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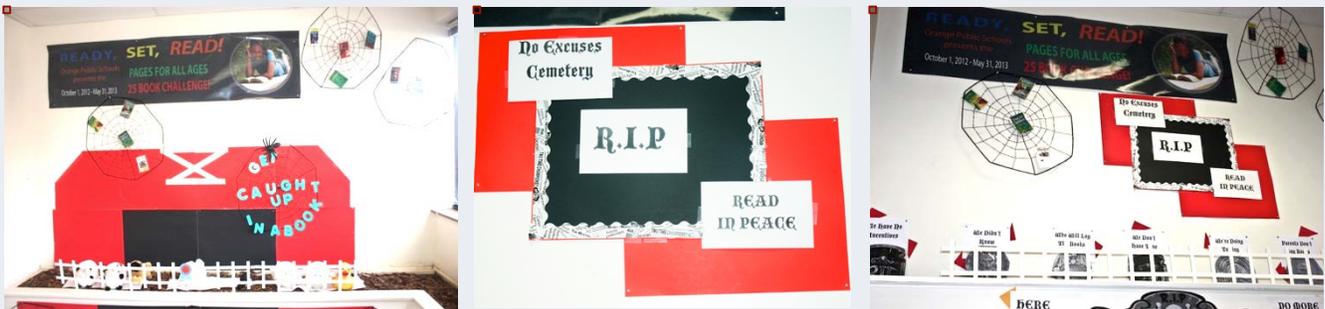
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The Orange Public School District 25 Book Challenge "Pages for All Ages" Presents a Novel Display

For visitors to the Orange Board of Education Administrative Office, there is a novel book display on the main stairwell. Ms. Erica Stewart, Administrator for Special Projects is promoting the district's 25 Book Challenge Pages for All Ages, which had an official kick-off with a rotating display of books to show visitors and staff how to encourage students to read for the 25 Book Challenge and for the sheer enjoyment of reading.



Pictured: "Get Caught Up In A Book" display and the "No Excuses Cemetery"

Last month's display, "Get Caught Up In A Book", featured a scene from *Charlotte's Web* and webs of enticing books. This month's display "RIP", or "Read In Peace", features the "No Excuses Cemetery", with a presentation of tombstones with excuses for not reading or participating in the district's challenge. It's fun! Stop by and enjoy.



Harvard Family Research Project Cites Orange's Pre-K to Kindergarten Transition



The Harvard Family Research Project has completed a detailed study by Christine Patton and Justina Wang entitled **Ready for Success: Creating Collaborative and Thoughtful Transitions into Kindergarten**. This brief examines the preschool practices that lead to successful kindergarten transitions and highlights the collaborative approaches that exemplify the programs of six states (New Jersey, Georgia, Maryland, Minnesota, Virginia, and California) that encompass strategies to help children and families enter school ready to succeed. New Jersey's model was Orange's Early Childhood's transition program, headed by Ms. Jacqueline Blanton, Supervisor for Early Childhood Education, to emphasize the state's approach.

Per Ms. Blanton, the Orange Public School District was recommended by the New Jersey Department of Education, Department of Early Childhood, to participate in the study because they felt that Orange had a very good transition program. "I am confident in what we do here in Orange and was honored and more than happy to explain and share our practices," states Ms. Blanton. "We have a strong program that includes many people on different levels in the district all working together to provide a smooth transition for our students." Ms. Blanton acknowledges that it is a compliment to have a prestigious institution of higher learning recognize the district's early childhood program as high quality. "It is one thing to say to your staff how great they are, but it is another thing when a reputable outside source studies your program and gives their stamp of approval. It means that we are doing something right. I am happy for the district but I am extremely happy for the Early Childhood staff that work tirelessly for the youngest learners in this district."

To download **Ready for Success: Creating Collaborative and Thoughtful Transitions into Kindergarten**, visit the following site: <http://www.hfrp.org/ReadyForSuccess>.



Teen Summit 2012



The Orange Board of Education presents Teen Summit 2012 on Friday, October 12, 2012, from 6:00 – 9:30 p.m., and Saturday, October 13, 2012, from 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., at Lincoln Avenue School. The Friday evening program will feature, OHS staff member, Mr. Elijah Brown, who will perform in his play, "ManUp". The Saturday program will have a full day of workshops.

The Teen Summit is open to 6th and 7th grade students on Saturday and to 8th through 12th grade students on both days. Flyers and registration forms are available at all schools and can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Students can participate in a variety of workshops including a performance workshop, a hip-hop dance workshop and an Ultimate Frisbee workshop as shown in the registration forms (see below). There will also be a video workshop where students will learn how to put together a set, shoot a video, and breakdown the set. This workshop will be lead by Orange Preparatory Academy's Smartlab teacher, Justin Niemczyk. A celebrity publicist, who has worked with Alicia

Keys, Whitney Houston, Ruben Studdard, Tyrese Gibson, and many others, will teach another workshop. He will speak about the music and entertainment industry.

Learn more about the Teen Summit 2012 on Facebook: <http://Facebook.com/OrangeTeenSummit> and see their promotional video: *Orange Teen Summit 2012 is Almost Here!!!!*



Where There's A Will... There's A Talented Group Of Actors!



Congratulations to the Orange High School (OHS) and Orange Preparatory Academy (OPA) students who survived the auditions and made it into the cast of this year's OHS/OPA Fall Play, "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) [revised]". Cast members met the show mascot "Willy" (created by OHS art teacher, Nate Brown) at their first rehearsal and promised to friend him on Facebook.

Performances will be at OPA Auditorium, Thursday – Saturday, December 5 & 6 at 7:00PM and Dec. 7 at 2:00 & 7:00PM.

Pictured from left to right: (top) William Collins, Jeremiah Moore, Earl Nelson, Roger Tanis, Emilio DelVillar, Mrs. Sugarman (Director), Yaramo Dione; (middle) Ms. Zahir (Asst. Director), Lisa Dawkins, Isaiah Martin, Samuel Akande, Danielle Polidor, Tarrayah McGill, Asner Philemon, Shannon Lake; (floor) Hannah Nzedirma, Furquan Bilal, Loryne Roberson, Gabriela Rodriguez. (Cast members not pictured: Abdul Moses, Isa Rodriguez, Jamillah Williams, LaNijah Willis).

(Submitted by Mrs. Maren Sugarman, Director of OHS/OPA's production of "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) [revised]"



There is "Art" in Earth for Park Avenue School's Recyclable Projects

The Park Avenue Art Gallery Show at the Board of Education office opened on October 3, 2012 for a month long display. The theme again this year was recyclable art. All students used recycled material to make their art projects including egg cartons made to look like school buses and cameras, fashions made from plastics, caricatures of famous people drawn on paper bags, discarded books in an artful display and chairs made from cardboard. Art teacher Benay Lipstein, Principal Dr. Myron Hackett, Assistant Principal, Devonii Reid, Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, Peter Crosta, and Superintendent of Schools, Ronald C. Lee, presented certificates to students for their artwork. Teachers and students contributed towards bringing in the products needed to complete each project.

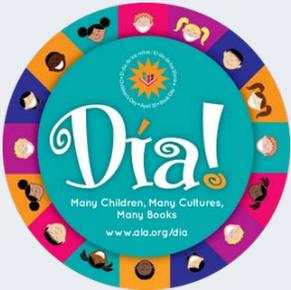
The board lobby is open for public viewing, 8:30 – 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday on school days. More artwork will be shown in next week's newsletter.



Scenes from Park Avenue's Art Show



Día Celebration at Orange Early Childhood Center



The Orange Early Childhood Center will hold its Annual Día Celebration on Wednesday, October 17, 2012, from 3:15 – 5:30 p.m. at the Orange Early Childhood Center. Día is an event that connects families to literature and celebrates cultural and linguistic backgrounds. The celebration is designed for children in preschool through grade 3, their parents or other adult family members.

The evening will include family literacy activities, games, art projects and more! Participating families will receive books, dinner and other treats. All students must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older and siblings of participating students are welcome.

The Orange Early Childhood Center is located at 397 Park Avenue in Orange.



Orange Celebrates a "Week of Respect"

The Orange Public School District observed a "Week of Respect", which was instituted last year as part of the state of New Jersey's anti-bullying law. From October 1 – 5, 2012, Orange educated students on the prevention of harassment, intimidation and bullying (HIB). Each school observed the week with various programs and activities focusing on respect. Click here to see all the "Week of Respect" school activities.

Lincoln Avenue Celebrates Week of Respect

At Lincoln Avenue School there were a series of activities designed to raise awareness of the potential dangers of bullying. Lincoln Avenue School kicked off the week of respect by having students decorate panther pride paws to be displayed throughout the school as a reminder of the importance of respect. This was followed by an assembly that focused on anti bullying, respect, and unity.

During the week, students created posters on what respect means to them and displayed them during the assembly. Students in third through seventh grade wrote a 100 word essay on what respect means to them. The winners from the essay contest will be recognized at a special luncheon.

Additionally, staff and students wore orange shirts to demonstrate unity at Lincoln Avenue School and in the community. Teachers

also showed a video called "Count On Me" and had a discussion on how you can show respect in your community.

'Week of Respect' is a highlight of positive behaviors that are encouraged every day at Lincoln Avenue School. Although this week focused attention on the period's activities, Lincoln will continue to provide a safe and respectful school environment for everyone throughout the school year.

("Lincoln Avenue Celebrates Week of Respect" was submitted by Lincoln Avenue School)



Coming Attractions

- *Friday, October 5, 2012 – District Pink Out – Cancer Awareness Day Fundraiser and Football Game, 7:00 p.m. at Bell Stadium*
- *Monday, October 8, 2012 – Columbus Day – DISTRICT CLOSED*
- *Friday, October 12, 2012 – Orange Preparatory Academy Hispanic Heritage Celebration*
- *Friday, October 12, 2012 – Career Innovation Academy of Orange (CIAO) Hispanic Heritage Celebration*
- *Friday, October 12 and Saturday, October 13, 2012 – Teen Summit 2012 at Lincoln Avenue School (See flyer/registration below)*
- *Tuesday, October 16, 2012 – Fire Prevention Assembly for Grade K-4, 9:30 a.m. at Park Avenue School*
- *Wednesday, October 17, 2012 – Orange School District’s Annual Día Celebration, 3:15 – 5:30 p.m., Orange Early Childhood Center (See Spanish and Creole flyers below)*
- *Thursday, October 18, 2012 – Welcome Breakfast for parents of ELL students, 7:30 a.m. in library at Park Avenue School*
- *Thursday, October 18, 2012 – Lincoln Avenue School Hispanic Heritage Celebration, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Gymnasium (See flyer below)*
- *Friday, October 19, 2012 – Rosa Parks Central Community School Hispanic Heritage Celebration*
- *Friday, October 19, 2012 – Oakwood Avenue School Hispanic Heritage Celebration*
- *Sunday, October 21, 2012 – Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, Walk with AAngelsNJ, Orange PBA and Not Orange Organizations, 10:00 a.m. at Military Park, Newark (See flyer below)*
- *Monday, October 22, 2012 – Heywood Avenue School Hispanic Heritage Celebration,*
- *Thursday, October 25, 2012 – Welcome Breakfast for parents of Special Needs students, 7:30 a.m. in library at Park Avenue School*
- *Thursday, October 25, 2012 – Forest Street School Hispanic Heritage Celebration, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room, after Starry Story Night event*
- *Friday, October 26, 2012 – Spanish Heritage Celebration, 1:30 p.m. in Café at Park Avenue School*
- *Wednesday, November 7, 2012 – “Jeans for Troops”, \$5 Donation to Support Veterans (See flyer below)*

WIN! 1 of 2, 5th generation iPod touches if you
PRE-REGISTER by Friday, October 5th!

TEEN SUMMIT 2012

FREE
FOOD!

Free T-shirts
WHILE SUPPLIES
LAST!

FRIDAY
&
SATURDAY!

PRIZES

Also include...

Frisbees

Gift Cards

Gifts from
REEBOK

A Professional
Photo Shoot
for 1
"Graduating"
High School
Senior

October 12th (6 - 9:30PM)

October 13th (8 - 5:30PM)

TOP
STUDENT
IN GRAD
6-12 ONLY!

Lincoln Avenue School

Entrance on Jackson Street
216 Lincoln Avenue
Orange, NJ 07050

GET READY!

YOU WON'T
WANT TO
MISS THIS!

CREATING THE LIFE YOU WANT TO LIVE

[HTTP://Facebook.com/OrangeTeenSummit](http://Facebook.com/OrangeTeenSummit)

TEEN SUMMIT 2012

Sponsored by Orange Public Schools

A Day of Education and Recreation!

to guide you in

CREATING THE LIFE YOU WANT TO LIVE

For 6th - 12th graders in ORANGE!

PRE-REGISTRATION IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED!

To be eligible to win the iPod touches, you
MUST REGISTER by Friday, October 5th!

JOIN US ON THIS TWO-DAY JOURNEY TO TEEN EMPOWERMENT. MEET OTHER TEENS FROM ORANGE WHO SHARE YOUR INTERESTS, WHILE GETTING INFORMED AND NETWORKING WITH PROFESSIONALS WHO CAN ASSIST YOU IN MAKING GOOD LIFE CHOICES. THIS INFORMATIVE, SET FUN AND INTERACTIVE EVENT PROMISES TO HAVE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE! YOU'LL LEAVE READY AND WILLING TO BEGIN, "CREATING THE LIFE YOU WANT TO LIVE!"

Friday, October 12th, 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm
*** (Grades 8 - 12 ONLY!) ***

Saturday, October 13th, 8:00 am to 5:30 pm
(Grades 6-12!)

Lincoln Avenue School

216 Lincoln Avenue, Orange, NJ
Please use the Jackson Street entrance

Email questions to: BigOTEENSUMMIT@gmail.com
and keep yourself updated at...

[HTTP://Facebook.com/OrangeTeenSummit](http://Facebook.com/OrangeTeenSummit)

ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TEEN SUMMIT 2012

CREATING THE LIFE YOU WANT TO LIVE!

Friday, October 12th and Saturday, October 13th

Registration

Orange Teen Summit for Students in Orange:

Friday, October 12th - 6pm to 9:30pm (8th - 12th Grades only)

Dinner and "manUp" a great play by OHS teacher Mr. Elijah Brown with invited special guest speakers!!

Saturday, October 13th - 8am to 5:30pm (6th - 12th Grades only)

Breakfast, Lunch, Performance Workshop, AM/PM Workshops, Division 1 Scholarship Program lots more fun and interesting information!

Challenge yourself at our morning performance workshop with the All Stars Talent Show Network and at your selected morning and afternoon workshops:

- Presentation by Rutgers' athletes about Division 1 Scholarship Eligibility and Clearinghouse Information
- Presentation on relationships & responsibilities (for high school students), Project with Orange Inc. (for 6th & 7th grade students)

* New this year - **Caring Project - Seminars for Newcomers' Academy students** (in Creole and Spanish)
Yon Proje Kap Ede-w & Proyecto de Solidaridad

Place: **Lincoln Avenue School**, entrance on Jackson Street - **Cost: Free!**

Raffles - 2 iPod touches, gift certificates, prizes from Reebok. Professional Photo Shoot for a Graduating Senior! and more!

Pre-registration is due by Friday, October 5th in order to be in the iPod touches raffle (NO EXCEPTIONS).

Date: _____ Did you participate in the Teen Summit 2011 - Part 2 last fall? yes ____ no ____

Name: _____ School: _____ Age: _____ Grade _____

Student cell number: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Name and cell number: _____/_____

** Please select your morning and afternoon workshops on the back of this page.**

I give permission for my child to attend the Teen Summit 2012:

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

I give permission for the possibility of photographs, videos and interviews of my child to be in print, videos, on the web, and/or television.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Please return this form to the Main Office at your school or Mrs. Sacks at OPA.

Please complete back of this form ->

Name _____ School _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Please select your workshops:

You will have two workshops. We will do our best to give you your first choice.

Morning Workshops - Part 1 (approximately 12:15pm to 1:15pm):

Please select **1** for your first choice, **2** for your second choice, **3** for your third choice:

_____ Hip Hop Dance - with Professional Dance Teacher, Debbie Rembert

_____ The Art of Self-Defense - with Karate Instructor Heru Aket

_____ So You Think You Can Sing - with Troy Bell, Nationally known Artist, Producer, Songwriter

_____ For Girls Only! - with Malika Berry, OPA Social Worker

Afternoon Workshops - Part 2 (approximately 4:00pm to 5:00pm):

Please select **1** for your first choice, **2** for your second choice, **3** for your third choice:

_____ Ultimate Frisbee Fundamentals - with Ben Haim, award-winning Columbia H. S Team Coach

_____ Kitchen Cabinet Beauty Secrets & Makeovers - with William Marshall, noted Make-
Up

Artist

_____ Jazz Funk Dance - with Professional Dance Teacher, Debbie Rembert

_____ Acting - with Wendy McKenzie, Professional Casting Director and Acting Coach

_____ HIP HOP Culture in Music and Publishing - with Don Morris, Creative Director of The Source



Al anunciar la celebración del Distrito Escolar de Orange Día! Día conecta a las familias a la literatura y celebra orígenes culturales y lingüísticos. La celebración se ha diseñado para los niños en edad preescolar hasta el tercer grado 3, sus padres u otros miembros adultos de la familia. Únase a nosotros para las actividades de alfabetización de la familia, juegos, proyectos de arte y mucho más! Las familias participantes recibirán libros, aperitivos y otras delicias.

Para participar, los estudiantes deben ser acompañados por un adulto de 18 años o más. Los hermanos de estudiantes que participan son bienvenidos.

Cuándo: 17/10/2012/Actividades comenzarán a las 3:15 pm y un contador de cuentos se sube al escenario a las 5:30 pm. Venga cuando pueda y quédese todo el tiempo que le permita su agenda. Todas las actividades son GRATIS!

Dónde: OECC / 397 Park Ave., Orange, NJ

Quién: niños en edad preescolar a través de estudiantes de tercer grado y sus padres u otros miembros adultos de la familia. Los hermanos son bienvenidos.



Nap anonse selebrasion yon jounen nan Orange School District!

Dia konekte fanmi yo ak literati pou selebre orijin kiltirèl ak lengwistik. Yon selebrasyon ki fèt pou timoun ki nan Lekòl Matènèl nan klas 3em ane, pou paran yo oswa lòt manm ki granmoun nan fanmi yo. Mete ansanm ak nou pou aktivite alfabetizasyon pou fanmi yo, jwèt, pwojè boza ak plis ankò! Fanmi ki patisipe yo ap resevwa liv, dine ak lòt bagay ankò.

Pou yo ka patisipe chak timoun dwe fè yon granmoun ki gen 18 an akonpayel, frè ak sè timoun sa yo tou ap bienvini.

KILE: 17/10/2012. / Aktivite yo ap kòmanse a 3:15 p.m e ap genyen tou yon moun kap rakonte istwa. Vini e nou ka rete tout tan ke aktivite yo ak fèt. Tout aktivite yo GRATIS!

KI KOTE: Orange Early Childhood Center (OECC)/ 397 Park Ave., Orange NJ

KI MOUN: De Preskolè jiska klas 3èm Ane pou Elèv, paran oubien lòt manm nan fanmi an ki granmoun. Frè ak Sè yo tou ka vini.

Lincoln Avenue School

Presents our:

**Hispanic
Heritage
Celebration**

staff & students
invite you to join us
for an evening of
knowledge,
music & dance..

**Thursday, October 18, 2012
6:00PM**

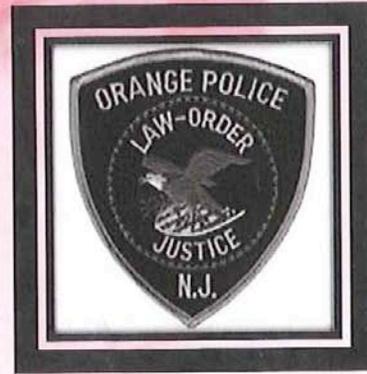
**Lincoln Avenue School
Gymnatorium**

Refreshments will be served...





Please Join Us!
AAngelsNJ, Orange PBA and Not Orange!



Come walk with AAngelsNJ, Orange PBA, Not Orange and other community members as we Make Strides and fundraise to support the fight against breast cancer. Celebrate a world with less cancer and more birthdays! Help the American Cancer Society to raise funds for research and to provide more services to cancer patients and families.

If you are interested in joining our Team or making a donation, please register by clicking link below or donate online.

http://main.acevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=47308&pg=team&team_id=1212422

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer
Sunday, October 21, 2012
Walk begins at 10:00 AM
Military Park
Park Place & Broad Street
Newark, New Jersey



Mission Statement:

Our mission is to serve and provide resources to underserved and underinsured individuals and families. We are committed to educating and navigating them through issues surrounding Preventive Care, Pre- and Post- Breast Cancer diagnosis and all aspects of Breast health.

\$5

to help our troops

- Find Jobs
- Go to College
- Get Health Care
- Find Housing

Jeans For TROOPS

November 7, 2012

To learn more contact Alex Manis at (973) 830-7275 or manis@gigofund.org

The G.I.  Go Fund
Where Veterans Go Forward

Participating employers collect a \$5 donation from each willing employee. In exchange, participating employees are allowed to wear jeans to work on Wednesday, Nov. 7. Proceeds are donated to The G.I. Go Fund

Make checks payable to: The G.I. Go Fund. Contributions can be mailed to: The G.I. Go Fund, PO Box 1777, New Brunswick, NJ 08903
The G.I. Go Fund is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that assists returning veterans and homeless veterans.

Veterans Day