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Back to School Nights

Orange Preparatory Academy Open House



There was a high level of family participation at the September 25 Orange Preparatory Academy (OPA) Back to School Night. At the open-house, Principal Aretha Malloy (*pictured left*) welcomed parents and students proclaiming that their attendance at the open house is especially important because this is the time our children "need us the most," and encouraged continual family support. She was pleased to see the turnout and

rewarded parents and students with prizes, including a kindle fire and IPODs for several lucky attendees. Parents also had an opportunity to meet the administrative team: Assistant Principals, Noel Cruz, Carrie Halstead and Samantha Sica-Fossella and faculty members. Parents were encouraged to sign-up for the [Parent Portal](#), giving them access to their student's schedules and grades. Likewise parents were asked to fill out [lunch applications](#), regardless of need. Stations were set up to facilitate these requests and the joining of the PTSO.



All 9th through 11th grade students will participate in the PSAT on Wednesday, October 15.

Additionally, ninth grade families registered and received information regarding the PSAT, which their children will take on October 15, from Supervisor of Testing, Ms. Tia Burnett, and School Counselor, Mr. Darryl R. Smith. Representatives of Rutgers Trio Talent Search program were also stationed in the lobby to hand out information to interested families. Rutgers Trio supports students with academic, career and financial counseling, to encourage them to pursue postsecondary education.



Parents receive PSAT packets (left) and fill out lunch applications (right).

OPA also sought to ease the perceived constraints students may have, regarding the district's dress policy, by showing how fashionable students can be in their uniforms. Seven models demonstrated how to coordinate the required dress with fashionable accessories, making khaki, black and white into a fashion statement.



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Families then visited classrooms, met teachers and received details on course expectations.



A family speaks with teacher, Mr. Jason Niemchzyh (left) and teacher, Mr. Jose Valdez meets with parents (right).

Orange Early Childhood Education II Hosts Back To School Night



Parents met in the Oasis Café at Scholars Academy for an overview of the Early Childhood Education Program in the Orange Public Schools. Carol Daly, Preschool Counselor, teachers (**pictured left**) and other staff greeted families as they entered the multipurpose room. There was a table with information flyers, posters to take and cookies and activities to occupy the attending students.

The program opened with remarks from Principal Karen Machuca (***pictured right***) who oversees the OECC II classes housed at Scholars Academy and introduction of the teaching staff. Early Childhood Education (ECE) Master Teacher, Mrs. Amy Burns, presented information regarding the district's use of the High Scope curriculum. She reported that High Scope is aligned with NJ State Standards and Common Core and is based on an "active learning approach." The school nurse, Mrs. Bernadette Guerriero, reviewed several requirements, including the mandated flu shot for all preschoolers and forms to authorize medication for children during school.



Ms. Rosa Santacruz, ECE Paraprofessional, and Ms. Florita Blake, English as a Second Language Preschool Teacher, translated the meeting discussion into Spanish and Creole, respectively.

Parents visited their children's classrooms and met with teachers to gain an understanding of daily activities.



Carol Daly, ECE School Counselor, Amy Burns, ECE Master Teacher, Rosa Santacruz, ECE Paraprofessional and Barbara Berger, ECE Preschool Intervention and Referral Specialist (left) and Nurse Guerriero being introduced with staff looking on (right).



Parents visit classrooms at Scholars Academy.

Career and Innovation Academy Back To School Night

On September 30, parents were welcomed to Back to School Night at the Career and Innovation Academy of Orange (CIAO). The school was well prepared for visits, validating a pleasant learning environment.

Parents met with teachers and heard about the specialized programs available to students. Mr. Michael Spillman, Culinary Arts teacher, outlined for parents the range of classroom work and projects students will complete, highlighting that they were currently focused on the subject of safety, while teachers in the core content areas summarized their curriculum and expectations.



A display of student work on “Safety” from Mr. Spillman’s class (left) and Mr. Spillman meets with a parent.



History teacher meets with student and family members. Workout facility at CIAO.

Orange High School Back To School Night



Parents were greeted in the lobby of Orange High School, receiving student schedules from the guidance department and other instructors. Parents and guardians then met briefly in the cafeteria for welcoming remarks and instructions from Co-Principal Dr. Kalisha Morgan. They were guided through the A/B scheduling and heard announcements over the public address system for class changes, allowing them to visit all assigned teachers.

Information tables were set up for parents to receive material about OHS SPACE, a Family Connections youth based support program, Rutgers TRIO and New York Institute of Technology.



NYIT representative distributes information (left), Jason Moore, Director of Talent Search with Student Counselor, Mariana Morales (center) and SPACE display with staff and student.



during the evening.

Superintendent of Schools, Ronald C. Lee (***pictured left with student and teacher Ms. Badruddin***) was present at the event, along with Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Paula Howard. Orange High School Assistant Principals, Mr. Dana Gaines and Mr. Mohammed Abdelaziz were also present, along with Supervisor of Guidance, Mr. Vernon Pullins. The Honorable Mayor Dwayne D. Warren also visited



The Supervisor of Testing, Grades 9 – 12, Ms. Tia Burnett (***pictured left discussing test with a parent***), was present to distribute information regarding the PSAT.

All 9th, 10th and 11th grade students will take the PSAT on Wednesday, October 15. Parents signed a roster to receive study guides for the upcoming test.



Parent and student visits the Smart Lab (left) and (center) and Mayor Warren posed with Co-Principal, Dr. Morgan, and Assistant Principal Mr. Abdelaziz (right).

The Scholars Academy Held its Back to School Night on October 1 *(Submitted by Principal Karen Machuca)*

Parents were invited to visit the classrooms, participate in activities, and see what the students have been working on over the past couple of weeks. Mrs. Karen Machuca, Principal of Scholars Academy, shared information regarding the new district website for Scholars Academy and encouraged parents to follow her on Twitter for various parent resources and articles on a daily basis. Several parents signed up for the new Parents of Gifted and Talented (PGT) committee and were delighted to hear that the Orange school district is now a member of the Essex County Steering Committee for Gifted and Talented where students will be able to participate in academic competition against other school districts within Essex county.



ELA/Humanities Facilitator, Terrence Brooks, explaining how students can be involved in the New Jersey Orator chapter for public speaking and leadership skills.



Math Facilitator, Shannon Keogh, engaging parents in a critical thinking Math problem.

Heywood Avenue School's Annual Achievement Breakfast Celebration *(Submitted by Principal Faith Alcantara)*

On Friday, September 26, Heywood Avenue School held its annual Achievement Breakfast Celebration (ABC) to recognize the accomplishments of 45 students in grades 4 - 7 who increased their NJASK results in either English Language Arts or Math by 15 or more points over their score from the previous year. Staff and students, as well as Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, who joined them for breakfast, congratulated students. The OHS Culinary Club "Tornadoes on the Go" catered the breakfast.



Pictured with Superintendent Lee (center) are: (left to right) Monique Reid, Mitchethela Alexandre, Samya Hewett and Genesis Jones.

Each student received a "Certificate of Achievement", a \$5.00 voucher to be used during Heywood's Scholastic Book Fair during the week of Sept. 29 - Oct. 3rd and a coupon book of 10 free Wendy's Frosty desserts. The top five students also received a gift card to Wendy's. All students were proud of their accomplishments, enjoyed their recognition and look forward to increasing their results again next year.

It May Be Daytime Outside, But The Stars Are Shining At OHS!

(Submitted by Lillian Lugo, Science Coach, Grades 8-12)

Ms. Lillian Lugo, Science Coach, and Ms. LeShawna Valdez, Astronomy teacher, began autumn with the new Astronomy students at OHS. Navigating the evening autumn sky in the StarLab is just the first step in getting our students closer to understanding the mysteries and miracles of the universe. Plans for the course include stargazing parties, trips to high tech observatories, and plans for student-guided presentations for lower grades within the district. Aiming for the stars definitely takes on a whole new meaning!



Astronomy students pose in front of the StarLab.



Ms. Lugo (left) with students at entrance to the StarLab and Ms. Valdez (right).

A 9-11 Tribute at Lincoln Avenue School

(Submitted by Faye Coward, Lincoln Avenue School Kindergarten Teacher)

On September 11, 2014, Lincoln Avenue School's kindergarten students participated in a tribute to the fallen victims from September 11, 2001. Ms. Faye Coward's class made flags of the United States of America. Her students also paraded around the school while waving their beautiful flags.



Students in Ms. Faye Coward's class pose with the flags they made in tribute to victims of 9/11 and parade through the school.



FYI

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month



The Orange School community is observing Breast Cancer Awareness Month with Orange High School's annual "Pink-Out" football game. Purchase "Pink-Out" T-shirts today and, as a gift for the contribution, all those wearing the T-shirt to the **October 10th Tornadoes home football game**, against Newark's Shabazz High School, will receive **free-admission**. Additionally, those wearing T-shirts purchased last year will also be admitted free of charge. The game begins at 7 p.m. at Bell Stadium.

Week of Respect Observance

Week of Respect, as instituted by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) in compliance with the State's law that governs anti-harassment, bullying, and intimidation, will be observed in the Orange Public Schools October 6 through October 10, 2014. Since 2011, the NJDOE has designated the week beginning the first Monday in October as a "Week of Respect" in all schools. In the Orange Public Schools various age-appropriate activities, which will help to combat harassment, intimidation, and bullying, are planned.

Orange Preparatory Academy (OPA) kicked off the week's observance with **National Smile Day**, on Friday, October 3. Additionally, OPA plans:

- Daily announcements regarding the meaning and examples of respect.
- Throughout the week the students will be given Positive Behavior Support in Schools (PBSIS) respect coupons. A drawing will be held on Wednesday, October 8 and the Prizewinners will be announced. Those winners will be the ambassadors for respect during an assembly on Thursday, October 9. They will wear T-Shirts that reads: front right, what's INOK Ask me! Orange Preparatory Academy and the back says, Disrespect "It's not okay!"
- The assembly will feature video interviews from the staff and the community answering what is respect? What does it mean to you?

Orange Student Appears On Broadway

K'Lynn Jackman, Rosa Parks Central Community School 4th grade student is now appearing on Broadway, singing the role of 'Young Nala' in the Lion King. Her performance information (as provided by Lincoln Avenue School's Choral Director, Mrs. Wendy Mir) is as follows:



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- Thursday Eve ... 8:00
- Saturday Mat ... 2:00
- Sunday Eve...6:30
- NO holiday schedules posted ... TBA

Call 1(866) 870-2717 for tickets

To get group sale tickets for parties of 20 people minimum or more call 1(800) 714-8452 or visit Disney Theatrical Sales.

Orange Teen Summit 2014 Is Coming!

Students in grades 6 through 12 and their parents and guardians are invited to the 2014 Teen Summit. Please save the dates: **Friday evening, October 24th** from 6 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. and **Saturday, October 25th** from 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. The event organizers are planning many exciting new activities, programs, and entertainment. There will be raffle prizes for students and adults!

Online registration will begin next week. We hope to see you there!

HSPA Testing at Orange High School



The **High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA)** will be administered to retained 11th graders, 12th graders, retained 12th graders, returning students, and adult high school students who have not passed the HSPA. First time 11th graders will not be administered **HSPA**.

HSPA will be administered on **Tuesday, October 7, Wednesday, October 8 and Thursday, October 9, 2014.**

HSPA make-up tests will be given on **Tuesday, October 14, Wednesday, October 15, and Thursday, October 16, 2014.**

The HSPA is a New Jersey State Department of Education high school graduation requirement. In March 2015, students will be required to retake any sections of the HSPA they did not pass in October 2014.



October 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Back to School Night 6:00 - 8:00PM Scholars Academy	2	3 Orange Prep Academy Smile Day (to kick-off <i>Week of Respect</i> , 10/6 - 10/10)	4 OHS Rummage Sale 8-4PM Father's Conference East Orange Campus High School 8:30-2:00PM <i>Registration Required</i>
5	6 District Academic Competition: Real Deal Movie Submission (See district website) Week of Respect	7 HSPA Test Week of Respect	8 Cleveland Lobby Art Show, 6:00PM AD Administrative Bldg. HSPA Test Week of Respect	9 HSPA Test Week of Respect	10 Week of Respect	11
12	13 	14 Monthly BOE Meeting 7:30PM at OPA HSPA Make-up Test	15 HSPA Make-up Test	16 HSPA Make-up Test	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 OEA/OASA In-Service Day, 12:30PM Dismissal for Students	24 Teen Summit 2014 6:00PM at Lincoln Avenue School	25 Teen Summit 2014 8:00AM - 5:00PM at Lincoln Avenue School
26	27	28	29	30 District Prof. Development Day, 12:30PM Dismissal for Students Violence and Vandalism Hearing 6:00PM at Admin. Bldg.	31 Halloween 	

Orange High School

400 Lincoln Avenue, Orange, NJ 07050



RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, October 4

Time: 8am-4pm

OHS GYMNASIUM

Items: Accessories (men and women), Books, Gently Used Clothing, CD's/DVD's/Tapes/Records/Video Games, Functional Electronics, Functional Household Items, Small Furniture, Sports/Exercise Equipment, Toys, Tools and many more items!

For more information/donation information:

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Ronald C. Lee
Superintendent of Schools

September 24, 2014

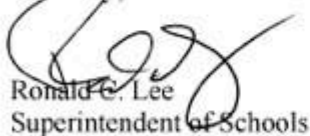
Dear Orange Families,

The City of East Orange is sponsoring a Fatherhood Initiative and has generously opened their Father's Conference, scheduled for Saturday, October 4, to the fathers in the Orange Public School District. The conference features award-winning educator, Principal Baruti Kafele and breakout sessions on topical issues. We invite all fathers and male guardians, interested in participating, to register online at www.orange.k12.nj.us or contact the Rosa Parks Community School at 973-677-4515, ext. 1019 or the Oakwood Avenue Community School at 973-677-4000 ext. 3620 to register. All men attending must be registered.

The conference will be held at East Orange Campus High School, 344 Prospect Street, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., including lunch and fun "play stations" for children ages 5 to 12 that attend with a registered participant.

We hope you will accept this kind invitation, as we join with our neighboring community in an effort to provide families with opportunities that will support the academic success of your children.

Sincerely,



Ronald C. Lee
Superintendent of Schools



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► **Sat Oct 4 2014 8:30am-2pm**

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 into Practice (Forgiving Your Father) • Special Dads For Special
 Need Children • Fathering in the Age of Technology •
 The 411 on Co-Parenting • Developing the
 Home Learning Center

ORANGE SCHOOL DISTRICT FATHERS

For more information and to register call:
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 or Oakwood Avenue Community School
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 or register on-line:
www.orange.k12.nj.us



Calling all **Pre-K-5th** Grade
Families!

The Orange Public School District is presenting a...

Family Literacy Event



Wednesday, October 8, 2014, from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Oakwood Avenue School

OR

Thursday, October 9, 2014, from 8:50 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
Rosa Parks Community School

Refreshments & Free child care!

Come out and learn how you can help your child
succeed this school year!

Orange Athletics Presents

October 10th 2014- Orange School District Cancer Awareness Recognition Day

October 10th Is Pink-Out Day through-out the Orange School district and Bell Stadium

***All Students/Staff members that purchase a pink OHS athletic shirt for \$10 or purchased a pink OHS athletic shirt last year will receive free admission to the football game Friday, October 10th, OHS vs. Shabazz @ 7pm. OHS athletic pink shirt must be worn for free admission.**

(All proceeds/donations will be donated to the American Cancer Society October 10th at the game).



Pink Is The New Orange





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Rosa Parks Community School

Honors its Namesake at Statue Dedication

(Submitted by Natasha Murphy, School Counselor, Rosa Parks Community School)

On October 1, Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., Essex County Executive and the Board of Chosen Freeholders dedicated the Statue of Rosa Parks, in the Rosa Parks Plaza outside of the Essex County Veterans Courthouse in Newark, NJ. Teresa Ruiz, New Jersey State Senator/Deputy Chief of Staff cordially invited students from the Rosa Parks Community School to participate in the dedication honoring Mrs. Parks, the civil rights pioneer. Superintendent Mr. Ronald C. Lee, Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Principal Debra Joseph-Charles and seventeen students from Rosa Parks Community School attended the ceremony. Yanni Halstead, Elliot Holmes and Asianna Kennedy opened the observance with the Pledge of Allegiance. Seventh grade students, Brianna Thomas and Daniela Tacuri, participated as speakers. Upon completion of their remarks, they received a standing ovation. In the speech, they noted that Rosa Parks Community School, which marks its ten year anniversary this year, has a population that represents over 30 countries. The presence of so many cultures in Orange was why we should honor Mrs. Parks as a great civil rights leader. Without her efforts, they could not attend a school that is so diverse. Daniela and Brianna also helped to unveil the statue. The inscription on the plaque reads: "Our mistreatment was just not right, and I was tired of it." ~ Rosa Parks ~

Accompanied by chaperons Natasha Murphy, School Counselor, Christina Reeves, ESL Teacher and Kory Saunders, Rosa Parks Community School Site Coordinator, the students who participated were:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name of Students</u>
Kindergarten	Imani Frank, Farah Mostak
1st	Fabrico Fleitas, Jasmin Solomin
2nd	Alex Wang
3rd	Yanni Halstead
4th	Emely Falcon, Belle Smith, Christopher Leakes
5th	Elliot Holmes Nayli Pantoja Karen Tenlecia
6th	Asianna Kennedy Karl Kanhai Michael Baskerville
7th	Brianna Thomas Daniela Tacuri



Brianna Thomas and Daniela Tacuri address the audience.



Mayor Warren, Superintendent Lee pose with student by Rosa Parks' statue (left); Rosa Parks students with **Teresa Ruiz, New Jersey State Senator/Deputy Chief of Staff** (right).

OAKWOOD VS. LINCOLN: ALS Ice Bucket Challenge (Submitted by Mr. Robert Pettit, Oakwood Avenue Community School Principal)



During the Superintendent's Forum, Mr. Ronald C. Lee played a video of himself completing the

ALS Ice Bucket Challenge. In the video he challenged all Principals to join him in completing the challenge. To date, Mr. Robert Pettit, Principal of Oakwood Avenue School, is the only Principal to accept and complete the challenge. Mr. Pettit challenged the entire Oakwood Avenue School Community to join him in completing the challenge.

During dismissal on October 3, 2014, six of Oakwood Avenue Community School's bravest teachers responded to Mr. Pettit's request, and completed the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge.

Teachers from Oakwood have now challenged their sister school at Lincoln Avenue School to complete the challenge. Will Lincoln's Administration, Teachers and Staff rise to the challenge? I guess we'll just have to wait and see.



Pictured from left to right are Mr. Jonathan Gonzalez, Mrs. Roxanne Beckles, Mr. Benjamin Frost, Mrs. Annmarie Guenther, Ms. Barbara Fernandez and Mr. Larry Willis.

Week of Respect

Since 2011, the NJ Department of Education has designated the week beginning the first Monday in October as a “Week of Respect” in all schools. “Week of Respect”, was instituted in compliance with the State’s law that governs anti-harassment, bullying, and intimidation. “Week of Respect” was observed in the Orange Public Schools October 6 through October 10, 2014.

Park Avenue School’s Week of Respect... RESPECT ME!

(Submitted by Guerdy Baguidy, Park Avenue School Social Worker/Counselor)

In acknowledgment of New Jersey’s Anti-Bullying law, Park Avenue School kicked off their Week of Respect with a “Ronald McDonald, You’re a Star” assembly for grades K-4. Ronald McDonald was entertaining, with magic, comedy, music and audience participation, as he presented his message about the importance of having good self-esteem, in order to have and show respect.



Ronald McDonald with Park Avenue students.



Students further celebrated, “The Week of Respect” by creating respect posters (*pictured left*), writing respect poems, sharing morning respect messages on the loud speaker, and participating in the School Counselor’s Character Education lessons.

Week of Respect Observance at Orange Preparatory Academy

Orange Preparatory Academy (OPA) held an assembly on October 9, as part of their Week of Respect activities. The assembly was officiated by Mrs. Malika Berry, School Social Worker and Anti Bullying Specialist. It featured a “Respect TV” video interview of several individuals, such as, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, Superintendent of Schools, the Honorable Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Mr. Ellio, the “corner store” owner who has been in business in Orange for 40 years, members of the Orange Fire Department, OPA staff and other city and district personnel.

The Respect TV video was filmed last year and edited by a production crew of OPA students, supervised by Mr. Justin Niemczh, Smart Lab teacher.

The airing at the assembly was the premier of the video and was well received by students and staff. The video incorporated interviewees answering the question, what is respect and what does it mean to you? They were filmed on location, in the Smart Lab/studio and utilized many still images. The presentation was a meaningful example, for the Orange Preparatory Academy students, of how showing respect can transform individuals and the community.

The students and staff credited for the work are as follows:

- The behind the scenes engineers were: Rahnell McNair, Tyler Thompson, Gerardo Castro, Ahmed Ahmed, and Kenny Lachira. Dina Beckford photo editing
- Production Supervised by Mr. Justin Niemczzh, Smart Lab Teacher.
- The Anchors and on location news reporters were: Kasson Chapman, Cecil Davis, Eimani Hood and Quasean Waithe.
- Directed by Mrs. Malika Berry, School Social Worker and Anti Bullying Specialist along with Ms. Wanda Reynolds In School Suspension teacher.



Several students involved with making the video, who are now at Orange High School, attended the assembly. Among them were Ahmed Ahmed, Gerardo Castro, Rahnell McNair Smith, Kenny Lachira and Dina Beckford. They are **(pictured left)** along with Mrs. Malika Berry (center), Ms. Wanda Reynolds (left/front) and Mr. Justin Niemczzh (left/rear).

Another component of the assembly was to recognize students who were awarded Positive Behavior Support in Schools (PBSIS) respect coupons by teachers who felt they had shown respect to an individual and modeled the behavior for others. A drawing was held on October 8 and prizewinners were announced during the assembly on October 9. They were given T-Shirts to wear that inscribed: front right, what's INOK Ask me! Orange Preparatory Academy and on the back, Disrespect "It's not okay!". The T-Shirt winners, **(pictured right with Mrs. Berry)**: Aimayah Hickson, Stephon Miller, Samantha Francois and Jean Donatas.





Family Literacy Event Held for Pre-K to Grade 5 Families

The English Language Arts Department held its first Family Literacy event for families of beginning and young readers. There were two separate sessions, one held on the evening of October 8, at Oakwood Avenue School, and the other at Rosa Parks Community School on the morning of October 9. Families of students in Pre-K through grade 5 gathered to learn how they can help their children become better readers and writers.

The session at RPCS opened with welcome remarks by the Director of English Language Arts (ELA), Ms. Kathryn Carter. She introduced the ELA staff, Ms. Germaine Tarver, Supervisor of ELA Grades 3-5, Gianna Pasceri, Teacher Coach Grades 3-5 and Adriana Hernandez, Supervisor Grades K-2. There were also comments from the Orange Early Childhood Department, represented by Ms. Julia Jasper, who emphasized the importance of promoting literacy to students in Pre-K. Before breakout sessions, divided by grade levels (Pre-K, grades K-2 and grades 3-5) were conducted a short video on the Common Core State Standards was presented. The video gave parents an idea of the English Language Arts Department's emphasis literacy development.

The breakout sessions focused on literacy activities that can be done at home to provide literacy skill-building opportunities for young children. To aid in the sessions, translation was provided for non-English speaking participants, either by the instructor or by Ms. Vivian Paiz, English as a Second Language (ESL) Administrative Assistant for Spanish speakers. Mr. Nelson Thermitus, ESL teacher at RPCS, provided translation for Haitian Creole speakers. Parents also received free books for their home library.



Pictured (left to right): Ms. K. Carter, Ms. J. Jasper, Ms. V. Paiz and Mr. Thermitus.



Ms. G. Pasceri and Ms. G. Tarver (left) with parents and Ms. A. Hernandez with parent during breakout sessions.



Cleveland Street Board Lobby Art Show



Visiting the Cleveland Street exhibit are teachers Ketsia Jean-Baptiste, Charmaine Fraser and Lynda Jackson, Dr. Cayce Cummins, Principal, and Barbara Sanford, art teacher.

For the month of October, Cleveland Street School's student artwork is on display at the Board of Education Administrative Offices. Student work, from Kindergarten through grade 7, is presented for the community to view, during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Art instructor, Ms. Barbara Sanford, organized the colorful and seasonal display. Proud teachers have come by to see the work of their students, along with Principal Dr. Cayce Cummins.



Sample of the Cleveland Street art display.

Orange Teen Summit 2014 Is Coming!

(Submitted by Laura Sacks, Nurse, Orange Preparatory Academy)

The fifth annual Teen Summit for 6th through 12th grade students in Orange is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 24 and 25, 2014. The themes of this year's summit are teaching students to have integrity and teaching students to have conversations with trusted adults in their lives. The importance of having integrity in all aspects of students' lives will be incorporated during the activities and presentations on both days. The goal of the summit is to teach our students some very important life lessons. "We anticipate that this summit will be very meaningful and has the potential to significantly impact our families' lives in a very positive way," said event organizer, Orange Preparatory Academy nurse, Mrs. Laura Sacks.

Friday evening will start at 6:00 p.m. with pizza and is expected to conclude about 10:30 p.m. Saturday will begin at 8 a.m. with breakfast and finish at 5:30 p.m. The event will be held at Lincoln Avenue School.

On Friday evening, an author will share information about problems students are dealing with, followed by a panel discussion about these concerns with students and their parents and guardians. Saturday's session, will feature presentations, seminars, and workshops. One of the highlights of the day will be a presentation by Rutgers' students about getting into college. Concurrently, we will have representatives from the marines and army share information about military opportunities. The day will conclude with fun workshops, including a famous make-up artist doing make-overs, an acting workshop, Zumba, kickboxing, adult "improve", and hip hop dance.

Dinner will be provided on Friday evening, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. In addition, there will be musical entertainment and raffle prizes for students and adults on Saturday. Saturday's activities will also include a community art project - a board of inspiration - how to commit to communicating with friends and family and exemplify integrity in your lives. Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, a proponent of extra-curricular activities that support our students encourages all 6th through 12th grade students to attend, "We encourage our students to take advantage of this opportunity to participate in an event that gives them tools to address various issues in their lives."

REGISTRATION IS ONLY ONLINE THIS YEAR for the students and parents/guardians – PLEASE GO TO <http://orangeteensummitregistration.eventbrite.com> (check Orange Teen Summit). You can also go to the Facebook page – Orange Teen Summit.

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HSPA Testing at Orange High School

The *High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA)* **make-up tests** will be given on **Tuesday, October 14, Wednesday, October 15, and Thursday, October 16, 2014.**

The HSPA is a New Jersey State Department of Education high school graduation requirement. In March 2015, students will be required to retake any sections of the HSPA they did not pass in October 2014.

Orange Board of Education Public Town Hall meeting

On Wednesday, October 22, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., at Lincoln Avenue School, the Orange Public School District will hold a special Town Hall Meeting for the Board of Education and the community to present:

- 2013-2014 Student Achievement Data Analysis
- PARCC and New Graduation Requirements
- Parent Academy
- Facilities Update

All school families and members of the community are invited to this informative session.

Starting And Running A Special Education Advisory Group/Parent Group

The Orange Public School District's Special Services Department is hosting a workshop designed to facilitate open conversation about developing or reorganizing a district Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG). The workshop will be held on Thursday, October 23, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Lincoln Avenue School (Media Center).

Anyone interested in understanding the function of an effective SEPAG or anyone interested in additional information on how to run or start a group is welcome to attend.

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Time: 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

**Location: Lincoln Avenue School (Media Center)
216 Lincoln Ave. Orange, NJ 07050**

PRESENTER: Myriam Alizo, Parent Group Specialist, START Project (Statewide Parent Advocacy Network)

Parents and educators of children who are already receiving special education services and parents and educators of children who are having difficulty in school but may have not been determined to be eligible for special education services will benefit from this training.

To register contact Ms. Holly Gamble at GambleHo@orange.k12.nj.us or by phone at 973-677-4027

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El Código Administrativo del Estado de Nueva Jersey 6A:14-1.2(h) establece que: “Cada junta de educación garantizará la existencia de un grupo consultivo de padres en educación especial para proporcionar aporte al distrito acerca de temas relativos a los estudiantes con discapacidades”.

Fecha: jueves 23 de octubre de 2014

Hora: 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

Lugar: Lincoln Ave. School (Biblioteca)

216 Lincoln Ave. Orange, NJ 07050

PRESENTADO POR: Myriam Alizo, Especialista de Grupos de Padres del Proyecto START (SPAN)

Los padres y educadores de niños que ya están recibiendo servicios de educación especial y los padres y educadores de niños que tienen dificultades en la escuela, pero que todavía no se ha determinado que sean elegibles para servicios de educación especial se beneficiarán de este taller.

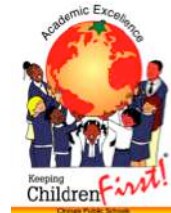
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A Successful "Pink Out" Event and Win for Orange High School



Pictured (left to right) Ms. Vanessa Watson, Athletic Director, Shabazz High School, the Honorable Dwayne D. Warren, Mayor of Orange, a volunteer from the American Cancer Society Representative, Stephanie Ross, Athletic Assistant, Mr. Jason Belton, OHS Co-Principal, Mrs. Patricia A. Arthur, Board of Education President, Mr. Eric Sylvester, Site Manager, Mr. Mohammed Abdelaziz, Assistant Principal - Athletics, Ms. Pat Pagani, American Cancer Society Representative and Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee.

The American Cancer Society was presented with a check for \$4,000 at the annual "Pink-Out" football game on October 10. On behalf of the Orange Public School District, the Orange High School (OHS) Athletic Department has supported this worthy cause for Breast Cancer Awareness Month for over 6 years, with contributions from staff, students and members of the community. "We are once again thankful for the support of our staff, students and the community for allowing us to make this generous contribution to such a worthy cause," said Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee.



The effort was fueled by the sale of "Pink-Out" T-shirts and a district wide dress-down day, which raised the funds contributed. During half time, there was a check presentation to the American Cancer Society.

Game visitors also received valuable information and giveaways from the American Cancer Society (*shown left*) along with Ms. Koa Thomas, OHS Administrative Assistant.



Scenes from the Orange Tornadoes “Pink-Out” game at Bell Stadium.

The Tornadoes won the “Pink-Out” game, beating Newark’s Shabazz High School 7 - 0. The game featured a lively half-time show by the OHS Mighty Marching Tornadoes Band, Dancers and Color Guard, with game wide encouragement from the Cheerleaders. Assistant Principal Abdelaziz congratulated all for keeping the “pulse of the game” and gave the football team the motivation to win. Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, Mr. Peter Crosta, further complemented the Band, under the direction of Mr. Steven Reeves, stating, “The half-time presentation was smartly executed and I was so thrilled by the spirit and tenacity of the students during that performance.”

Orange Public School District Launches the Parent Academy



The Orange Public School District officially launched its Parent Academy on October 15, with a reception for approximately 30 parents invited to join the inaugural class for this new effort. The Parent Academy is meant to bolster parent and family engagement in order to improve student academic achievement. At the welcome reception, parents met each other, completed a survey, were given a parent ID card and received a brochure outlining scheduled workshops for the fall of 2014. Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Paula Howard, outlined the program, conveying her gratitude for their attendance and detailing the resources available to them on the district’s website. She was followed by welcome remarks from Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee and the Board of Education President, Mrs. Patricia A. Arthur.

The mission of the Parent Academy is to support overall student achievement by providing families with learning opportunities and resources that will enable them to become more involved in their children's educational success. Through active participation in district-sponsored events, workshops and seminars, parents will be able to promote student academic achievement, enhance their parental and leadership skills and gain additional expertise to support personal growth objectives.

Parents in attendance were encouraged by the attention and were supportive of the measures being outlined. The goals of the Parent Academy are:

- Increase parental participation in student academics
- Educate parents on new standards and requirements
- Strengthen the home school connection

At the reception, parents introduced themselves and the school they represented. They were enthusiastic about being at the forefront of the district's emphasis on increasing parental involvement. The parents at the reception appreciated hearing about earning credits for attending district workshops and being acknowledged for their role as parent leaders at their schools.



Parents are shown (left) completing a survey and registering as Parent Academy members. Reception at the Board of Education (right).



CIAO student caterers at the reception (left). Group photo of Parent Academy members (right).

The reception treated attendees to a dinner catered by students from the Career and Innovation Academy of Orange, directed by Culinary Arts instructor, Mr. Michael Spillman. The students were asked to introduce themselves by Superintendent Lee and proudly detailed what they made for the meal. They were applauded and thanked for a great buffet dinner.

For more information about the Orange Public School's Parent Academy [click here](#).

Orange Teen Summit 2014

(Submitted by Laura Sacks, School Nurse, OPA)

The fifth annual Teen Summit will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 24 and 25 at Lincoln Avenue School (entrance on Jackson Street). Friday evening will start at 6 pm with pizza and is expected to conclude at 10:30 pm. Saturday starts at 8 am with a bagel breakfast and is expected to conclude at 5:30 pm. Students in 6th through 12th grade, as well as their parents and guardians are invited to attend.

The theme of the summit is teaching students to have integrity and to have conversations with trusted adults in their lives. On Friday evening, a well-known author will address the audience followed by a panel discussion about current concerns of students with parent/guardians and their children. The evening will end with musical entertainment.

On Saturday, there will be presentations, seminars, and workshops. The highlights of this day are expected to be a keynote speech about integrity, life workshops for students ("Dealing with Stress", "Finding Yourself and Moving Forward"), parent workshops, including, "Empowering Conversations – Instilling Character and Integrity in our Children," a presentation by Rutgers' students about college, and representatives from the Army and Marines who will share information about the military. A delicious catered lunch is included. Saturday will conclude with fun activities, including a famous make-up artist doing makeovers, an acting workshop, Zumba, kickboxing, adult "improv" and hip-hop dance.

The summit will be well chaperoned by teachers and administrators. The event organizers expect students who attend Friday to stay the whole evening, and Saturday's participants are expected to remain for the entire day, unless on either day, they have a note written by a parent or guardian who picks them up.

There is no cost for participating. There are a limited number of T-shirts to be given away (so please register early), and there will be different raffle prizes for students and parents at the conclusion of the summit on Saturday. Students who participate on both days can win one of two Samsung Gallery Tab 4s. Other raffle prizes are from Eagle Rock Bowling, CMB Kicks, Retro Fitness, NJ Fitness, South Mountain Yoga, LuLu Lemon, Suzi Q's, Home Depot and G & S Deli, Coldstone Creamery, Bowtie Cinema, and Chelsea Set.

The Orange Teen Summit Committee 2014 notes that it is important that students and parents/guardians register on-line, in order to attend. If students do not have access to a computer or the internet at home, they can register during the school day. The link is: <http://orangeteensummitregistration.eventbrite.com>.

"We anticipate that this summit will be very meaningful and has the potential to significantly impact our families' lives in a very positive way. We hope you can attend!!"

Members of the Orange Teen Summit 2014 Committee

Family Science Night at Scholars!

(Submitted by Karen Machuca, Principal, Scholars Academy and OECC II)

“Eww! It’s sticky!” and “That doesn’t smell too good,” were just a couple of comments made during the *Science Family Night* held at Scholars Academy on Thursday, October 16, 2014. Mr. Baer, Science teacher at Scholars Academy, engaged families with four experiments that included Milk Stone, Psychedelic Milk, Slime, and Lava Lamp! To kick off the evening, the Parents of Gifted and Talented (PGT) Committee held their first meeting where parents, teachers, and administration worked together to continue to provide enriching and highly engaging activities and programs for students. All participants of the evening kept the experiments that they made and received a copy of the experiments so they could do it at home. The experiments can be found on the Scholars website at www.orange.k12.nj.us/scholars under Resources for Gifted and Talented.



Families experimenting to make Psychedelic Milk.



Attendees smiling with their successful slime experiment.

Scholar Students Know How to Solve Problems!

(Submitted by Karen Machuca, Principal, Scholars Academy and OECC II)

A team of six math students from Mrs. Shannon Keogh’s class at Scholars Academy competed in the *Problem Solving Convocation* at Essex Fells Elementary School on October 15, 2014. The competition was sponsored by the Essex County Steering Committee for Gifted and Talented (G&T) Education that the Orange school district joined in September. The students competed in teams to answer high-level problem solving challenges across content areas. The teams consisted of G&T students from other Essex County schools that included Essex Fells, Millburn, Caldwell, Fairfield, and Roseland to name just a few. First through third place awards were given out to the three highest scoring teams. Jodan Elysee from Heywood Avenue School brought home a 1st place trophy and Ibrahima Sacko from Park Avenue School brought home a 2nd place trophy. All of the students enjoyed the day and look forward to competing in the next academic challenge!



Representing Orange Public Schools were:
Alliah Kolubah, Grade 5 from Lincoln Avenue School
Minoucha Previlon, Grade 6 from Lincoln Avenue School
Jodan Elysee, Grade 6 from Heywood Avenue School
Tairi Johnson, Grade 6 from Forest Street School
Ibrahima Sacko, Grade 6 from Park Avenue School
Aitalia Sharpe, Grade 6 from Park Avenue School

(Students are pictured left with teacher, Mrs. Keogh)

Tucker Turtle Teaches Tuck and Think

(Submitted by Karen Machuca, Principal, Scholars Academy and OECC II)

At OECC II, within Scholars Academy, a storybook character came to life for the preschool students as *Tucker Turtle* entered the classroom with his friend, Ms. Carol Daly, OECC school counselor. Tucker Turtle explained and demonstrated to students a valuable strategy when they get frustrated. First, you should stop, next tuck yourself in for a moment, and then take three deep breaths to calm down. Then **Think, Think, Think!** Students were delighted with Tucker's visit and could be heard telling their parents about their special visitor during dismissal.



Ms. Jean and Ms. Jones-Vance's preschool students watch and learn problem-solving strategy from Tucker Turtle (Ms. Julie Jasper—OECC Master Teacher) and Ms. Carol Daly.

Orange Fire Department Visits Rosa Parks Community School (Submitted by Cindy Pagano, School Counselor)



Pictured above, students are shown with a fireman.

The Orange Fire Department visited Rosa Parks Community School on October 10, 2014. The visit was focused on safety and an action plan in case of a fire. Children were able to sit on the fire truck and the ring bells and sound the sirens. The visit was enjoyable and informative for the students.

**"Children were able to sit on the fire truck
and ring the bells and sound the sirens"**

- Cindy Pagano

Update From Oakwood Avenue Community School (Submitted by Pamela Venable, School Counselor)

Bucket Fillers & Bullying No More

An Assembly Program to "Kickoff" Oakwood's Bully Prevention & Week of Respect Events



The entire Oakwood Avenue Community School participated in an assembly program to reinforce their character education program "Bucket Fillers". The Soaring Eagles sang character education songs and a five-member percussionist group, under the direction of music teacher, Mrs. Annmarie Guenther, played for the second graders as they sang the Bucket Filler Song. The students demonstrated how to fill someone's bucket by using a variety of positive and caring words. The Student Leadership Council performed a skit, "Don't Laugh At Me Because I am Different". And the program ended with an original Rap, B-U-L-L-Y-I-N-G, written and performed by 5th grader, Unique Chadwick.

Grades K-4 Received a Special Visit from the Essex County Prosecutors Office

Oakwood Avenue Community School is thankful to Ms. Nicole Graves-Watson, the Community Justice Coordinator from the Essex County Prosecutors Office, for visiting Oakwood Avenue Community School. During her presentation, Ms. Graves-Watson reminded the K-4th grade students of the importance of being kind and courteous. These character education words help to keep Oakwood Avenue Community School a Bully-Free School.

The students were eager to participate by answering questions and explaining what they have learned about the importance of not being bullies. The event ended with the students reciting The Bucket Filler Pledge.



I am a bucket filler each and everyday.

Kind things I do. Kind things I say.

I do my best not to ever dip.

I will say, "I apologize" if I ever slip!

An Evacuation Drill Plus a Visit from the Orange Fire Department



Evacuation Drill

The Oakwood Avenue Community School students, faculty and staff held an evacuation drill, on October 17. They also had a visit from the Orange Fire Department (OFD). The OFD gave a presentation to the entire student body, providing students, faculty and staff with some valuable information.

- Remember the back of your hand is more sensitive to touch. In other words, use the back of your hand to determine the excessiveness of heat of fire that may lurk outside your bedroom door.
- Don't hide under your bed or in a closet.
- A hissing sound is the sound of the equipment that a firefighter wears and this is the sound to crawl towards when there is a fire in your home.

Oakwood Avenue Community School thanks Captain Spearman and all of the firefighters who came out to provide a great fire safety assembly. Helmets and coloring books were provided as gifts for all Pre-K to 2nd grade students.

FYI

Haunted House Halloween:

The Orange High School Student Council is hosting a *Haunted House Halloween* on Friday, October 31, for the entire community. The event is from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Orange High School. Admission is \$2. See flyer below.

Veterans Day Homecoming Parade

In honor of “all those who served our country,” the City of Orange is hosting a parade on Saturday, November 1, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., from 105 Main Street, ending at Bell Stadium. The Orange Public School District will participate in the parade. For more information on the parade call Mr. Campanella Godfrey at 973 266-4045. See flyer below.



Following the parade, the Orange High School Tornadoes will play the Verona High School Hillbillies at 1:00 p.m., in the annual Homecoming Day Game. During halftime, Orange High School will present the Homecoming Court and celebrate Senior Day.

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Parents, Guardians, & Mentors
who have children in
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Saturday, October 25th, 8:00 am to 5:30 pm

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Join us for our 5th Annual Orange Teen Summit.
Learn how conversations can make a difference in your
life. Discover how having integrity can open up doors
you may not have even thought of knocking on.
You will also get to participate in some really fun
activities. Our summit will encourage you to rise
above mediocrity as you begin to think
about your actions, your values, **YOUR LIFE!**

You MUST register online at:
<http://orange teensummitregistration.eventbrite.com>

Email questions to: BigOTeenSummit@gmail.com or
call Mrs. Sacks, School Nurse at OPA (973) 677-4144.

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Orange Tornados vs. Verona Hillbillies

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For information and updates on this event and other activities in Orange please visit us online at www.ci.orange.nj.us — and like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/orange.jersey



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Teen Summit 2014

The 6th Annual Teen Summit, “Talk about it! Conversations Can Change Situations”



For the sixth year in a row, the Orange Public School District has sponsored the Annual Teen Summit, organized by Orange Preparatory Academy (OPA) Nurse, Laura Sacks. With a team of dedicated OPA staff, student volunteers and supporters, she has directed this valuable event for grade 6 - 12 students in Orange. Mrs. Sacks is appreciative of the Orange Public School District for its support, which goes well beyond presenting the event, to championing its cause. Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee sees this event as an endorsement of students, providing valuable life lessons and demonstrating that the gathering of students for supervised activities are beneficial to today's youth.

Over 450 students and parents registered for the event that took place on October 24 - 25 at Lincoln Avenue School.



Teen Summit 2014 opened on October 25 for an evening of frank discussions, highlighted by a panel of parents, students and staff addressing topical issues confronting families.

Local rapper, “Brown Eyes”, Nichelle Brown, shared her experiences regarding integrity and making positive choices. She then performed her message in a rap. Also addressing the audience was author, Jackie Hardrick.

The student/parent panel provided a model for dialogues between children and their parents, advocating the premise of the Summit, “Talk about it! Conversations can change situations.” Parents and students were selected to represent the families in Orange. There was positive audience participation, as well. Ms. Michelle Martin, one of the school counselors at Orange High School, was also on the panel, along with Mrs. Sacks, and summarized the different topics and student options. Mr. Troy Bell, a teacher and recording artist, moderated the panel. Superintendent Lee was there to welcome participants.



Adult Women's Workshop.



The Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills.



Board Member Mateo addresses the audience.



Rutgers students, Teen summit participants, parents and staff pose after presentation.

October 25 was a full day that began with Hasan Johnson, a social worker and doctoral student at Rutgers University. He gave an excellent introduction to integrity in his presentation entitled "Integrity: The Key to a Successful & Peaceful Life." The workshops that followed gave an opportunity for students to learn about different concerns in their lives, such as, relationships, finding yourself, social identity, dealing with the streets, and there was a special "Caring Project" for Haitian and Hispanic students who are English Language Learners.

Rutgers University students led a discussion, during this period, about preparing for college and how to qualify for scholarships.

Additionally, the Junior League of Short Hills and the Oranges inspired attendees with a "Conversation Board" and they donated brownies for dessert on Friday evening, and provided volunteers.

Dr. Eddie Jumper, New Jersey Community Research Initiative, returned again this year to speak about responsible health related behaviors. And, the final workshops were great fun for everyone: singing, makeovers, acting, Zumba, kickboxing and hip-hop dance.

There were other speakers and workshop leaders who were appreciated for their contribution to the summit, including: Director of Language Arts and Testing, Kathy Carter; author Jackie Hardrick; parent coach, Kumari Ghafoor-Davis; a representative from the Army; a women's coach, Tatianna Etienne, social worker, Debbie Kiraly, dance instructor, Deborah Rembert, and teacher/musician, Troy Bell, who moderated many of the workshops and MC'd the summit.

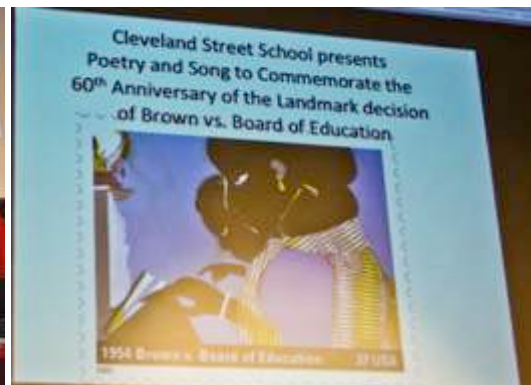
Mr. Ron C. Lee, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Paula Howard, Deputy Superintendent, Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Ms. Patricia A. Arthur, President of the Orange Board of Education, Ms. Cristina Mateo, Orange Board of Education member and Mr. Elroy Corbitt, Orange Councilmember, were in attendance and participated in workshops. Also present was OPA Principal, Ms. Aretha Malloy, and members of her administrative team.

The following businesses and individuals are thanked for their support and contributions to Teen Summit 2014:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orange Board of Education • Master Pizza • McDonald's • Eagle Rock Bowling • Bowtie Cinema, South Orange • Coldstone Creamery • Nordstrom's Clinique Counter • CMB Kicks in South Orange • G & S • Carol Lukoff (free books) • Jackie Hardrick, book donation • Makeup Party from Bobbi Brown's Studio • VIP Membership for 3 months to Retro Fitness in West Orange • NJ Fitness – Get Jersey Fit 24/7 • The Chelsea Set • South Mountain Yoga • Suzy Q's • Lululemon Athletics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TGIFridays • Hat City Kitchen • Home Depot • The Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills (A special thank for volunteers, desserts, and the <i>Conversation Wall Project</i> Created by Ain Farrow and Lisa Taitt) • Chartwell • Rockland Bakery • Whole Foods • Stellar Smile Center in Montclair – Dr. Marie Jackson, D.M.D. • Trader Joe's • Dunkin Donuts • Shop Rite • Costco • TD Bank • Donation of wood squares by Jamie Lasell
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The Orange Board of Education October Board Meeting

Cleveland Street School hosted the monthly Orange Board of Education Meeting, on October 14, with a presentation of poetry and song that commemorated the 60th Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education, a landmark decision that struck down the separate but equal provisions in education. Dr. Cayce Cummins, school principal explained that students prepared and recited poems in honor of the historic school desegregation decision demonstrating their understanding of the significance of the case. Students recited poems about public schools compared to charter schools, "Charter Chatter", transformed poems to song about the struggles of separate but equal, performed raps and impressed the audience with their stark response to the state of education today. They were enthusiastically applauded for their performance.



Students are shown on stage during their performance (left) and chart that summarized their presentation (right).

Student of the Month

SOTM	School
Yaramo Dione	Orange High School
Samantha Francois	Orange Preparatory Academy
Robbie Samuel	Career and Innovation Academy of Orange
Ashley Williams	Cleveland Street School
K'Lynn Jackman	Rosa Parks Community School
Kayla Howell	Park Avenue School
Yasheka Smith	Heywood Avenue School
Jaylen May-Green	Forest Street School
Cereniti Jones	Oakwood Avenue Community School
Kimberly Acosta-Mendez	Lincoln Avenue School

Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee and Board of Education President, Mrs. 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.



Principal Robert Pettit, Oakwood SOTM and parent, along with President Arthur and Superintendent Lee (left). Principal Dr. Cayce Cummins, SOTM and her family, along with President Arthur and Superintendent Lee (right).



Orange High School SOTM, with Principal, Dr. Kalisha Morgan, Board President Arthur and Superintendent Lee (left). Orange Preparatory Academy SOTM and family, with Principal, Ms. Aretha Malloy, Board President Arthur and Superintendent Lee (right).



Heywood Avenue SOTM and parent, with Principal, Ms. Faith Alcantara, Board President Arthur and Superintendent Lee (left). Forest Street SOTM, with second grade teacher, Joyce Daniels, substitute Principal, Mr. Eugene Brown, Board President Arthur and Superintendent Lee (right).

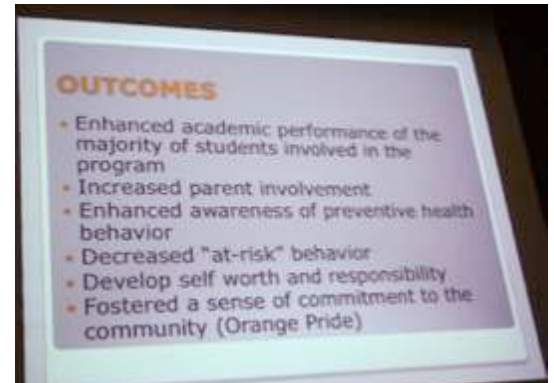


Ms. Rhonda Wills, Parent of the Month



The Cleveland Street School family declared that Ms. Rhonda Wills is one of those parents every school needs. She offers her services throughout the school and Cleveland Street has welcomed the opportunity to have Ms. Wills assist in the Main Office, as well as the Nurse's Office. Her extra set of hands, as well as her efficiency and organizational skills, have greatly helped the school this year. The Cleveland Street School family congratulated and thanked Ms. Wills for her contribution to the school.

Following the Superintendent's acknowledgements, there were two other Board presentations: Mr. Reggie Miller, Director for the *Male Student Support Program*, gave a status report about the mentoring program that has served students of Orange for twenty years. Mr. Miller spoke of the positive impact of the program, sponsored by Rutgers Medical School, on the young men in Orange and detailed the effects of the project. He underscored the positive outcomes, including **(see chart on the right)**: enhanced academic performance, increased parental involvement, heightened health awareness, decreased "at risk" behavior, development of self-worth and Orange pride. Mr. Miller thanked program backers and the district for their continued support.



	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Violence	18	11	13	7	15	14	15
Vandalism	6	4	2	0	1	2	0
Weapons	5	2	5	0	7	7	4
Substance Abuse	4	11	17	22	16	18	20
Total	33	28	37	29	39	41	39

The presentation included comparison charts detailing incidence in four tracked categories: Violence, Vandalism, Weapons, and Substance Abuse from School Year 2007-2008 through School Year 2012-2013.

Mrs. Shelly Harper, Director of Special Services, followed with a presentation of the *Violence and Vandalism Public Hearing Report*. This report is given annually at a Board of Education meeting, in accordance with State Statutes/N.J.S.A: 18A: 17-46, which mandates that each school district hold a public hearing/presentation, prior to the filing of its Annual Violence and Vandalism report.

This year's presentation was coupled with the monthly October forum. It covered the period, September 2013 to June 2014. There were a total of 39 incidents reported.

Park Avenue Bridge Champions

(Contributed By Dr. Denise Harlem, Technology Coordinator, Park Avenue School)



Park Avenue student, 7th grader Salbrina Teal, a member of the school's Bridge Team, made a presentation to the Board at the October meeting. She explained the value and success of the afterschool Bridge program she attends. She further discussed the opportunity she had to travel to Las Vegas this past summer to participate in the National Bridge Tournament. Salbrina also thanked the Board of Education, the Orange Public School District and the community for their support.



Park Avenue bridge students Sayeed Bennett and Taylor Peart took home a trophy at the National Bridge Tournament in Las Vegas this past July 2014. The pair was up against competitors from China, Canada, and the United States. Sayeed and Taylor stayed focused and were determined to go home with an award. That effort paid off for the pair. Congratulations to them both!

Orange High School Students Attend College Fair 2014



The Orange High School Guidance Department held its annual College Fair for Orange High School students on October 23. The students visited with a wide selection of colleges, career institutions and the Armed Forces. The event was held from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and was also attended by students from the Career and Innovation Academy of Orange.

Counselors, Lyle Wallace and Dana Jones, coordinated the College Fair. The Supervisor of Guidance, Mr. Vernon Pullins, was on hand for the event.



Students and staff gather at the 2014 College Fair



Students visit with Kean University

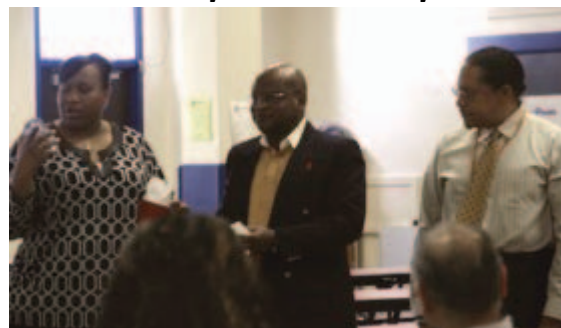


Students visit with the Armed Forces

Mr. Glenn Gamble, Business Technology is OPA Employee of the Month.

(Submitted By Ronald Jones, OPA Math Resource Teacher)

The Math Resource teacher at Orange Preparatory Academy, Mr. Ronald Jones, recommended Mr. Glen Gamble for the Orange Preparatory Academy's *Employee of the Month* award. Mr. Jones nominated him for the following reason: "We have two shared time students who attend Vocation School (ECVT) in the morning and then attend Orange Prep in the afternoon. The problem for these two students is that they arrive the last 15-20 minutes of second block with no structure for them. I approached Mr. Gamble to see if he would take the initiative to create a program and also to supervise the students. Mr. Gamble developed a yearlong community service curriculum, which involves technology, and the students would be able to earn their graduation requirement of 60 community service hours by the end of this year."



Mr. Jones and Administrative Assistant, Ms. Salima Covington, with Mr. Gamble, as he receives award in front of school staff (left). Mr. Jones and Mr. Gamble (right).

Town Hall Meeting 2014

Over 300 individuals from the Orange school community and the greater Orange community attended the special Board of Education Meeting, on October 22, for a “State of the District” presentation. Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ronald C. Lee, led the discussion. The presentation is available online at www.orange.k12.nj.us.

Families, students and staff gathered for the event, the highlight of which was the awarding of medals to students who received a “perfect score” or were “advanced proficient” on the NJASK or HSPA standardized test. Over 125 students were acknowledged for their achievement and students who received medals in two areas received a trophy.

Attendees of the event included, the Honorable Mayor Dwayne Warren of Orange, Councilmembers, Jamie Somers-Johnson and Elroy Corbitt, Council President Donna Williams and members of the newly formed Parent Academy. The event was held at Lincoln Avenue School and featured supper and desserts prepared by Orange High School and the Career and Innovation Academy of Orange students. Further, “baby-sitting” was provided to care for children.



Scenes from the Town Hall Meeting.



Math medal recipients with Superintendent Lee and Mayor Warren.



Science medal recipients with Superintendent Lee and Mayor Warren.



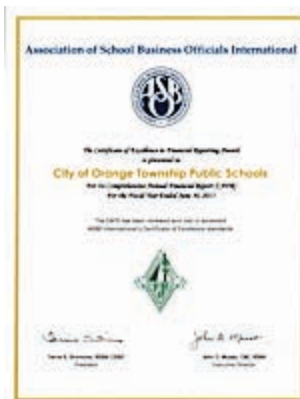
Language Arts Literacy medal recipients with Superintendent Lee and Mayor Warren.



Trophy recipients with Superintendent Lee and Mayor Warren.

Orange Pubic School District Receives Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Award

(Press Release, ASBO International)



The City of Orange Township Public Schools received the Association of School Business Officials International's (ASBO) *Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting* award for having met or exceeded the program's high standards for financial reporting and accountability.

The district was recognized for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending 2013. This is the fourth year in a row that the district has received this award.

Sponsored by VALIC (Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company), the Certificate of Excellence (COE) award confirms the school business office's commitment to financial accountability and transparency. Recognition through the COE program can help strengthen a district's presentation for bond issuance statements and promotes a high level of financial reporting.

VALIC, a long-time supporter of school business, is committed to the K-12 marketplace. VALIC was the first company to enroll a K-12 public school district in a 403(b) plan. For more than half a century, **VALIC** has served as a leading retirement plan provider for K-12 schools and school districts, as well as for higher education, healthcare, government, and other not-for-profit institutions. As of August 30, 2013, VALIC has more than \$79 billion in total assets under management and manages plans for nearly 25,000 groups serving nearly 2 million plan participants. VALIC represents The Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company and its subsidiaries, VALIC Financial Advisors, Inc. and VALIC Retirement Services Company. For more information on VALIC, please visit www.VALIC.com.

Founded in 1910, the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) is an educational association that supports school business professionals who are passionate about quality education. ASBO is committed to providing programs and services that promote the highest standards of school business management, professional growth, and the effective use of educational resources. Through its programs, services, advocacy, and global network, ASBO International is the voice of school business officials.

For more information on the COE award, visit ASBO's website: www.asbointl.org/COE.

FYI

Haunted House Halloween:

The Orange High School Student Council is hosting a *Haunted House Halloween* on Friday, October 31, for the entire community. The event is from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Orange High School. Admission is \$2. See flyer below.

Veterans Day Homecoming Parade

In honor of “all those who served our country,” the City of Orange is hosting a parade on Saturday, November 1, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., from 105 Main Street, ending at Bell Stadium. The Orange Public School District will participate in the parade. For more information on the parade call Mr. Campanella Godfrey at 973 266-4045. See flyer below.



Following the parade, the Orange High School Tornados will play the Verona High School Hillbillies at 1:00 p.m., in the annual Homecoming Day Game. During halftime, Orange High School will present the Homecoming Court and celebrate Senior Day.

On the Stage at Orange Preparatory Academy



October 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Back to School Night 6:00 - 8:00PM Scholars Academy	2	3 Orange Prep Academy Smile Day (to kick-off <i>Week of Respect</i> , 10/6 - 10/10)	4 OHS Rummage Sale 8-4PM Father's Conference East Orange Campus HS 8:30-2:00PM <i>Registration Required</i>
5	6 District Academic Competition: Real Deal Movie Submission (See district website) Week of Respect	7 HSPA Test Week of Respect	8 Cleveland Lobby Art Show, 6:00PM at the Administrative Bldg. HSPA Test Week of Respect	9 HSPA Test Week of Respect	10 Week of Respect	11
12	13 	14 Monthly BOE Meeting 7:30PM at OPA, Violence and Vandalism Hearing HSPA Make-up Test	15 HSPA Make-up Test	16 HSPA Make-up Test	17	18
19	20	21	22 Orange Board of Education - Town Hall Meeting 6:00PM - 8:00PM Lincoln Avenue School	23 OEA/OASA In-Service Day, 12:30PM Dismissal for Students	24 Teen Summit 2014 6:00PM at Lincoln Avenue School	25 Teen Summit 2014 8:00AM - 5:00PM at Lincoln Avenue School
26	27	28	29	30 District Prof. Development Day, 12:30PM Dismissal for Students	31 Halloween 	



Haunted House Halloween

OCT 31

@ OHS

6:00-8:00 pm

After Party \$3
8-10pm
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Costumes Welcome

\$3 ADMISSION

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- Marching Bands
- Cheerleaders
- Football Teams
- Community Organizations
- Veterans

Saturday, November 1, 2014

10:00AM - 12:00PM

The parade will begin at 105 Main Street in Orange
for a march to Bell Stadium followed by a football game:
Orange Tornadoes vs. Verona Hillbillies

**For more information, call
Campanella Godfrey 973-266-4045**

For information and updates on this event and other activities in Orange please visit us online at www.ci.orange.nj.us — and like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/orange.jersey