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Pictured: Dr. Cayce Cummins addresses Cleveland Street School families. Standing behind her are members of the PTO.

Surrounded by members of the Cleveland Street Parent Organization, Principal Dr. Cayce Cummins (***pictured left with PTO members***), greeted families at Back-to-School-Night on September 17. She made introductions of each teacher and those who provide special services, such as Mrs. Lynn Jacobs, school nurse, who invited students to join her walking club, Ms. Miriam Martin, Technology Coordinator, Mr. Daniel Turk, School Counselor, and Mr. Brian Silvoy, music teacher, who was thanked for playing keyboards for the evening.

After introductions and an announcement from the Parent Organization team, about their upcoming fundraiser, parents visited classrooms to review their child's routine and course/class expectations. Dr. Cummins made the rounds, as well. She wrote on the board, in one classroom, a reminder for parents to return their lunch forms, backing up one of the points she made in her opener. Dr. Cummins also introduced the Rutgers Trio Program and encouraged parents to complete the school survey.



Pictured (left to right): Parent Academy representative, Ms. Marjorie Gilbert, greets parents; Rutgers Trio representatives; Parents complete school survey at stations set up in the lobby.



Pictured: (left to right): Teachers being introduced by Dr. Cummins; School Secretary, Ms. Simone Davis; School Nurse, Ms. Lynn Jacobs; School Counselor, Mr. Daniel Turk.



Pictured: (left to right): Dr. Cummins with a gentle reminder re Lunch Applications; A classroom presentation; A classroom visit.



Pictured: Scenes from classroom visits.

Orange Early Childhood Center



The Principal of Early Childhood, Ms. Jacquelyn Blanton, hosted pre-school families at the Orange Early Childhood Center for Back-to-School-Night on September 21 and 23.



Pictured (left to right): Early Childhood Principal, Ms. Jacquelyn Blanton, and School Counselor, Ms. Carol Daly, at Back-to-School-Night on September 21.



Pictured: Ms. Daly and Mr. Holmes greeting a parent and student on September 21.

At the sign-in table, School Counselor, Ms. Carol Daly and the PA representative, Mr. Dwight Holmes, gave families a Family Food Kit and a snack for children from the Parent Academy.

Parents then visited the classroom where they picked up packets labeled with their child's name. Teachers introduced themselves and gave an overview of the curriculum, classroom procedures and expectations.



Parents also received necessary contact information (**pictured above**) and were giving a preview of what their children do during the school day. Children who accompanied their parents busied themselves with familiar activities.



Pictured (above) Classroom scenes from OECC Back-to-School-Night on September 21.



Pictured: Scenes from OECC Back-to-School-Night on September 21.

Rosa Parks Community School

There were two sessions held for Back-to-School-Night at Rosa Parks Community School (RPCS) on September 22. Parents of K through grade 3 students gathered in the cafeteria at 3:30 p.m. for a detailed overview from Principal Debra Joseph-Charles. Parents of grade 4 - 7 students met at 6:00 p.m. At both sessions, parents had an opportunity to receive real-time translation of the presentation in Spanish and Creole. Headsets were handed out to those requesting one at the start of each meeting.

After her welcome remarks, Ms. Joseph-Charles introduced Assistant Principals, Mr. Oliverto Agosto and Mr. Joshua Chuy, before she gave a PowerPoint presentation that detailed school accomplishments, student achievements and goals for the school year. She highlighted that the proficiency scores for the NJASK Science test increased from 68% to 76%, from 2013-14 to 2014-15. Along with this accomplishment for RPCS, which now has an enrollment of 1,003, she noted that the school has been accepted as a participant in the Disney Musical in Schools program with the NJ Performing Arts Center. Ms. Joseph-Charles further acknowledged that RPCS teacher, Ms. Nyree Delgado, had received National Board Certification.

Mr. Barry Devone, Community School Coordinator, also addressed each session regarding the Community Room and the services available to parents, inviting to stop by the information table to learn more about community programs, such as Adult ESL classes. PTO and Parent Academy member, Mr. Dwight Holmes, who encouraged parents to get involved in both of these activities, followed him. Support staff, including school nurses, Ms. Seibert and Ms. Garcia, and guidance counselors, Ms. Pagano (PreK-3) and Mrs. Murphy (4-7) also addressed parents.

After stressing her goals for the school year, including decreasing chronic absenteeism and tardiness, gaining 100% return of Lunch Applications, and increasing student proficiency, Ms. Joseph-Charles ended her presentation and gave instructions to parents for visiting the classrooms.

Each teacher had different procedures for introducing themselves, presenting the curriculum and stating expectations.



Pictured: Ms. Joseph-Charles gets ready for her presentation.



Pictured: B. Devone speaks with a parent; RPCS staff readies headsets for translation system; Guest visits Parent Academy table.



Pictured (left to right): Headsets being given out for translation service; District translators; Presentation slide.



Pictured (left to right): Presentation in the RPCS Cafeteria; Classroom visits.



Pictured: RPCS classroom visits.

Forest Street PTO Welcomes Large Group of Parents and Teachers

Submitted by Mr. Bill Donnelly, ESL Teacher, Forest Street School

Interested parents, representing grades Pre-K to 7 at Forest Street School, filled the school library on September 21 to meet administrators, staff, teachers and other parents. About a dozen teachers and school staff were on hand to greet parents, including Principal Yancisca Cooke, Assistant Principal Najran Cowins, Administrative Assistant Renee Willis and Head of Security Dawn Martin.

The crowd of arriving parents was larger than expected. To accommodate the attendees, Ms. Cooke and the other administrators helped to make nametags and brought additional chairs into the room. There was lots of excitement as parents got to know each other and shared their ideas for the first fund raising project.



Pictured: Forest Street PTO meet with interested parents in the school library.

During the meeting, parents nominated candidates for PTO leadership positions and also learned that the Forest PTO has established a relationship with a local business: *Jersey Mike's Subs* restaurant. At the conclusion of the meeting, parents and teachers enjoyed sub sandwiches, snacks and drinks generously provided by *Jersey Mike's*.



Pictured (left to right): Two group photos of Forest Street families who met on September 21.

Forest PTO is off to a great start! A PTO election is already underway, and the next Forest PTO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 4:30 PM in the Forest Street School Library. All Forest parents and teachers are invited to attend.

Orange Schools Participate In Global Collaboration Day

Submitted by Ms. Linda Epps, Supervisor of History/Social Studies and Technology



Students, teachers, and organizations celebrated *Global Collaboration Day* on September 17th!

The Orange Public Schools, along with 351 other schools participated in an all-day global celebration. This was just one day designed to bring heightened awareness of the possibilities. Global connections and collaborations can happen throughout the calendar year.

On this day (and beyond), experienced global educators and professionals [hosted] connective projects and events and [invited] public participation. The primary goals of this whole day event [was] to demonstrate the power of global connectivity in classrooms, schools, institutions of informal learning and universities around the world, and to introduce others to the tools, resources and projects that are available to educators today.

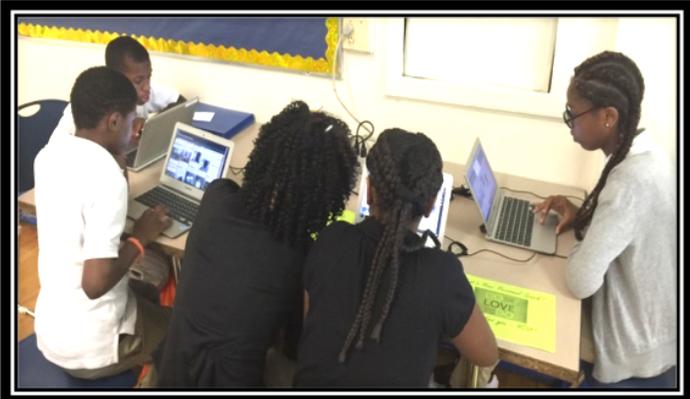
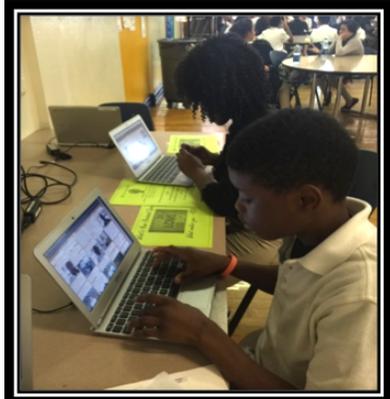
<http://www.globalcollaborationday.org/home.html>

Orange Preparatory and Orange High School participated in an event through a *Padlet*, an online virtual "bulletin" board, where people from around the world posted their response to the question: "**What's your personal spark? What makes you- -you?**"

C Gordon OPA Orange NJ
My spark is running fast and I'm part of the track team. It makes me feel good inside.

Patrick Vance, OHS, Orange, NJ
My spark is basketball because it is

Pictured: Sample response to What's YOUR personal spark that makes YOU- YOU? Click the link to see more: http://padlet.com/diana_coyne/globaledpersonalspark



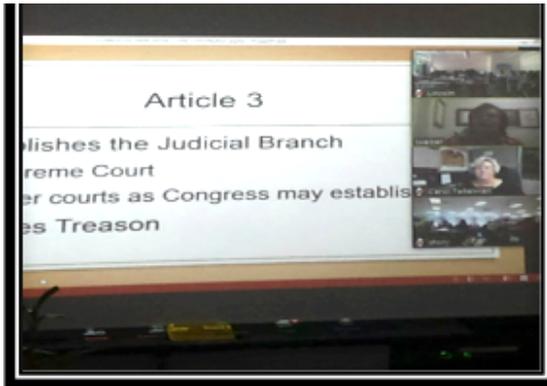
Pictured: Students posting their response to What's YOUR personal spark that makes YOU- YOU?



Pictured: Lincoln Avenue School students participating in the *Marshmallow Challenge*.

Lincoln Avenue School and Rosa Parks Community School participated in the *Marshmallow Challenge*. The *Marshmallow Challenge* is a remarkably fun and instructive design exercise that encourages teams from all over the United States to experience profound lessons in collaboration, innovation and creativity. The challenge: Get teams into a creative frame of mind and invest 40 minutes to run *The Marshmallow Challenge*. The task is simple: in eighteen minutes, teams must build the tallest free-standing structure out of 20 sticks of spaghetti, one yard of tape, one yard of string, and one marshmallow. The marshmallow needs to be on top.

Lincoln Avenue School also participated in *Constitution Day*, whereby a former Texas judge spoke about the importance of the US Constitution in building America's institutions and working as a society. The judge also talked about how the U. S. Constitution is relevant in today's society and how it compares to more modern constitutions. Questions from participants guided the discussion after the judge's opening remarks. Students from across the United States participated in this event.



Pictured: Constitution Day collaboration at Lincoln Avenue School.



Cleveland Street School participated in a *Mystery Skype*. During a *Mystery Skype* participants use geographical information to determine their partner's location. Cleveland's questions helped them to zoom in on the southeast region of the United States. After determining that their partner was located in Florida and then Miami, all of the students cheered and clapped (*pictured left*). The school was Sunset Elementary in Miami.

Mystery Skype: <https://education.skype.com/mysteryskype>.



Pictured: Cleveland Street students participating in *Mystery Skype*.

Park Avenue School also participated in the *Marshmallow Challenge* and *Mystery Skype*. Use the links below to view the videos of the student experiences.

Marshmallow Challenge



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FLQviggL6Sc>

Mystery Skype



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hIy3q44uaz0>

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Art Show



The Cleveland Street School Board of Education Lobby Art Show has been rescheduled for:

Monday, September 28, 2015

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

451 Lincoln Avenue.

BDPA, Families In Technology Day

Submitted by Mr. Max Nixon, Smart lab Instructor, Orange High School

The New Jersey chapter of the Black Data Processing Associates (BDPA) presents the *12th Annual Families in Technology Day (FIT)*, on Saturday, October 10, 2015, at Rutgers University-The Center for Urban Entrepreneurship & Economic Development (CUEED), Bove Auditorium - 1 Washington Place, Newark, from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **Registration is required!**

In 2003, BDPA New Jersey initiated Families in Technology Day, an annual event to increase the technology awareness in the surrounding communities. . . . *Families in Technology Day* is one of the marquee programs hosted by BDPANJ and it attracts almost 400 people each year. During the program the chapter provides several learning workshops (in the areas of finance, technology, and family health) and ends the day with a raffle where they give away over 100 laptops donated by one of its corporate partners.

<http://www.bdpa.org/group/NJ>

REGISTRATION INFO BDPA Families In Tech Day (Click the link to register)

10/10/15 <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bdpa-new-jersey-12th-annual-families-in-technology-day-tickets-18528863329>

2015 Blueprint for Success: Preparing for College, Work, & Beyond.

Submitted by Mr. Max Nixon, Smart lab Instructor, Orange High School

The North Jersey Chapter of the Links will present a college resource fair: **2015 Blueprint for Success: Preparing for College, Work, & Beyond**, on Saturday, October 3, 2015, at the Rutgers Newark Paul Roberson Campus Center, 350 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Attendees will have an opportunity to meet with over 20 colleges and universities, attend customized workshops for parents and students, and see the latest technology and devices in the organization's new Microsoft Technology Lab. The event will feature Navarrow Wright, president of Maximum Leverage Solutions, as keynote speaker.

For more information, contact Robyn Pitts, Blueprint for Success Program Chair, The North Jersey Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, in Partnership with United Way of Essex and West Hudson and Rutgers University at 973-902--2722, robynmpitts@msn.com.

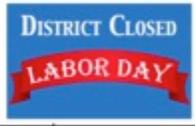
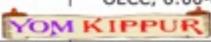
Registration is required (click link to register):

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?llr=yd5d9xbab&oeidk=a07ebhosa0vff795b8f>

See flyer below.

Back-to-School-Night Schedule

Career and Innovation Academy of Orange	September 29	6:00-8:00
Orange Preparatory Academy	September 29	6:00-8:00
Orange High School	September 30	6:00-8:00

 <h1 style="text-align: center;">September 2015</h1>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Superintendent's Forum, 8:30-11:00 ^{AM} at OPA; 12:00 ^{PM} District Professional Development	2 District Professional Development	3 District Professional Development	4 District Professional Development 12:30 ^{PM} Dismissal for Staff	5
6	7 	8  Monthly Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 ^{PM} at OPA	9	10 Back To School Night Scholars Academy 6:00-7:30 ^{PM}	11	12
13	14 Back To School Night Forest Street School 6:00-8:00 ^{PM} 	15  Sept. 15-Oct. 15 Back To School Night Heywood Avenue School 5:30-7:30 ^{PM}	16 Back To School Night Lincoln Avenue School 6:00-8:00 ^{PM} Cleveland Lobby Art Show Postponed	17 Back To School Night Cleveland Street School, 5:00-7:00 ^{PM} Oakwood Avenue Community School 6:00-8:00 ^{PM}	18	19
20	21 Back To School Night Orange Early Childhood Center (OECC) 6:00-8:00 ^{PM}	22 Back To School Night Rosa Parks Community School 6:00-8:00 ^{PM} 	23  Back To School Night OECC, 6:00-8:00 ^{PM}	24 Professional Development 12:30 ^{PM} Dismissal for Students Back To School Night Park Avenue School 6:00-8:00 ^{PM}	25	26
27	28 Cleveland Lobby Art Show 6:00 ^{PM} - Board Office (New day)	29 Back To School Night - Career and Innovation Academy of Orange 6:00-8:00 ^{PM} Orange Preparatory Academy 6:00-8:00 ^{PM}	30 Back To School Night Orange High School 6:00-8:00 ^{PM}			

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Back To School Night
Your Child's Success Continues
Tuesday, September 29, 2015 @ 6pm

Career and Innovation Academy of Orange

"CIAO Jeans for Teens"

Wednesday September 30, 2015.

**Students whose families are represented are
eligible.**

123 Cleveland Street

Dr. Erica Stewart, Principal

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The North Jersey Chapter of The Links, Incorporated Presents



2015 BLUEPRINT FOR SUCCESS PREPARING FOR COLLEGE, WORK & BEYOND

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Join technology experts from Microsoft at Willowbrook Mall and leaders in education, who will share their tips for creating a BLUEPRINT FOR SUCCESS!

9th-12th grade students and their parents will learn how to use technology to succeed and receive valuable tools to excel in school and prepare for college.

Featured Workshops:

- The A, B, C's of College Admissions
- Technology 101: Improve Grades and Spark Creativity
- Financial Aid Planning Made Easy
- Protect Your Family on the Internet, and more!

Visit our Resource Fair with over 20 colleges, financial aid partners, and the Microsoft Technology Lab!

REGISTER TODAY

When: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2015
8:00AM – 5:00PM

Where: PAUL ROBESON CAMPUS CENTER
350 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD.
NEWARK, NJ 07102

Register: www.unitedwayessex.org or
www.northjerseylinks.org

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL ATTENDEES.

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