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- Friday, June 23, Orange High School Graduation at Essex County College, 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 27, Special Public Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Administrative Building, 451 Lincoln Avenue

Laura Bush Foundation Grant Celebration at Park Avenue School

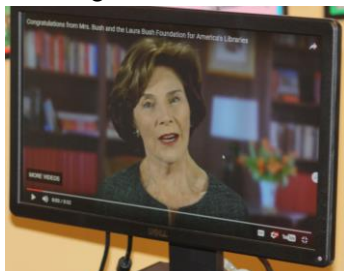


Park Avenue School has received a \$5,000 grant from the Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries. To acknowledge this achievement, Park Avenue School hosted a celebration on June 16, in the school's library. Present were Principal Dr. Myron Hackett, and Media Specialist Ms. Linda Martelli (*pictured left with grant check*), who applied for and won the grant. The grant will be used to acquire the best new children's and young adult books for the Park Avenue School library. Supplying the new books, over 500 selections, will be the Junior Library Guild.

Also present at the grant celebration were City of Orange Township officials, Mr. Lewis Copeland and Ms. Wendy Sykes, the district's English Language Arts Supervisors, Ms. Rosa Lazzizzera and Ms. April Stokes, Ms. Becky Becque, representative of the Junior Library Guild and Park Avenue staff. They discussed the grant components and celebrated the award that will benefit the students at Park Avenue School.

More than \$930,000 in grants will be distributed to 160 school libraries across the country, this year, for the purchase of books and reading materials.

"As a former librarian, I know school libraries play an important role in improving student achievement and encouraging students to love reading." said Mrs. Laura Bush. "With this grant, your librarian will make your library the perfect place for students to fall in love with reading."



Pictured(left to right): Video of Ms. Laura Bush; Ms. Becque, Ms. Martelli, Ms. Lazzizzera and Ms. Stokes;(front) Ms. Lazzizzera, Ms. Becque and Park staff, Ms. Antoinett Hall (back) Park staff, Ms. Copeland, Ms. Stokes, Ms. Martelli, Mr. Lewis Copeland, Ms. Wendy Sykes and Dr. Hackett.

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Paula E. Howard is proud that one of the district's schools is a recipient of the Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries grant. The grant will help the district in its efforts to build knowledge through a high volume of reading.



Pictured: Scenes from Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries grant celebration at Park Avenue School.

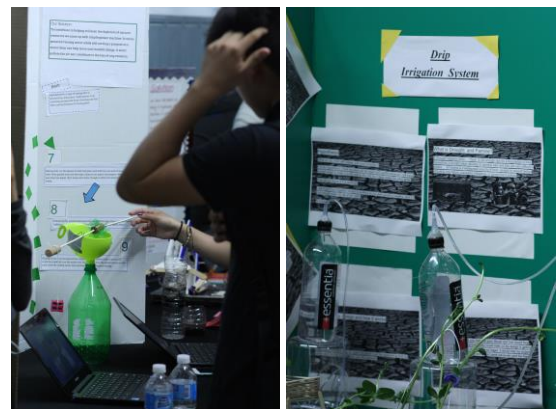
The Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries provides grants of up to \$7,000 to our nation's urban schools so they can extend, update, and diversify the book and print collections in their libraries with the goal of encouraging students to develop a love of reading and learning. Since its inception in 2002, it has awarded over \$14.3 million to more than 2,700 schools across the country. In addition to the annual grants, the "Gulf Coast School Library Recovery Initiative" in 2006 provided nearly \$6.5 million to school libraries affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita to rebuild book collections lost or destroyed in the storms. This April while in Africa, Mrs. Bush announced the first ever international grants from the Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries. Therisanyo School in Gaborone, Botswana and Ella Du Plessis High School in Windhoek, Namibia each received \$2,500 towards their school libraries.

In 2014, The Laura Bush Foundation transitioned from the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region in Washington, D.C. to the George W. Bush Presidential Center in Dallas, Texas, where it is managed as a restricted fund. More information can be found at www.laurabushfoundation.org.

STEM Night at Orange Preparatory Academy

Orange Preparatory Academy's annual STEM Night typically draws large crowds of students, staff and supporting family members, eager to see what projects students have elected to investigate and display. Once again the attendance was up, as the students, converging on the first floor of the school building on June 1, shared a variety of projects, from robotics to recycling to curbing the effects of the goose population.

Students readily detailed their project hypothesis and findings with visitors and were proud of their accomplishments.



Pictured (left to right): Orange Prep STEM Night projects re using hydropower and a drip irrigation system.

The event, which concluded with an interactive presentation in the auditorium, by Liberty Science Center was a successful display of academic skills presented in a fun environment.



Pictured: Scenes from STEM Night at Orange Preparatory Academy.

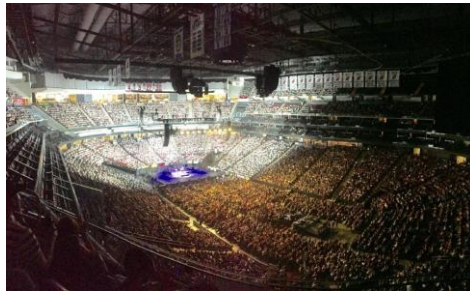


Pictured: Scenes from the Liberty Science Center presentation at Orange Prep's STEM Night.

June Has Been a Busy Month at Lincoln Avenue School

Submitted by Mrs. Wendy Mir, Music Teacher, Lincoln Avenue School

American Young Voices



On June 1 Lincoln Avenue School's *American Young Voices* sang at the Prudential Center in Newark (**pictured above**) with over 8,000 other students from the North Jersey area. Singing with Lincoln were Haywood Avenue and Rosa Parks Community Schools. Lincoln's music teacher, Mrs. Wendy Mir, stated, "It was amazing to be a part of that awesome group of students!"

Mercer Musical Theatre

Lincoln is proud of the 6th and 7th graders who participated in the Mercer Musical Theater Program, part of the Johnny Mercer Grant, in collaboration with NJPAC teaching artists and four other schools chosen from the North Jersey area.

High Note Festival



On June 8, Lincoln Avenue's Band and Vocal Chorus Club (Sem Etienne and Wendy Mir) participated in their annual trip to the High Note Festival (**pictured above**), this year in Allentown, PA. Both groups are congratulated for receiving an "Excellent!" graded trophy! "Your hard work showed as you played boys and girls, congratulations, exclaimed Mrs. Mir.

Mayor's Achievement Luncheon

Lincoln had a large group at the Mayor's Achievement Luncheon on June 8. Teachers recognized for their contributions to student achievement were Natalie Plaza, Brittany Earle, Jose Felix, Troy Mullins, Maisha Jones, Wendy Mir, Michelle Paradise, and Rosetta Guilford.



The Lincoln students performed their completely original act (part of the play *Flip the Script*) at NJPAC on June 2 (*pictured above*).

Participants were: Rojah Domville, Sadajia Brown, Annesa Archibald, Imani Ward, Gelen Simeon, Faith Etienne, Youdeline Noelson, Ovianny Philizaire, Alysha Budhram, Carla Minchala, Jakyra Moore, Rowena Adeclat, Daina Glaude, Tamara Aguetse, Stephan Darang, Destiny Vaughan, Aaliyah Moore, Giselle Serrano, Aniyah Davis.

Assisting teachers: Maisha Jones, Michelle Paradise, and Wendy Mir.



Pictured: Lincoln's teachers present at the Mayor's Luncheon, hosted by Dr. Robert Austin, community services director for the city.



Students (*pictured above*) recognized were: Justin Interiano, Dariel Garcia, Edna Albarenga, Chris Owusu, Isaac George, Lhea Osario, Sanei Brown, Antony Cambizaca, Ya'Heiness Larkins, Za'marah "Zoey" Kelley, Sadajia Brown, Joshua Reed, Faith Etienne, Youdeline Noelson, Chasity Concepcion, Emmanuela Surpris, Marilennys and Espinal-Estevez.

Health Walk and Field Day

On Friday, June 9, Lincoln Avenue School hosted its Health Walk and Field Day. Students enjoyed beautiful weather as they engaged in relay races, hurdle relays, sack races, all ending in a great tug of war! Fun was had by all.

Artist on *The Voice* Visits Lincoln



On June 21, Autumn Turner (*pictured above with students*) a featured artist on *The Voice*, visited all the Mercer and Vocal Performance students at Lincoln Avenue. She explained the arduous process of auditioning for *The Voice*, and what she is doing now as a result of being on the show and on "Team Alicia Keys!" She answered the student's questions, gave autographs, sang for the students, and in turn they sang for her. It was truly a special day!

Park Avenue School Multicultural Party



The occasion was festive, as families gathered for Park Avenue School's Multicultural Party on June 8. The Mistress of Ceremonies was Ms. Uranie Douyon (*pictured left*), a French teacher at the school. Ms. Douyon and her team orchestrated an enjoyable and prideful party. The evening began with remarks from school administrators, Principal Dr. Myron Hackett and Assistant Principal Devonii Reid, followed by student speakers who addressed the audience in French, English and Spanish. There was a slide show representing the countries where Park's students come from and a fashion show with excited students in their cultural attire. Families mingled and enjoyed an assortment of delectable cuisines, contributed by attending families and served by parents and staff members. The evening closed with a raffle and a dance performance by the Orange Dance Conservatory, led by its director, Ms. Debbie Rembert.



Pictured (above): Scenes from Park Avenue School's Multicultural Party.

Forest Street School's Spring Concert and Art Exhibit

Principal Yancisca Cooke opened the Forest Street Spring Concert with welcome remarks on June 5. She greeted the families, as they waited for the program to begin. Guests viewed the art exhibit on display in the lobby and first floor area, where art teacher Ms. Avril Bogel displayed colorful paintings and papier-mâché creations that decorated the halls for the festive occasion.

The program opened with instrumental music conducted by Ms. Marianne Mroz. She led the recorder students in three pieces including La Bamba and the band playing "A Little Bit of Latin" and "Oye Como Va" with several guest accompanists including teachers and alumni.



Pictured: Forest Street Spring Art Exhibit.

Mr. Brian Silvoy directed 4th grade vocal students in “A Conversation with Harriet Tubman” and the Grade 2 students singing “I’ve Got Wings,” “Don Gato” and “Que Bonita Bandera,” followed by Grade 1 students singing several lively tunes including “Recycle Rap” and “Pizza Love.”

The middle school vocalists and guitarists showed their talents on several crowd pleasing contemporary songs, ending with a solo rendition of “All of You,” to loud applause.



Pictured: Scenes Forest Street School’s Spring Concert.

Theresa Jones, Forest Street’s dance instructor, closed out the evening’s performances with Grade 2 students dancing to The Jackson 5’s ABC. They were followed by 3rd graders dancing to a well-choreographed piece by James Brown “I Got You (I Feel Good).”



Pictured: Scenes Forest Street School’s Spring Concert.

Park Avenue Sewing Showcase

This school year approximately 28 students, in grades 4 through 7, participated in Park Avenue's Sewing Club, under the direction of Ms. Vandarra Robbins, the club's coordinator. The creations of students were presented in a Sewing Showcase, on June 15. The showcase was an enjoyable reception with students' work displayed in the school Library. There were infinity scarfs, skirts, pajamas, shorts and, reversible and drawstring bags. Also exhibited was a finely crafted reversible dress. The work displayed included the student's name and a list of what they had sewn. Some of the students modeled their creations, as they greeted guests, and students were pictured with their designs in a slideshow.

Several bags were raffled off to guests who enjoyed refreshments, meeting with the students and admiring the work. One of the raffle winners was Assistant Principal Devonii Reid. Niambi, a 5th grader, was credited with preparing the bags.

Ms. Robbins, who has been working with Park's students for several years in the art of sewing, is thankful for the support of the school and the Association of Sewing & Design Professionals.



Pictured: Sewing Showcase reception.



Pictured: Sewing Showcase display.



Pictured: Ms. Robbins with student display.



Pictured: Sewing Showcase display.



Pictured: Sewing Showcase slideshow.



Pictured: Assistant Principal Reid shows off bag won in raffle. Student with her designs.

Rosa Parks Community School Happenings

Submitted by Ms. Tiffany Walker, Rosa Parks Community School Site Coordinator

PTA Sponsored Student Carnival at RPCS

On June 8, the Rosa Parks Community School (RPCS) held an all-day carnival for students. There were several bouncy houses and games on site to engage students, and each received a delicious treat of freshly popped popcorn. The Student Carnival was planned and sponsored by the RPCS PTA President Mr. Holmes and other parent volunteers! The day was a huge success and the RPCS students had a great time!

Career Day at Rosa Parks Community School

The Rosa Parks Community School hosted Career Day on June 16. Professionals visited students in grades 3-7 and each Career Day participant provided insight on their career of choice and the path required to get there. Students were able to ask questions and, in some instances, they had the opportunity to engage in real-life career scenarios, such as manipulating lab equipment, or questioning a defendant! Below is a list of some of the Career Day participants:

- Kendra Knowles, Biomedical Engineer, Abbot Point of Care
- Yolanda Jackson, Academic Advisor, School of Public Affairs and Administration, Rutgers University-Newark
- Chike Uzoka, Business Coach, Valentine Global LLC
- Joi Branch, Social Media Manager, PRESENCE Creative Consultant
- Khalil Nassiruddin, Chief of Staff, Councilwoman Gail Chaneyfield, City of Newark
- Traymanesha Moore, Executive Director, Newark Thrives
- Samantha Mendenhall Esq., Partner, The Law Firm of Irving and Mendenhall

This event was coordinated by the RPCS Site Coordinator Tiffany Walker and supported by the school Guidance Counselor Natasha Murphy.



Pictured (left to right): (left and center) Career Day at RPCS; (right) RPCS Family Disco winners.

RPCS Family Disco

On June 16 Rosa Parks Community School hosted its first annual Family Disco! There were over 100 attendees at the event. Families danced all night and took “family portraits” to commemorate the night.

Towards the end of the night, awards were given to the best dressed “Gentleman” and “Diva” along with the best dressed “Little Gentleman” and “Little Diva” for the night. There was a special father-daughter and mother-son dance. The night was lively and energetic, thanks to the D.J. and the event’s Mistress of Ceremony, Ms. Tamica Miller. The Family Disco dance was certainly a night to remember and RPCS looks forward to the next.

The Family Disco was planned by RPCS Site Coordinator and the RPCS AmeriCorps members!

Rutgers University-Newark Admissions Visits RPCS 7th Grade Class

On June 19, the Rosa Parks Community School 7th grade class participated in a presentation about college and career readiness. Admissions Counselor Lesley Leslie from Rutgers-University Newark spoke to students about the importance of transitioning well into 8th grade as it relates to pursuing a post-secondary degree. Mrs. Lesley also gave insight on the characteristics and academic performances that admission counselors consider when reviewing applicants. RPCS seventh graders had the opportunity to ask questions about the college application process, college life, and the different majors available at Rutgers University-Newark. RPCS Site Coordinator, Tiffany Walker, coordinated the presentation.

“Little Luau” Party at RPCS



The RPCS Community Room created a taste of Hawaii for Rosa Parks Community School K-3 students. Upon arrival, students were greeted by the sounds of tropical music, a warm “Aloha” and were given a colorful “lei”. There were arts and craft stations, a hula-hoop station and plenty of dancing and other games. The students participated in a limbo competition and ended the day with a lively conga line! Parents, students, and



teachers truly enjoyed the day’s event that was specially created for the younger students at RPCS. The “Little Luau” was planned by RPCS Site Coordinator and the RPCS AmeriCorps members.

Annual Teen Parent Summit

Submitted by Ms. Dana Jones, School Social worker, Orange High School

On June 9, OHS parenting students attended the Program for Parents Annual Teen Parent Summit. The theme was, “My Life, My Family, My Future.” The Summit was hosted by Rutgers University Newark and attended by over 80 parenting students from area schools. The 8 participants from Orange High School are members of the Teen Parenting group facilitated by Ms. Jones, OHS Social Worker and Ms. Criss, Youth Employment Specialist with “The Space” (OHS School Based Counseling). The Teen Parenting group is designed to ensure that OHS teen parents receive holistic support enabling them to successfully graduate from high school despite their challenging situations.

During the Summit, students attended a myriad of educational workshops following a dynamic motivational speaker. The workshops included one on the responsibilities of fatherhood, co-facilitated by Mr. Wallace, OHS Social Worker. Ms. Alvarado, OHS ESL Teacher also attended the Summit and participated with students in the offered Spanish session.



Pictured: OHS students at the Annual Teen Parent Summit.

At the conclusion of the workshops, students visited resource tables, signed up for employment opportunities and received a number of gifts including blenders for healthy meals and bags of new clothing for their children. Some students also received vouchers for bikes for their children and won baskets filled with gift cards and self-care items.

This is the fourth year that Ms. Jones organized a group of OHS students to attend this informative summit. This year she was also invited to participate on the Program for Parents Teen Summit Committee responsible for planning the event.

FYI

Orange School District Preschool Registration for 2017-2018 School Year

The Orange Public School District has scheduled preschool registration for the upcoming school year, as follows: July 18, 19, 20, 25, 26 and 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (last sign-in at 11:30 p.m.) at the Orange Early Childhood Center (OECC), located at 397 Park Avenue in Orange.

The Orange Board of Education provides a full day preschool education for all three and four year old residents of Orange. There is no fee for the school day (8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.). Orange Early Childhood provides before and after school care. The fee for this additional program is based upon income eligibility. The requirements for preschool are:

- 3 or 4 years old by 10/01/17
- Must be resident of Orange Township
- Original Birth Certificate
- Child's Immunization Record
- Current Lease or Mortgage Statement
- 2 Additional Proofs of Residency (i.e. PSE&G bill, telephone or cable bill)
- Picture ID of the Parent

See flyers below

Orange School District 2017-2018 K-12 Student Registration

From July 5 – August 31, parents or guardians can make appointments to register students in Kindergarten through Grade 1 at the Orange Board of Education Central Registration Office, located at 451 Lincoln Avenue in Orange, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Appointments are every 30 minutes. The last appointment is 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Parents or guardians may also transfer students, Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., with photo identification.

Registration packets must be completed prior to a scheduled appointment. Packets are available at the Orange Board of Education District Office or your neighborhood school. Registration Packets may also be downloaded from the **district website:** www.orange.k12.nj.su

For complete details see flyer below.

| June 2017 | | | | | | |
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| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2  Literacy Block Party, 5 PM, LAS | 3 ESL/Bilingual Fair, 9 AM-12 PM Lincoln Ave. School |
| 4 | 5 Forest Street Spring Arts Festival 6 PM | 6 OHS & OPA Dance Showcase 6PM | 7 OPA BOE Lobby Art Exhibit 6 PM Drama Showcase 7 PM at Luna Stage | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 Monthly Board of Education Meeting, 7 PM at Orange Prep | 14  Rosa Parks Spring Arts Festival, 6 PM | 15 OHS/OPA Spring Concert & OPA Art Exhibit, 6 PM at Orange Prep | 16 | 17 |
| 18  | 19 | 20 12:30 PM Dismissal for Students | 21  12:30 PM Dismissal for Students | 22 12:30 PM. Dismissal/Last Day of School for Students | 23 12:30 PM Dismissal for 10 Month Staff/OHS Graduation 6 PM at Essex County College | 24 |
| 25 | 26  | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 |

Check the district [Website calendar](#) for upcoming events.



See Below For Important Flyers

- *Preschool Registration*
- *K-12 Registration*
- *2017-2018 District Calendar*

ORANGE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS EARLY CHILDHOOD DEPARTMENT

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2017-2018

REQUIREMENTS:

- 3 years old by 10/01/17 4 years old by 10/01/17
 - Must be resident of Orange Township
 - Original Birth Certificate
 - Child's Immunization record
 - Current lease or Mortgage Statement
 - 2 Proofs of Residency (PSE&G bill, telephone or cable bill,
 - No cellphone bills, please)
 - Picture ID

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

DATES: JULY 2017

18th, 19th, 20th

25th, 26th, and 27th

TIME- 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Last sign in: 11:30 am.

PLACE: ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

397 PARK AVE, ORANGE, NJ 07050

973-677-4000 ext. 1922

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

**ESCUELAS PUBLICAS DE ORANGE
DEPARTAMENTO DE EDUCACION PREESCOLAR**

REGISTRACIÓN PREESCOLAR

REQUISITOS:

- 3 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/17 4 AÑOS ANTES DE 10/01/17
- DEBE SER RESIDENTE DEL MUNICIPIO DE ORANGE
- PARTIDA DE NACIMIENTO ORIGINAL
- EXPEDIENTE DE INMUNIZACIONES DEL NIÑO/NIÑA
- DECLARACIÓN ACTUAL DEL ARRIENDO O DE LA HIPOTECA
- Identificación de fotos
- **2 Pruebas de Residencia (recibo de PSE&G, teléfono o recibo del cable, NO CELLPHONE!) deben ser actual.**
- **SI USTED ESTA VIVIENDO CON UN FAMILIAR O AMIGO TIENE QUE ESTAR INSCRITO EN EL CONTRATO DE ARRENDAMIENTO. NO SE ACEPTARA CARTAS NOTARIZADA.**



REGISTRACIÓN:

JULIO - 18, 19, 20, 25, 26 y 27

10:00 am-12:00 noon

Tiene que firmar antes de las 11:30 am

**LUGAR: ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
397 PARK AVE, ORANGE, NJ 07050
(973) 677-4000 ext 1922**

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Orange Township Public Schools

2017-2018 K-12 Student Registration



WHEN: July 5th 2017 - August 31st 2017

WHERE: Orange Board of Education Central Registration Office
451 Lincoln Avenue Orange, NJ 07050

HOURS: 8:30am –1:30pm (appointments)
Appointments are every 30 minutes. The last appointment is 12:30pm)

DAYS: Monday – Thursday

TRANSFERS: Monday – Thursday 8:30am – 1:30pm
Parent/Guardian(s) Must Have Photo identification

REGISTRATION PACKETS: Registration Packets must be completed prior to your scheduled appointment time. Packets are available at the Orange Board of Education District Office or your neighborhood school. Registration Packets may also be downloaded from the district website: "*Orange Public Schools Overview*".

Follow the link under site shortcuts to:

Orange Public School Registration Information

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:
CENTRAL REGISTRATION OFFICE @ (973) 677-4000 EXT. 6044