



# OBOE-Mail Blast

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## The Board of Education Approves District Calendar Changes at the Monthly Board of Education Meeting

Due to Hurricane Sandy, schools were closed for 7 days, from October 29<sup>th</sup> through November 6<sup>th</sup>, leaving students with less than the required mandatory school days. There are three "snow" or inclement weather days built into the calendar for students, leaving four days to be made up. In order to meet New Jersey State statute requiring 180 days of school and to provide additional professional development for staff, the Orange Board of Education approved several changes to the existing district calendar for the 2012 – 2013 school year.

- Schools were open on November 8 and 9 in place of the canceled New Jersey Teachers' Convention, making up 2 days missed due to the storm.
- Students will have school on, February 2, 2013 and the staff Professional Development (PD) will be cancelled, making up a third day missed due to Sandy.
- Schools will be open for a half-day on Good Friday, March 29, 2013, making up the final day lost from "Superstorm Sandy".
- To facilitate additional PD, students will be dismissed at 2:30 p.m. every third Monday of the month (with a few exceptions). The early dismissal is only on these dates, unless otherwise denoted on the calendar. The specific days are: November 19, 2012, December 17, 2012, January 28, 2013, February 25, 2013, March 18, 2013, April 22, 2013, May 20, 2013, and June 17, 2013.

In the event there are additional days off due to inclement weather, other calendar changes will have to be made.



## Live Cardiac Surgery - An Eye-Opening Experience for Students

Dressed in their lab coats, Orange High School students absorbed the live, interactive, broadcast of open-heart surgery on the morning of November 12. Organized and hosted by Dr. Patrick Howell, one of the Assistant Principals at OHS, students and guests eagerly viewed the open-heart coronary bypass surgical procedure performed on a 57-year-old female at Morristown Memorial Hospital. The broadcast was made possible through Liberty Science Center's "Live From...Cardiac Classroom™". Students were given a briefing on the procedure, shown how nurses and doctors prepare for surgery, asked questions of the moderator from the broadcast site regarding their knowledge of the heart and given information about the function of the heart and contributing factors that would give rise to the surgery performed. Students, some of whom were skeptical of the opportunity presented to them, left with broadened experiences and ideas regarding career paths.

Some of the student comments were:

- "It provided me with the opportunity to learn more about the cardiovascular system, along with the different diseases that can affect the heart." Serena Constant
- "If I could view this surgery again, I would take that opportunity because it was a life changing experience." Joheuhha Faison
- "The surgery bypass on the heart was extremely interesting and exciting . . ." Athena Smith
- "When I was given a chance to participate in the live open heart surgery, I was a bit skeptical. I thought that it would just be a lecture or something along those lines. Instead it was an open door to a world that I knew very little about . . . All in all, it was a character building experience . . ." Alaya Montgomery
- "This event was a very influential factor in my life based on my career pathway. It has greatly increased my desire and elevated my anticipation to soon be that doctor . . . performing the heart surgery to influence other lives . . ." Nelly Bobo

For his part, Dr. Howell commented positively regarding the "detailed questions" and the "high intelligence of our students." He stated, "The students are being challenged above their grade level, but the challenge works both ways. Their questions help me to carry out future presentations." He is already planning an upcoming session on December 19, 2012 involving the removal of uterine fibroids that could include a partial or total hysterectomy. The Surgical Robotic Team from Newark Beth Israel Hospital will perform the surgery. He is thrilled to be able to open more students to careers in medicine by exposing them to these surgical procedures. "It is amazing that so many of our students would like to pursue careers in health related fields. A high percentage of our students are seriously considering becoming operating room nurses and surgeons.



Pictured: Orange High School students view "Live From...Cardiac Classroom™"; Dr. Howell asking questions.



## Rosa Parks Central Community School's Art Opening, Featuring PreK-1

The Rosa Parks Central Community School's Art Gallery Show at the Board of Education office opened on November 14, 2012 for the remainder of the month. Art students in pre-K through grade 1, under the direction of art teacher Janet Belcher, were acknowledged with certificate presentations. Principal Cayce Cummins and Assistant Principal, Kirstin Riddick were on hand to give out the certificates, along with Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Paula Howard, and Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, Mr. Peter Crosta. Parents, grandparents and siblings were there in record numbers to congratulate the students and to view the colorful artwork. Teachers came to support their students and offer congratulations to the proud artists. The board lobby is open for public viewing, 8:30 - 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday on school days.



Pictured: Scenes from the Rosa Parks Central Community School's Art Opening.



## Shakespeare's Greatest Hits, Minus the Boring Stuff



Need a good laugh? Who doesn't? Love Shakespeare? Who doesn't? No, wait! Even if you don't love Shakespeare, you really do need a good laugh. What with the economy and the unemployment rate, you bet you need a good laugh. So come out and see "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) [revised]" presented by Orange High School and Orange Prep Academy. Enjoy all of Shakespeare's greatest hits, minus all the boring parts! Bring your family and enjoy a hilarious evening of theatre that promises "Less words. More laughs." Performances are December 6, 7 and 8 at Orange Preparatory Academy Auditorium. Show times are, Thursday and Friday at 7:00PM and Saturday at 2:00 and 7:00PM. Tickets are \$5.00, \$3.00 for students and seniors. "Complete Works (abridged)" is presented with permission of Broadway Play Publishing, Inc.

(Submitted by M. Sugarman, the play's Director)



## November Monthly Board of Education Meeting Acknowledges Students/Parent of the Month

At the November monthly Board of Education Meeting held on Tuesday, November 13, 2012, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee and Board of Education President, Patricia A. Arthur, presented students with certificates for being selected Student of the Month (SOTM). On a monthly basis, students are recognized for exemplary behavior, academics and citizenship by their school. Students selected for the month of October are:

Name	School	Grade
<b>Uchenna Eze</b>	Orange High School	12
<b>Dinah Beckford</b>	Orange Preparatory Academy	8
<b>Davon Gillespie</b>	Career and Innovation Academy of Orange	10
<b>Shareef Stewart</b>	Cleveland Street School	7
<b>Kendra Adams</b>	Rosa Parks Central Community School	1
<b>Autumn Tarver</b>	Park Avenue School	2
<b>Simeon Davis</b>	Heywood Avenue School	4
<b>Eduardo Fajardo</b>	Forest Street School	7
<b>Joseph Destine</b>	Oakwood Avenue School	5
<b>Bryan Aguilar</b>	Lincoln Avenue School	3



**Uchenna Eze with Co-Principal K. Morgan, Board President Arthur and Superintendent Lee**



**Parent Mr. Beckford accepting for his daughter Dinah with Principal D. Medley, Board President Arthur and Superintendent Lee**



**Pictured in each photo Board President Arthur and Superintendent Lee and family members with (from left to right): Davon Gillespie with Principal J. Belton; Shareef Stewart with Principal D. White; Kendra Adams, with Principal C. Cummins; Autumn Tarver with Principal M. Hackett.**



**Pictured in each photo Board President Arthur and Superintendent Lee and family members with (from left to right): Simeon Davis with Principal K. Machuca; Eduardo Fajardo with Principal Y. Cooke; Joseph Destin with Principal R. Pettie (filling in for D. Luckey); Bryan Aguilar with Principal R. Pettie.**

After presenting certificates to the Student of the Month, Superintendent Lee acknowledged the Parent of the Month, Mr. Eric Marshall, father of Jermaine Marshall, a first grade student attending Rosa Parks Central Community School. He received the award for his support of the district's "Calling All Men" campaign. Mr. Marshall answered the call and has made it a point to take the "lead and work collaboratively to ensure that the district's vision is actualized on the school front by volunteering his time." He is committed to the "first on-going event, Dads Read, Dads Lead," (a part of the Calling All Men's Fathers Reading Club) which will take place on Friday, November 30th. This event will encourage fathers to spend time in the classrooms and read to their children. (Mr. Marshall is pictured left with Principal Cummins, Board President Arthur and Superintendent Lee)





## Orange High School's 2012 Homecoming Court

The Orange High School Tornadoes were winners against the Belleville Buccaneers on October 26, 2012, in their 56-21 victory. The team was not the only winner at the game. The other winning Tornadoes present were the Orange High School Homecoming Court. Congratulations to the students who were victorious in representing their class and their school in this timeless tradition.

### Orange High School Homecoming



#### Homecoming King

Safee Fisher

#### Mr.OHS

Marco Farroni

#### Mr. International

Anthony Chan

#### Mr.Senior

Chad Bailey

#### Mr. Junior

D'Andre Smith

#### Mr.Sophomore

Vernon Williams

#### Homecoming Queen

Marisol Thompson

#### Ms.OHS

Kadisha Sumra

#### Ms. International

Sophia Azor

#### Ms.Senior

Raneesha Ragin

#### Ms.Junior

Dotti Benoit

#### Ms.Sophomore

Marie Mitchel



On behalf of Mr. Green: Congratulations to all 2012-2013 Homecoming Court winners





## Attention Orange Educators, ESL Certification Being Offered in Orange

A new Certificate of Graduate Study (COGS) in English as a Second Language is being offered by Rowan University's New Jersey Teacher Outreach Program (NJTOP), beginning January 2013. This is a wonderful opportunity for educators to participate in an on-site ESL program conducted in-district, one evening a week, for all those interested in gaining this certification. If interested, please register now! The registration deadline is December 22, 2012. Teachers are reminded that they must follow the district's policy/protocol on taking courses.

### Program Location:

Lincoln Avenue School  
216 Lincoln Avenue  
Orange, NJ 07050  
Mondays, from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.  
Room B205

### NJTOP Program Highlights:

- Rowan University Quality Instructors
- Ready to use knowledge and skills in your classroom the next day
- Tuition discount
- Accelerated 8 week courses
- Finish in less time
- Financial Aid options if you qualify
- Transfer credits are possible

### IF INTERESTED, CONTACT

Dr. Barry Meinster  
Coordinator of New Jersey Teacher Outreach Programs (NJTOP)  
bmeister@NJTOPgraduate.com  
1-888-664 5455

For additional information, please contact, [Ms. Caroline Onyesonwu](#), Supervisor of Bilingual/ESL/World Languages, at ext. 6099.

## Coming Attractions

- **Saturday, November 17, 2012 – Not Orange and Park Avenue PTO – International Cultural Affair, 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Park Avenue School, 231 Park Avenue**
- **Monday, November 19, 2012 – Professional Development for Staff, Students dismissed at 2:30 p.m.**
- **November 2012 – Valley Arts Events and Activities (See flyer below) and visit [www.valleyartsnj.com](http://www.valleyartsnj.com) for weather related updates and changes.**
- **Wednesday, November 21, 2012 – Thanksgiving Recess, Schools Dismissed at 12:30 p.m.**
- **Thursday – Friday, November 22-23, 2012, District Closed for Thanksgiving Recess**
- **Monday, November 26, 2012 – Forest Street School Spelling Bee, time To Be Determined (TBD)**
- **Friday, November 30, 2012 – Fathers Reading Club (See flyer below)**
- **Tuesday, December 4, 2012 – Lincoln Avenue School Spelling Bee, 9:30 a.m.**
- **Thursday – Saturday, December 6 – 8, 2012 – "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare, Abridged/Revised", 7:00 p.m. and also at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 8, at Orange Preparatory Academy Auditorium (See flyer below)**
- **Friday, December 7, 2012 – Rosa Parks Central Community School Spelling Bee, time TBD**
- **Friday, December 14, 2012 – Orange Preparatory Academy Spelling Bee, time TBD**
- **December 2012, Oakwood Avenue Spelling Bee, time and date TBD**



Orange Public Schools

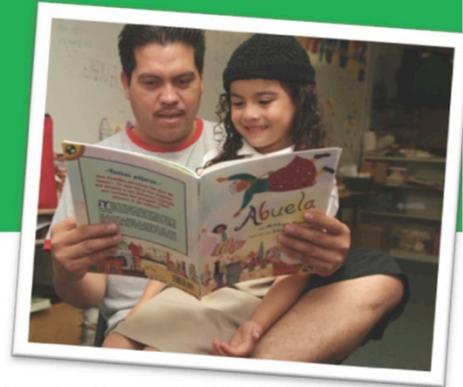
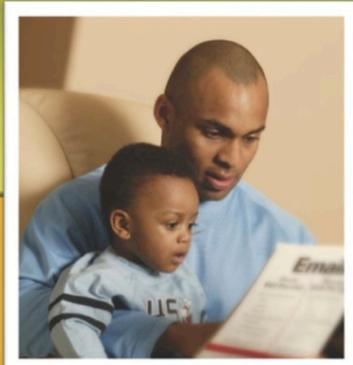
# Fathers Reading Club



Men Reading With Children In School & Beyond

## Who Should Attend

- Fathers
- Grandfathers
- Uncles and Big Brothers
- Men's Ministries
- Fraternities
- Mentors



## Calling All Men

- ✓ **Join us on the last Friday of each month starting October 26, 2012**
- ✓ **Attend a reading session at your child's school where you read with children**
- ✓ **Help us improve student achievement by reading in and out of school**

## How To Participate

1. Contact your child's school for the specific time and details (See below)
2. Ensure that your children are competing in the district's Pages for All Ages 25 Book Challenge
3. Also, join us on Sundays for the **Fatherhood Football Fellowship**.



Contact Matt Stevens, Dept. of Special Programs for more information

(973) 677-4000 (ext. 6086) – [StevenMa@mail.orange.k12.nj.us](mailto:StevenMa@mail.orange.k12.nj.us)

Cleveland St  
(973) 677-4100

# www.Orange.k12.nj.us

OECC  
(973) 672-0251

Forest St  
(973) 677-4120

Heywood Ave  
(973) 677-4105

Lincoln Ave  
(973) 677-0328

Oakwood Ave  
(973) 677-4095

Park Ave  
(973) 677-4124

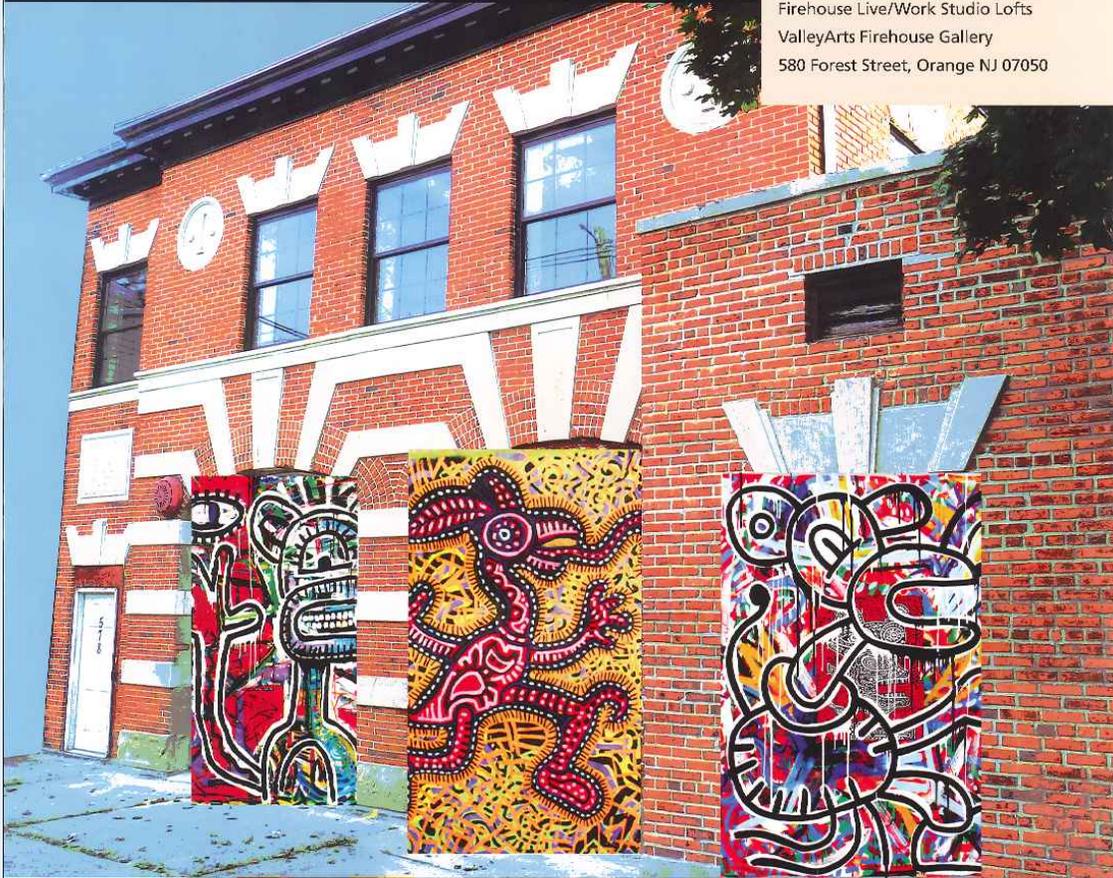
Rosa Parks/Central  
(973) 677-4515

See reverse side for October/November Calendar of Events ▶

# ValleyArts

The Arts Service and Activist Organization for the Valley Arts District of Orange and West Orange NJ

Firehouse Live/Work Studio Lofts  
ValleyArts Firehouse Gallery  
580 Forest Street, Orange NJ 07050



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460 Tompkins Street, Orange, NJ 07050

**FIREHOUSE  
OPENING  
WEEK!**

Sat, Oct 27, 7:30pm *Exhibit 1 – ORNG Ink Fashion Show*

Tue, Oct 30, 11am Official HANDS Ribbon Cutting

Thu, Nov 1, 8:30am Teacher Workshop: *Romare Bearden's Techniques*

Fri, Nov 2, 6pm Firehouse Gallery Grand Opening: *The Art of Dan Fenelon*

Sat, Nov 3, 11am–4pm Open House Celebration

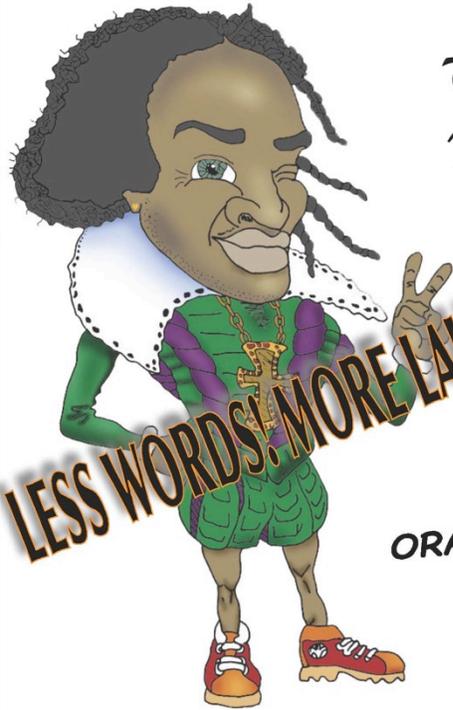
ValleyArts Anchor Organizations: Arts Unbound | Diversity Youth Theater at Luna | Garden State Urban Farms | Hat City Kitchen Presents | Luna Stage Theatre Co | ORNG Ink | Ouafie Arts | ValleyArts Presents | Yema Gallery/ARTSETC

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and Essex County



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# The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (ABRIDGED) [REVISED]

By Adam Long, Daniel Singer  
and Jess Winfield

DECEMBER 6, 7 & 8 2012  
THURSDAY & FRIDAY at 7:00PM  
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[rhodesdi@orange.k12.nj.us](mailto:rhodesdi@orange.k12.nj.us)

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## New Jersey Teacher Outreach Program **NJTOP at Orange**



### Rowan University's Off-Campus Programs For Teachers and Educators

Upon successful completion of the ESL Certificate of Graduate Study program students become eligible for state certification, which allows them to teach English to non-English speaking students. ESL teachers help students from a wide range of language and cultural backgrounds living and working in primarily English speaking environments to speak, listen, read, and write in English.



## **ESL Certification**

**Discounted Tuition**

**Student loans if qualify**

**8 week accelerated courses, two courses a semester**

**Classes Start January 7th, 2013**

**Three Semesters, finish December, 2013**

**Location - Lincoln Avenue School  
216 Lincoln Avenue; Orange NJ 07050**

**Day & Time - Monday, 4:30—7:00 PM**

**Application deadline: 12/22/2012)**



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