

WEEKLY UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 13, 2024 EDITION



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**UPCOMING PUBLIC  
BOARD MEETINGS**  
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**ORANGE
PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE
VIRTUAL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 2, 2024, AT 4:00 P.M.**

**LIVE STREAMED ON COMCAST
CHANNEL 36 AND ON THE
DISTRICT'S
FACEBOOK PAGE.**
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**ORANGE  
BOARD EDUCATION  
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY,  
OCTOBER 9, 2024  
AT 7:30 P.M.,**

**ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Administrative Building  
BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM  
451 Lincoln Avenue,  
Orange, NJ, 07050.  
Will Recess until 6:45pm,  
but no later than 7:30pm.  
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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

*Good Day Orange School District Families and Staff,

I hope this communication finds you well.*

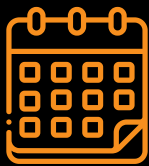
Additionally, I am hopeful each of you are in great health and spirit. As shared in the August 2024 letter to all families, I am continuing this school year with the Superintendent's Weekly Update. This will allow our families and staff to stay in the know as it relates to all things Orange Public Schools.

As we began SY 24-25 on Friday, September 6, 2024, you could certainly see the positive energy and focus on pedagogy as well as social emotional supports district wide. Thank you to all ensuring that our scholars returned to school focused and ready for all the academic and social emotional opportunities available to them. Our staff were ready to receive students as soon as the bell rang at all locations.

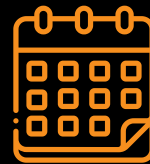
As always, I thank you for your continued support and belief in our school district. I extend to each of you a great weekend.

*Educationally Yours,
Gerald Fitzhugh, II, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools*





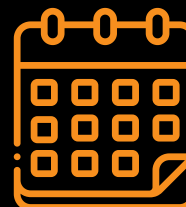
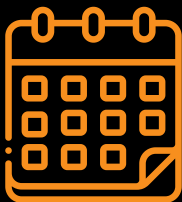
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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL REFLECTION:

ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2024, ALL SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT WELCOMED STUDENTS TO A NEW ACADEMIC YEAR. AT ALL DISTRICT SCHOOLS, STAFF GREETED STUDENTS AND FAMILIES IN MANY DIVERSE WAYS. IT WAS SUCH A GREAT WAY TO START THE SCHOOL YEAR.

BELOW ARE SOME PICTURES THAT WERE CAPTURED, BUT I ENCOURAGE YOU TO CHECK OUT OUR DISTRICT SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES FOR A FULL COMPLIMENT OF WHAT OCCURRED BY EACH SCHOOL.



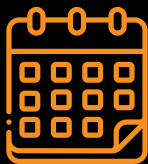


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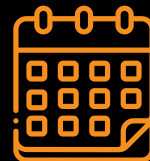
VERIZON DIGITAL PROMISE KICK OFF PROGRAM



[CLICK HERE TO READ MORE ABOUT THE VERIZON DIGITAL PROMISE KICK OFF PROGRAM](#)

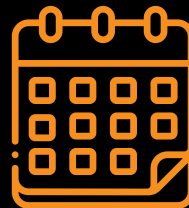
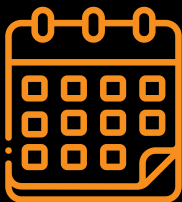


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Back to School Night 2024:

Name of School	Date
• Central Elementary School	Thursday, September 12, 2024
• Cleveland Street School	Tuesday, October 1, 2024
• Forest Street Community School	Monday, September 9, 2024
• Heywood Avenue School	Monday, September 30, 2024
• John Robert Lewis ECC	Tuesday, September 24, 2024
• Lincoln Elementary School	Wednesday, September 18, 2024
• Oakwood Avenue Elementary School	Monday, September 16, 2024
• Orange Early Childhood Center	Wednesday, September 25, 2024
• Orange High School	Tuesday, September 10, 2024
• Orange Preparatory Academy of Inquiry and Innovation	Thursday, September 19, 2024
• Park Avenue School	Tuesday, September 17, 2024
• Rosa Parks Community School	Monday, September 23, 2024
• Scholars Academy	Thursday, September 26, 2024
• STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges	Wednesday, September 11, 2024
• Twilight Program	Tuesday, September 10, 2024




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SCHOOL YEAR ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS SY 2024-2025:



*As a reminder, the following chart outlines the school start and end times for this school year.
As shared in June and August 2024, these times were presented via letter as well at board of education meetings.*

 SCHOOL LEVEL	ARRIVAL TIME FOR STUDENTS	ARRIVAL TIME FOR STAFF	END TIME FOR STUDENTS	END TIME FOR STAFF
Elementary Level (Including Pre- Kindergarten)	8:30 AM	8:20 AM	3:00 PM	3:10 PM
Orange High School	8:20 AM	8:05 AM	2:40 PM	2:55 PM
Orange Preparatory Academy of Inquiry and Innovation	8:25 AM	8:20 AM	2:50 PM	2:55 PM
STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges	8:20 AM	8:15 AM	Mondays 2:20 PM for Teacher Professional Development Tues – Fri 3:30 PM	4PM* *includes stipend
Twilight Program	3:30 PM* *3:00 PM - Lunch	3:00 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM



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ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY LUNCH MENUS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

The following links will allow all families to view the preschool, elementary, and secondary lunch menus for SEPTEMBER 2024.



Pre-School:

Click HERE for Pre-School.



Elementary:

Click HERE for Elementary Schools.

Middle School:

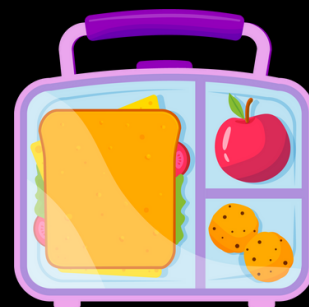
Click HERE for Middle Schools.

Orange High School/Twilight:

Click HERE for Orange High School/Twilight.

STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges:

Click HERE for STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges.



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GENESIS PARENT PORTAL SIGN UP SUPPORT



WEBSITE: www.orange.k12.nj.us | EMAIL: portaladmin@orange.k12.nj.us

City of Orange Township Public Schools

Parent Access

User Name:

Password:

Login

Forgot My Password

Welcome to the Genesis Parent Access System for the City of Orange Public Schools

Information Regarding the 2023-2024 CEP Household Survey

The Orange Public School District is participating in a federal program available to select schools as part of the National School Lunch Program called the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). **Our participation means that all students attending the Orange Public Schools are eligible to receive breakfast and lunch at no charge throughout the current school year.** Yearly, your participation is essential in order for us to provide the Department of Education with the information it needs to ensure our school will continue to receive critical state funding.

Click Below to Complete Your Survey Today!

<https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/Page/33280>

Select Language

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**DO YOU WISH TO ACCESS YOUR STUDENT'S
ATTENDANCE, ACADEMIC PROGRESS AND MORE IN
REAL-TIME?**

SIGN UP FOR THE GENESIS PARENT PORTAL.

**PLEASE VISIT THE DISTRICT WEBPAGE AT
WWW.ORANGE.K12.NJ.US
TO FIND THE GENESIS PARENT PORTAL
REGISTRATION FORM LINKS IN THE ORANGE BOX
UNDER ANNOUNCEMENTS**



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UNIFORM INITIATIVE DISTRICTWIDE:

AS A REMINDER, UNIFORMS FOR OUR STUDENTS ARE
MANDATED DISTRICT WIDE.

WHEN DRESS DOWN DAYS OCCUR, ALL FAMILIES WILL
RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING:


DOJO/REMIND MESSAGE, FLYER, AND/OR BLAST SENT BY
THE BUILDING ADMINISTRATION.

CONTINUE TO WORK IN TANDEM WITH THE DISTRICT TO
ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD IS IN UNIFORM EACH AND EVERY
DAY.


WE ARE PROMOTING DRESSING FOR SUCCESS
AS OUR SCHOLARS ARE DESTINED FOR GREATNESS.




Attire for Students




Bottoms



Tops



Sweaters/Vests

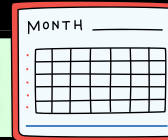


Physical Education



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DISTRICT CALENDAR



Calendars to Continue this School Year: This year, we will continue pushing out the calendars each month on the website of each school as well as via our social media handles. September calendars by school were pushed out throughout the Week of August 19, 2024. **[CLICK HERE TO SEE THE MONTHLY CALENDAR.](#)**

The district calendar was approved by the Board of Education several months ago. The district put this information on the Orange School District website as well as pushed out on social media. As a reminder, please find the link for the SY 24-25 calendar. If there are changes throughout the school year, I will ensure you are provided a timely update: **[\(SY 2024-25 District Calendar\)](#)**

To our families, I ask that you become an integral part of our district's fabric. What does this mean? **[Join the PTO/PTA at your child's school,](#)** visit the Board of Education virtual committee meetings via the district's Facebook page and attend the monthly board of education meetings, and serve as a class parent. You have a seat at the table, and I ask that you partner with us. We learn from all stakeholders and need your support. We will continue our Parent University series, please carve out time to join us for these robust sessions.

Throughout the course of this year, the **reopeningofschools@orange.k12.nj.us** email has remained intact in order to answer questions that you may have during this unique experience. While email responses are often returned within hours of receipt, please allow 24-48 hours for an email response. The district wants you to hear from us with any and all questions that you have. It is very important to keeping staff and families informed, particularly during these times.



District Goals and the Strategic Plan Reminders

The district goals and strategic plan are the guiding force in the development of the Orange Public School District. You are encouraged to review each plan and ask questions related to development of the whole child as well as the district's partnership with families.

The following link is for the District Goals:

[https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/Page/33813.](https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/Page/33813)

The following link is for the Strategic Plan:

[https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/domain/3344.](https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/domain/3344)