Closed 	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	26
27	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> End of Marking Period 2 Professional Development Day, 12:30PM Dismissal for Students	<b>31</b> Beginning of Marking Period 3 Professional Development Day, 12:30PM Dismissal for Students		

**See *IMPORTANT* Flyers Below**  
***Check the district Website calendar for Concerts and Activities.***

# Superintendent Search Staff and Community Input Sessions



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The Orange Board of Education, in partnership with the City of Orange Township,  
Scholastic Inc. and Reading Plus, presents

# The Orange Page Turners

## 2018-2019 Reading Challenge!



**Join us in our quest to  
read 2 million pages  
Thanksgiving Day - May Day**

The Orange Board of Education is partnering with the City of Orange Township to promote reading to increase capacity and fluency.

Orange Township residents and business owners are challenged to promote reading by pledging time and resources towards the goal of reading two million pages. Prizes will be awarded.

**For more information, call Ms. Dannette Gomez,  
Office of English Language Arts and Testing  
at 973-677-4000 (extension #6088)**



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  - **2 Proofs of Residency (PSE&G bill, telephone or cable bill,**
    - **No cellphone bills, please)**
      - **Picture ID**

**If you are living with a friend or relative, you must be included in their lease agreement. Notarized letters stating you rent a room/apartment/house will not be accepted.**

*DATES: January 2019*

8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

**TIME- 10:00 a.m. to 1:00pm**

**Last sign in: 12:00 pm.**

*PLACE:*

**ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

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**973-677-4000 ext. 1922**

***Orange Early Childhood Program includes all children regardless of abilities***

***IF YOU ARE CONCERNED YOUR PRESCHOOL CHILD IS DEVELOPING OR LEARNING DIFFERENTLY, YOU CAN CALL THE DISTRICT TO REQUEST AN EVALUATION FOR PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES.***

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**4 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/18**

**DEBE SER RESIDENTE DEL MUNICIPIO DE ORANGE**

**PARTIDA DE NACIMIENTO ORIGINAL**

**EXPEDIENTE DE INMUNIZACIONES DEL NIÑO/NIÑA**

**DECLARACIÓN ACTUAL DEL ARRIENDO O DE LA HIPOTECA**

**Identificación de fotos**

**2 Pruebas de Residencia (recibo de PSE&G, teléfono o recibo del cable, NO CELLPHONE!) deben ser actual.**

**SI USTED ESTA VIVIENDO CON UN FAMILIAR O AMIGO TIENE QUE ESTAR INSCRITO EN EL CONTRATO DE ARRENDAMIENTO. NO SE ACEPTARA CARTAS NOTARIZADA.**

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**LUGAR: ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

**397 PARK AVE, ORANGE, NJ 07050**

**(973) 677-4000 ext 1922**

*El programa preescolar de Orange incluye a todos niños independientemente de sus habilidades*

***SI USTED ESTA PREOCUPADO POR QUE SU HIJO/HIJA ESTA DESARROLLANDO ALGUN PROBLEMA DE APRENDISAJE O APRENDIENDO DIFERENTE FAVOR DE CONTACTAR AL DEPARTAMENTO DE SERVICIOS ESPECIALES EN EL DISRITO.***



American Contract  
Bridge League

*Whirlwind Bridge*

## Learn Bridge in a Day®

**Saturday, April 13, from 9:30-3:30**

**Park Avenue School**

LBIAD is a fast, fun way to learn the basics of bridge in a day!

National renowned instructor, Patty Tucker, from Atlanta, Georgia, will be personally teaching the class.

Proceeds will be used to help fund Park Avenue's Bridge Club trip to the National Bridge Tournament in Las Vegas, Nevada, in July 2019.

**\$20 through March 15**

**\$30 March 16-31**

**\$50 in April**

Registration includes lesson, bridge manual, breakfast, lunch, snacks, Tricky Tray, and door prizes.

Dr. Denise Harlem  
Park Avenue School  
973-677-4000, ext. 4052  
harlemde@orange.k12.nj.us

Make check or money order payable to Park Avenue School and mail to:

Park Avenue School  
Attn: Dr. Denise Harlem, Bridge Instructor  
231 Park Avenue  
Orange, NJ 07050

Ms. Barbara Clark  
Unit 140  
ACBL Education Liaison  
Orange Education Foundation

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**\$20 Super Early Bird (by March 15)**

**\$30 March 16-31**

**\$50 All April registrations**

**Registration Form:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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