

WEEKLY UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 20, 2024 EDITION



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 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*



UPCOMING PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS

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.

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.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH HAS BEGUN DISTRICT WIDE



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH BEGAN ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 AND WILL CONCLUDE ON OCTOBER 15, 2024. ALL SCHOOLS WILL HAVE A HOSTING OF ACTIVITIES TO CELEBRATE THE HISPANIC CULTURE. PLEASE BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THESE EVENTS SO YOU CAN BE A PART OF THEM.

A LITTLE HISTORY ABOUT HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH: HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH ACTUALLY BEGAN AS A COMMEMORATIVE WEEK WHEN IT WAS FIRST INTRODUCED IN JUNE OF 1968 BY CALIFORNIA CONGRESSMAN GEORGE E. BROWN. THE PUSH TO RECOGNIZE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE LATINX COMMUNITY HAD GAINED MOMENTUM THROUGHOUT THE 1960'S WHEN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT WAS AT ITS PEAK AND THERE WAS A GROWING AWARENESS OF THE UNITED STATES' MULTICULTURAL IDENTITIES. ON SEPTEMBER 14, 1989, PRESIDENT GEORGE H.W. BUSH WHO HAD BEEN A SPONSOR OF THE ORIGINAL HISPANIC HERITAGE WEEK RESOLUTION WHILE SERVING IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN 1968 BECAME THE FIRST PRESIDENT TO DECLARE THE 31-DAY PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 15TH TO OCTOBER 15TH AS NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH.

JOIN THE ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT AS WE CELEBRATE AND HONOR THE DIVERSE HISTORY AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF HISPANIC AND LATINX COMMUNITIES THAT ENRICH OUR COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. ALL DISTRICT SCHOOLS HAVE PREPARED GREAT EXPERIENCES FOR OUR SCHOLARS TO TAKE PART IN DURING THIS MONTH AND BEYOND.



HAPPY HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH ORANGE!!!!





COMMUNITY EVENTS



MARK YOUR CALENDARS: VACCINES FOR CHILDREN INITIATIVE:



 **MAYOR DWAYNE D. WARREN, ESQ.**
And The Orange Municipal Council
MOVING ORANGE FORWARD 




VACCINES FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM

*** ALL CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATIONS ***

-DTaP	-Hepatitis A	-MenB	-TD
-Flu	-Hepatitis B	-Meningo Conj MCV4	-Tdap
-HPV 9	-IPV	-PCV15	-Var
-MMR			


ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS (children through 18 years of age) :

- Medicaid eligible or NJ FamilyCare Plan A
- Uninsured
- American Indian or Alaskan Native

SEPTEMBER 26, 2024 3:30PM-6:30PM
ROSA PARKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 369 MAIN STREET, ORANGE, NJ 07050

APPOINTMENT ONLY! CALL COUNTY CENTER @ 973-877-8456 APPOINTMENT ONLY!



ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024, 3:30PM - 6:30PM, ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS COLLABORATING WITH THE ESSEX COUNTY MOBILE HEALTH UNIT AND THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO HOST A VACCINE CLINIC OFFERING "ALL CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATIONS" FOR CHILDREN. THE CLINIC WILL BE HELD IN THE GYMNASIUM AT ROSA PARKS COMMUNITY SCHOOL (369 MAIN ST., ORANGE, NJ), 3:30PM - 6:30PM. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED, AND ATTENDEES WILL BE SERVICED BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. TO REGISTER, INDIVIDUALS SHOULD CONTACT THE COUNTY CENTER AT (973) 877-8456.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS (CHILDREN THROUGH 18 YEARS OF AGE):

***MEDICAID ELIGIBLE OR NJ FAMILYCARE PLAN A**

***UNINSURED (ALL ARE WELCOME). A REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE ONSITE TO SIGN PARTICIPANTS UP FOR HEALTHCARE COVERAGE.**

***AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKAN NATIVE SEE THE ATTACHED FLYER, TRANSLATED IN ENGLISH, SPANISH, AND HAITIAN-CREOLE, FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**

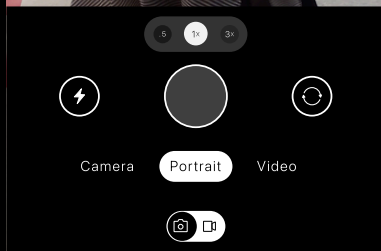
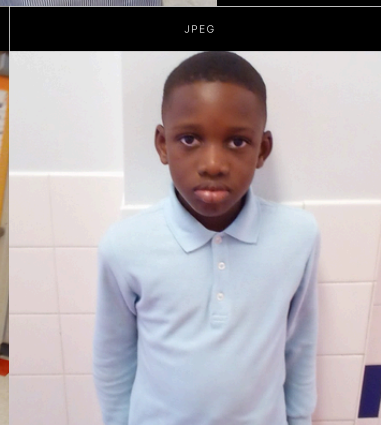
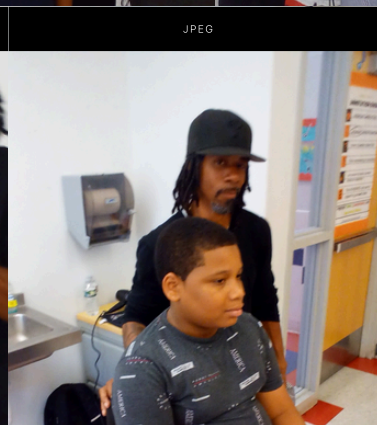
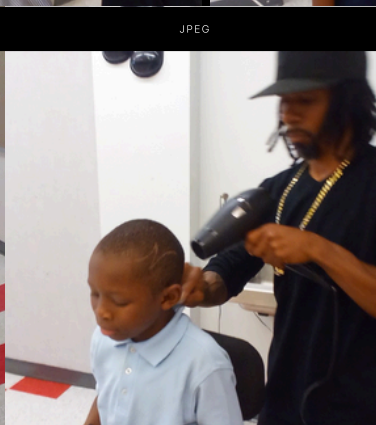
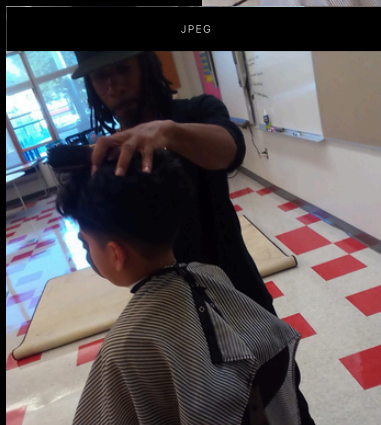
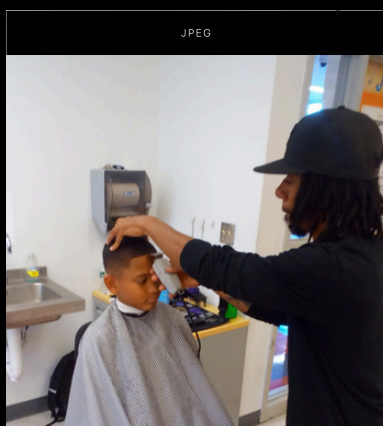
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COMMUNITY EVENTS



HAIRCUTS AT LINCOLN AVENUE TO KICK OFF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR



LINCOLN AVENUE SCHOOL WOULD LIKE TO THANK SPARC FROM RAZOR SHARP BARBERS LOUNGE FOR HIS GENEROSITY. OUR STUDENTS AND PARENTS WERE HAPPY AND APPRECIATIVE OF THE FREE BACK-TO-SCHOOL HAIRCUTS. OUR STUDENTS SURE LOOK GREAT!!!!

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COMMUNITY EVENTS



A FEW GOOD MEN VISITATION TO STEM INNOVATION ACADEMY OF THE ORANGES



EXCITING DAY AT STEM ACADEMY!

ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2024, OUR SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, DR. GERALD FITZHUGH, II, ALONGSIDE PRINCIPAL DR. DEVONII REID, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER BARRY DEVONE, REGGIE MILLER AND KEVIN BAKER MEMBERS OF A FEW GOOD MEN, STOPPED BY STEM ACADEMY TO GREET STUDENTS AND STAFF AS THEY ARRIVED!

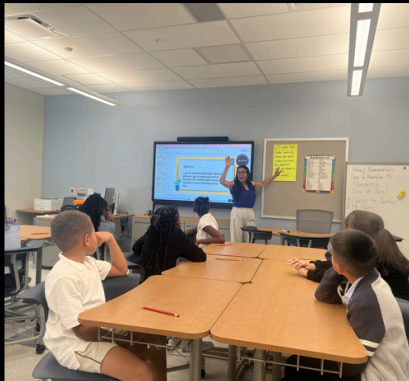
THE ENERGY WAS HIGH, AND THE STUDENTS WERE GEARED UP FOR AN AMAZING DAY OF LEARNING AND GROWTH! LET'S KEEP THAT MOMENTUM GOING!

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

SUPERINTENDENT'S VISITATION TO CLEVELAND STREET SCHOOL



**WHAT A GREAT VISIT TO CLEVELAND STREET SCHOOL BY OUR SUPERINTENDENT
DR. FITZHUGH.**

**FOCUSED AND ENGAGED STUDENTS AS WELL AS A DYNAMIC STAFF PROVIDING
TARGETED AND INTENTIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES.**

LUNCH TIME FOR OUR YOUNGEST LEARNERS WAS A COMPLETE BLAST AS WELL.

NOTHING LIKE BEING HOME!

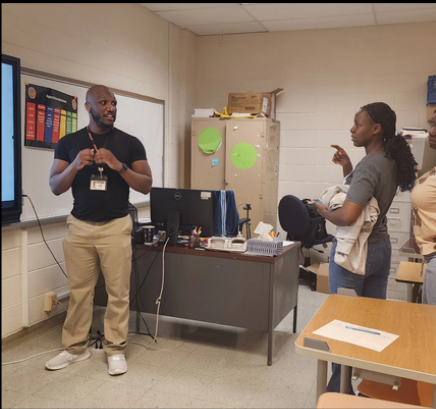
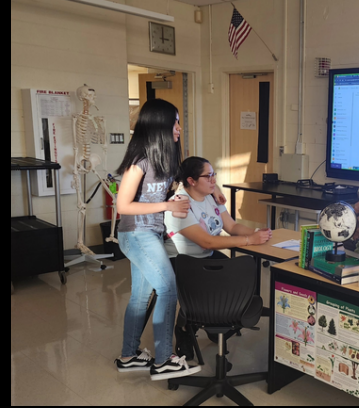
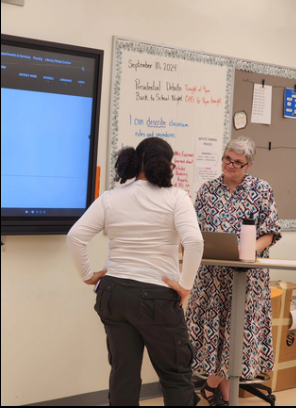
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COMMUNITY EVENTS



ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT



GREAT TURNOUT LAST NIGHT AT THE #OHS BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT!! STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND FAMILIES MET WITH TEACHERS, STAFF, AND ADMINS TO DISCUSS THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR. THANK YOU TO OUR #NJROTC CADETS FOR GUIDING FAMILIES THROUGH THE BUILDING.

IT WAS A GREAT START TO THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR AND LET'S KEEP IT GOING!!

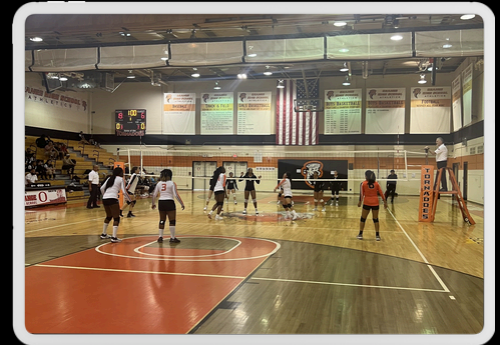
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COMMUNITY EVENTS



LADY TORNADO VOLLEYBALL BEGAN ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2024



AT ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL, THE LADY TORNADOS HOSTED TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL FROM NEWARK, NJ FOR VOLLEYBALL. THOUGH THE LADY TORNADOS WERE NOT VICTORIOUS, THEY CERTAINLY PLAYED THEIR HEARTS OUT.

THE MOTIVATION AND DRIVE WERE EVIDENT THROUGHOUT THE GAME. THANK YOU COACH GUYDAN FOR LEADING OUR YOUNG LADIES INTO GREATNESS.

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DONATION TO PARK AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FROM BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH



BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, LOCATED IN ORANGE NJ, DONATED SCHOOL SUPPLIES, SCHOOL UNIFORMS, SOCKS, TISSUE, HAND SANITIZERS ETC. TO PARK AVENUE SCHOOL.

THANK YOU TO BISHOP FERGUSON, MS. P. HAMMOND, MS. P. FRAZIER, DR. BOSEMAN AND MS. R. DIXON, AND ORANGE COUNCILMEMBER KERRY COLEY FOR THESE AMAZING AND GENEROUS GIFTS.

WE TRULY APPRECIATE IT. NOTHING LIKE GREAT PARTNERSHIPS.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS



STEM INNOVATION ACADEMY OF THE ORANGES ZAGO MANUFACTURING SUMMER EXPERIENCE



CONGRATULATIONS TO SLOV-ANDER ADME, OLUWAMAYOWA AKINTOLU, AND ANGEL MARQUEZ, SCHOLARS AT STEM INNOVATION ACADEMY OF THE ORANGES, FOR SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING A SUMMER INTERNSHIP AT ZAGO MANUFACTURING COMPANY! THROUGHOUT THEIR INTERNSHIP, THEY GAINED VALUABLE HANDS-ON TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE, INCLUDING:

- WORKING IN THE CNC DEPARTMENT WITH HAAS MACHINES, OMNI MACHINES, AND ROBOTS (COMPLETING ROBOT TRAINING).
- STANDARDIZING AND UPLOADING CNC PROGRAMS TO THE MACHINES.
- CREATING 3D DRAWINGS FOR URETHANE MOLDS IN THE SWITCH BOOTS DEPARTMENT.
- UPLOADING DRAWINGS AND PRESS CARDS TO SHOPTECH, ENABLING AUTOMATED PRINTING WITH EACH ORDER.
- DRAWINGS AND PRESS CARDS TO SHOPTECH SO THAT NOW THEY ALL PRINT WITH THE ORDER.
- WORKED IN THE ASSEMBLY & RECEIVING DEPARTMENT
- ENGAGED IN MARKETING: SOCIAL MEDIA, VIDEOS, HELPING US ONBOARDING NEW CUSTOMERS.

ZAGO'S VICE PRESIDENT, JACKIE LUCIANO, PRAISED THESE SCHOLARS FOR THEIR EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE AND OUTSTANDING WORK ETHIC. A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO MR. SMITH FOR FACILITATING THIS CONNECTION AND SUPPORTING OUR SCHOLARS THROUGHOUT THE JOURNEY!

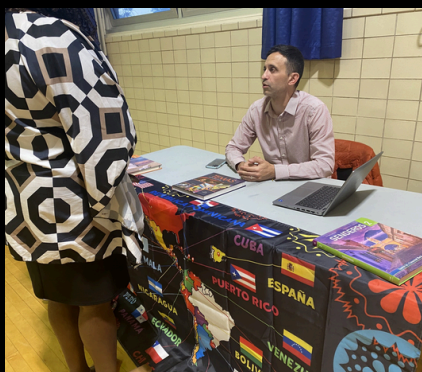
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COMMUNITY EVENTS



STEM INNOVATION ACADEMY OF THE ORANGES BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT



**GREAT TURNOUT LAST NIGHT AT STEM INNOVATION
ACADEMY OF THE ORANGES BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT!**

**SCHOLARS AND PARENTS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET
WITH FACULTY AND STAFF TO DISCUSS EXPECTATIONS AND
NORMS FOR THE YEAR.**

**A BIG THANK YOU TO THE CLASS OF 2025 FOR VOLUNTEERING
AND HELPING ENSURE A SUCCESSFUL EVENING!**

**#STEMACADEMY #WERISETOGETHER #BLUEPHOENIX
#GOODTOGREAT #MOVINGINTOGREATNESS
#ORANGESTRONG**



COMMUNITY EVENTS



FOREST STREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT



FOREST OPEN HOUSE 2024!

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS FOR HELPING TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESSFUL OPEN HOUSE.

FOREST WOULD LIKE TO SEND A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO NJ4S AND THE YMCA FOR COMING OUT AND SUPPORTING OUR FAMILIES AND OUR SCHOOL.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS



SUPERINTENDENT'S INSTRUCTIONAL VISITATION TO HEYWOOD AVENUE SCHOOL



HEYWOOD AVENUE SCHOOL'S SCHOLARS WERE FULL OF ENERGY AND DRIVE TODAY DURING THE SUPERINTENDENT'S VISITATION TO THE SCHOOL. FROM FINALIZING PROCEDURAL ACTIVITIES TO BEING ASSESSED VIA THE NWEA SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS ASSESMENTS; OUR STUDENTS WERE READY AND WILLING TO ACCEPT THE CHARGE TO BECOME GREAT. WHAT AN AWESOME WAY TO SPEND THE MORNING.

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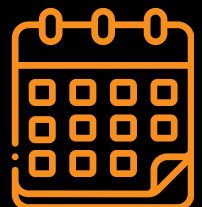
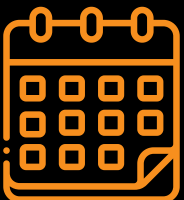


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Back to School Night 2024:

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




COMMUNITY EVENTS



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



COMMUNITY EVENTS



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:

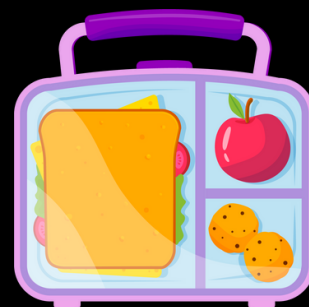
Click HERE for Middle Schools.

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**



COMMUNITY EVENTS



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

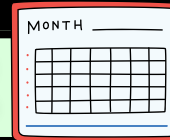


Physical Education



COMMUNITY EVENTS

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)