

# WEEKLY UPDATES

DECEMBER 8, 2023  
EDITION

WHAT'S NEW  
FROM  
DR. FITZHUGH



Good Day Orange School District Families & Staff,

I hope this communication finds you well. Additionally, I am hopeful each of you are in great health and spirit. We had yet another exciting week within the Orange Public School District.

As a reminder, continue to visit our district website [www.orange.k12.nj.us](http://www.orange.k12.nj.us) under latest news and information as well as our social media handles to get the most up to date district updates. As promised, we will continue to provide information in real time, so you are always in the know.

Further, questions that you may have, as shared, utilize [reopeningofschools@orange.k12.nj.us](mailto:reopeningofschools@orange.k12.nj.us). This email is sent to members of the Superintendent's team in the effort of getting pertinent information to you in a timely manner.

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



# CONGRATULATIONS!

Orange Public School District is proud to share the winners of the Annual Governor's Educator of the Year (GEOY) Awards:



## EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR

- CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - YAHAIIRA CASTRO-AQUIRRE
- CLEVELAND STREET SCHOOL - TARIQ BAXLEY
- FOREST STREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL - AVRIL BOGLE
- HEYWOOD AVENUE SCHOOL - EKUA SUTTON
- JOHN ROBERT LEWIS EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER - BRONWYNNE STEWART
- LINCOLN AVENUE SCHOOL - VERONICA TORRENEGRA
- OAKWOOD AVENUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL - DR. JOYA CLARK
- ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER - TIFFANY STEVENS
- ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL - JOEL LEMKE
- ORANGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY OF INQUIRY & INNOVATION - DR. DENNIS PETERSON
- PARK AVENUE SCHOOL - SANDRA LAYTON
- ROSA PARKS COMMUNITY SCHOOL - LISSET ALVAREZ
- SCHOLARS ACADEMY - MARIA D'EMIC
- STEM INNOVATION ACADEMY OF THE ORANGES - DY-ANNI AUSTIN

## EDUCATIONAL SERVICE PROFESSIONALS OF THE YEAR

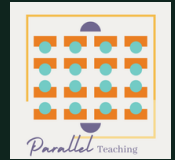
- CLEVELAND STREET SCHOOL - KATHY JONES
- FOREST STREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL - REBECCA KENYON
- HEYWOOD AVENUE SCHOOL - MARISSA BRAITHWAITE
- JOHN ROBERT LEWIS EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER - LUZ SALAZAR
- LINCOLN AVENUE SCHOOL - TASHUN JEFFERSON
- OAKWOOD AVENUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL - BENNY GONZALEZ
- ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER - MELISSA STRELEC
- ORANGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY OF INQUIRY & INNOVATION - MALIKA BERRY
- PARK AVENUE SCHOOL - TELEISHA BRUNSON
- ROSA PARKS COMMUNITY SCHOOL - ABIOLA ATORO
- SCHOLARS ACADEMY - SOPHIA TOLEDO
- STEM INNOVATION ACADEMY OF THE ORANGES - ALEXANDRA LAUORE



# SUPERINTENDENT'S INSTRUCTIONAL CORNER



THIS WEEK, WE WILL DELVE A BIT INTO CONSIDERATIONS FOR **PARALLEL TEACHING**. PARALLEL TEACHING IS ANOTHER FORMATIVE WAY TO PROVIDE TARGETED AND INTENTIONAL ACADEMIC SUPPORT FOR THE STUDENTS UNDER YOUR CHARGE.



PARALLEL CO-TEACHING OCCURS WHEN CO-TEACHERS INSTRUCT, MONITOR, OR FACILITATE THE WORK OF DIFFERENT GROUPS OF STUDENTS AT THE SAME TIME IN THE CLASSROOM. A BENEFIT OF PARALLEL CO-TEACHING IS THAT IT DECREASES THE STUDENT-TO-TEACHER RATIO, ALLOWING FOR INCREASED INDIVIDUALIZATION, DIFFERENTIATION, AND DATA COLLECTION TO MEET STUDENTS' NEEDS. IT ALSO MAKES IT EASIER FOR CO-TEACHING PERSONNEL TO ESTABLISH CLOSER POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE STUDENTS IN THEIR SMALL GROUP(S). PARALLEL CO-TEACHERS MAY TEACH THE SAME OR DIFFERENT CONTENT. THEY MAY SPLIT THE CLASS EVENLY AMONG THEMSELVES, OR ONE PERSON MAY WORK WITH THE MAJORITY OF THE STUDENTS WHILE ANOTHER WORKS WITH A SMALL SUBGROUP OF THE CLASS. ONE VARIATION ON PARALLEL CO-TEACHING, OFTEN REFERRED TO AS STATION TEACHING, INVOLVES ONE GROUP OF STUDENTS WORKING WITH ONE CO-TEACHER, ANOTHER GROUP WORKING WITH A CLASSROOM SUPPORT PERSON (E.G., SPECIAL EDUCATOR, PARAPROFESSIONAL), PERHAPS A THIRD GROUP WORKING WITH YET ANOTHER SUPPORT PERSON, AND A FOURTH GROUP WORKING INDEPENDENTLY. OVER THE COURSE OF ONE OR SEVERAL CLASS PERIODS, STUDENTS ROTATE AMONG ALL OF THE STATIONS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE CO-TEACHERS. PARALLEL CO-TEACHING PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR LESS TEACHER TALK AND GREATER STUDENT-TO-STUDENT INTERACTION WITH PARTNERS, IN STATIONS, OR IN GROUPS, AS CO-TEACHERS MONITOR OR FACILITATE THE WORK OF DIFFERENT GROUPS. IN SUMMARY, PARALLEL CO-TEACHING HAS MANY FACES. THERE ARE SEVERAL CAUTIONS THAT CO-TEACHERS MUST BEWARE OF WHEN USING THE PARALLEL CO-TEACHING APPROACH. ONE CAUTION IS TO BEWARE OF ELEVATED NOISE LEVELS THAT CAN BECOME UNCOMFORTABLY HIGH WHEN NUMEROUS ACTIVITIES ARE OCCURRING IN THE SAME CLASSROOM. A SECOND CAUTION IS TO BEWARE OF FAILING TO ADEQUATELY PREPARE OTHER CO-TEACHERS SO THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO DELIVER INSTRUCTION TO THEIR GROUP OR AT THEIR STATION AS INTENDED. SINCE IN PARALLEL CO-TEACHING ALL INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL ARE BUSY TEACHING, MEMBERS OF THE CO-TEACHING TEAM CANNOT MONITOR ONE OTHER WHILE THEY ARE SIMULTANEOUSLY CO-TEACHING IN ORDER TO ENSURE "INSTRUCTION INTEGRITY."

A FINAL AND VERY IMPORTANT CAUTION CO-TEACHERS MUST GUARD AGAINST IS CREATING A SPECIAL CLASS WITHIN A CLASS OR AN ISLAND IN THE MAINSTREAM BY REPEATEDLY HOMOGENEOUSLY GROUPING LOWER-PERFORMING STUDENTS TOGETHER. SUCH CONFIGURATIONS CAN RESULT IN LOWER STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT (MARZANO, PICKERING, AND POLLACK, 2001) AND STIGMATIZATION OF STUDENTS AND THE CO-TEACHER WORKING WITH SUCH GROUPS. INSTEAD, GROUPINGS SHOULD BE FLUID, FLEXIBLE, AND, FOR THE MOST PART, HETEROGENEOUS IN COMPOSITION. GROUPINGS MAY BE MADE FOR A MULTITUDE OF DIFFERENT PURPOSES (E.G., STUDENT INTEREST, LEARNING STRENGTHS AND MODALITIES, PLANNED DIVERSITY IN BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE). WHEN TEACHERS HOMOGENEOUSLY GROUP STUDENTS FOR TARGETED INSTRUCTION SUCH AS DURING A RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION TIER 2 INTERVENTION BLOCK, THE GROUPINGS SHOULD BE BASED UPON DATA RATHER THAN LABELS. THERE ALSO SHOULD BE SHARED RESPONSIBILITY AMONG CO-TEACHERS FOR TEACHING ALL STUDENTS, OVER TIME, REGARDLESS OF THE GROUPS IN WHICH STUDENTS MIGHT BE PLACED.

## **CO-TEACHING MODELS:**

**SPLIT CLASS:** EACH CO-TEACHER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR A PARTICULAR GROUP OF STUDENTS, MONITORING UNDERSTANDING OF A LESSON, PROVIDING GUIDED INSTRUCTION, OR RETEACHING THE GROUP, IF NECESSARY.

**STATION TEACHING OR LEARNING CENTERS:** EACH CO-TEACHER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSEMBLING, GUIDING, AND MONITORING ONE OR MORE LEARNING CENTERS OR STATIONS.

**CO-TEACHERS ROTATE:** THE CO-TEACHERS ROTATE AMONG THE TWO OR MORE GROUPS OF STUDENTS, WITH EACH CO-TEACHER TEACHING A DIFFERENT COMPONENT OF THE LESSON. THIS IS SIMILAR TO STATION TEACHING OR LEARNING CENTERS, EXCEPT THAT IN THIS CASE THE TEACHERS ROTATE FROM GROUP TO GROUP RATHER THAN HAVING GROUPS OF STUDENTS ROTATE FROM STATION TO STATION.

**COOPERATIVE GROUP MONITORING:** EACH CO-TEACHER TAKES RESPONSIBILITY FOR MONITORING AND PROVIDING FEEDBACK AND ASSISTANCE TO A GIVEN NUMBER OF COOPERATIVE GROUPS OF STUDENTS.

**EXPERIMENT OR LAB MONITORING:** EACH CO-TEACHER MONITORS AND ASSISTS A GIVEN NUMBER OF LABORATORY GROUPS, PROVIDING GUIDED INSTRUCTION TO GROUPS REQUIRING ADDITIONAL SUPPORT.

**LEARNING STYLE FOCUS:** ONE CO-TEACHER WORKS WITH A GROUP OF STUDENTS USING PRIMARILY VISUAL STRATEGIES, ANOTHER CO-TEACHER WORKS WITH A GROUP USING PRIMARILY AUDITORY STRATEGIES, AND YET ANOTHER MAY WORK WITH A GROUP USING KINESTHETIC STRATEGIES.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INSTRUCTION:** ONE CO-TEACHER WORKS WITH THE REST OF THE CLASS ON A CONCEPT OR ASSIGNMENT, SKILL, OR LEARNING STRATEGY. THE OTHER CO-TEACHER (A) PROVIDES EXTRA GUIDANCE ON THE CONCEPT OR ASSIGNMENT TO STUDENTS WHO ARE SELF-IDENTIFIED OR TEACHER-IDENTIFIED AS NEEDING EXTRA ASSISTANCE, (B) INSTRUCTS STUDENTS TO APPLY OR GENERALIZE THE SKILL TO A RELEVANT COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT, (C) PROVIDES A TARGETED GROUP OF STUDENTS WITH GUIDED PRACTICE IN HOW TO APPLY THE LEARNING STRATEGY TO THE CONTENT BEING ADDRESSED, OR (D) PROVIDES ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY LUNCH MENUS FOR DECEMBER 2023

*The following links will allow all families to view the preschool, elementary, and secondary lunch menus for December 2023.*

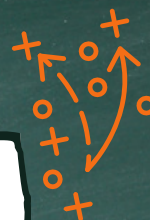
- Pre-School: [Click HERE for Pre-School.](#)
- Elementary: [Click HERE for Elementary Schools.](#)
- Middle School: [Click HERE for Middle Schools.](#)
- Orange High School/Twilight: [Click HERE for Orange High School/Twilight.](#)
- STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges: [Click HERE for STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges.](#)
- District Snack Menu:  
• [Click HERE for the District Snack Menu.](#)







# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## ORANGE FOOTBALL PLAYERS RECOGNIZED



IN AN ARTICLE PUBLISHED ONLINE IN [TAPINTO.NET](https://tapinto.net) TODAY, "9" ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYERS ON THE 2023 SUPER FOOTBALL CONFERENCE ALL-DIVISION TEAMS.

ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL FINISHED THE SEASON 6-3, AND 4TH IN SFC - PATRIOT RED CONFERENCE WITH A 1-2 RECORD.

### SUPER FOOTBALL CONFERENCE PATRIOT RED HONORS

#### 1ST TEAM OFFENSE

MAURICE WILLIAMS, QB 12TH  
#3

MA'KHY ACEY, WR/DB 12TH #12

CHRISTIAN BREWSTER, O-LINE  
12TH

#### 2ND TEAM OFFENSE

TYSHAUN BOYD, DL/TE 10TH,  
#8

SAMEIR WARD, WR 11TH #4

#### 1ST TEAM DEFENSE

AARON BIART, DL 10TH #10

SHAMAR MYERS, LB 11TH

#### 2ND TEAM DEFENSE

RAJANI MUNROE, DL 12TH #9

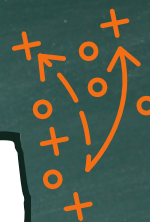
#### HONORABLE MENTION

SAMIR WILKINS, DB/WR 11 #1





# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## OHS ATHLETICS - WINTER UPDATE

# WE'RE BACK



### ORANGE TORNADOES

#### TORNADO FAMILIES & FANS!!

- THE START TO OUR WINTER ATHLETIC SEASON IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER. USE THE LINK BELOW TO VIEW LIVE SCHEDULES FOR ALL WINTER SPORTS.
- WE HAVE ALSO LAUNCHED "MY TEAM STORES" FOR GIRLS & BOYS BASKETBALL, WRESTLING, AND TRACK & FIELD FOR FANS TO PURCHASE YOUR OWN OHS ATHLETIC APPAREL.
- THE LINKS BELOW WILL TAKE YOU TO EACH TEAM'S STORE. ALL STORES CLOSE ON DECEMBER 22ND, SO GET YOUR ORDERS IN TODAY! GO TORNADOES!


LIVE ATHLETIC SCHEDULES: [HTTPS://WWW.ORANGE.K12.NJ.US/PAGE/19531](https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/page/19531)

- OHS GIRLS BASKETBALL: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/3N7PA9K](https://bit.ly/3N7PA9K)
- OHS BOYS BASKETBALL: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/3T9SGUZ](https://bit.ly/3T9SGUZ)
- OHS WRESTLING: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/4A6RBDI](https://bit.ly/4A6RBDI)
- OHS TRACK: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/46KKDZK](https://bit.ly/46KKDZK)


# COMMUNITY EVENTS

**PARENT UNIVERSITY IS BACK FOR SY 2023-2024:**


Health and Wellness Academy & UdeMY Academy




Adult Learning Academy




Visual Performing Arts Academy



Academic Support Academy





Orange Public Schools  
"Good to Great"

Orange Public Schools presents:

## Parent University

School Year 2023-2024

**ENROLL NOW!**


**¡INSCRÍBASE AHORA!**

**INSCRIVEZ-VOUS MAINTENANT!**

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FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE:  
<https://sites.google.com/orange.k12.nj.us/parent-university-2024/home>

**PARENT UNIVERSITY IS BACK FOR SY 2023-2024:**

**GOOD DAY ORANGE FAMILIES:**

**THE ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE LAUNCH OF THE 2023-2024 PARENT UNIVERSITY.**

**THE DISTRICT SEEKS TO EDUCATE AND EMPOWER FAMILIES AS ADVOCATES AND LIFELONG LEARNERS COMMITTED TO IMPROVING THE OVERALL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN AND OUR COMMUNITY. OUR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE WORKSHOPS OFFER PARENTS A RANGE OF EXPERIENCES ACROSS VARIOUS TOPICS. THIS YEAR, WE ARE KICKING OFF THE RETURN OF THE PARENT UNIVERSITY BY OFFERING COURSES IN THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS, VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS, ADULT LEARNING, AND UDEMY LEARNING ACADEMIES.**

**COURSES WILL BE ACCESSIBLE TO PARENTS VIA THIS ONLINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM, SO PLEASE REGISTER NOW! WE INVITE PARENTS, FAMILIES, AND THE ORANGE COMMUNITY INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE WORKSHOPS TO APPLY. ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE REVIEWED UPON SUBMISSION WITH QUICK FEEDBACK ON ACCEPTANCE STATUS.**

**VISIT AND REGISTER AT:**

**[HTTPS://SITES.GOOGLE.COM/ORAN.../PARENT-UNIVERSITY-2024/HOME](https://sites.google.com/orange.k12.nj.us/parent-university-2024/home)**



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## STEM INNOVATION ACADEMY OF THE ORANGES OPEN HOUSE

### STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges

445 Scotland Rd South Orange, NJ 07079 | STEMadmissions@orange.k12.nj.us



*A Special*

## OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 20, 2023 6:00-8:00PM

445 Scotland Rd South Orange, NJ 07079



**RSVP  
Here**

Join Dr. Reid and members of the STEM Faculty for an informational Open House event! We invite all community members, including rising 9th grade scholars that are interested in applying for the 24-25 SY, to attend!

### COME LEARN ABOUT THE STEM INNOVATION ACADEMY'S...

Mission to ensure all STEM scholars graduate college and are career ready!

University partners and coursework that sets all scholars on a trajectory to graduate from college early.

Steps to complete our rigorous application process.

### & TOUR OUR STUDENT CENTER CAMPUS!

Visit our STEM Innovation Academy Website for information & updates!

**STEM Innovation Academy Website**

[www.orange.k12.nj.us/Domain/2350](http://www.orange.k12.nj.us/Domain/2350)

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT STEM INNOVATION ACADEMY OF THE ORANGES WILL BE HOSTING A SPECIAL OPEN HOUSE FOR ALL INTERESTED 8TH GRADE STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS. THE STEM INNOVATION ACADEMY OF THE ORANGES IS A HIGHLY INNOVATIVE 4-YEAR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) HIGH SCHOOL WITHIN THE ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SPANNING GRADES 9-12. THE ACADEMY IS LOCATED ON A 5.5-ACRE CAMPUS AT 445 SCOTLAND ROAD, SOUTH ORANGE, NJ 07079. THE ACADEMY EXEMPLIFIES AN EARLY COLLEGE MODEL WHEREBY STUDENTS NAVIGATE THROUGH A FOUR-YEAR SCOPE AND SEQUENCE OF HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE COURSEWORK.

THIS EVENT WILL ALSO START THE COUNTDOWN TO THE RELEASE OF THE OFFICIAL APPLICATION PROCESS FOR STEM INNOVATION ACADEMY OF THE ORANGES. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE OPEN HOUSE ON DECEMBER 20TH OR STEM'S APPLICATION PROCESS, PLEASE E-MAIL THE ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE AT [STEMADMISSIONS@ORANGE.K12.NJ.US](mailto:STEMADMISSIONS@ORANGE.K12.NJ.US).

BELOW IS THE THE LINK TO REGISTER FOR THE OPEN HOUSE IS BELOW:  
[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/2E5PDQqXmNJTF91GA](https://forms.gle/2E5PDQqXmNJTF91GA)



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**CENTRAL ELEMENTARY ART EXHIBIT**  
**TO TAKE PLACE ON DECEMBER 20, 2023**



THE BOARD OF EDUCATION IS HOSTING  
THE CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
STUDENT ART EXHIBIT ON  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2023,  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM.  
SEE THE FLYER FOR DETAILS.



## Central Elementary School BOE STUDENT ART EXHIBIT



Opening Reception



**DECEMBER 20, WEDNESDAY**

**6:00PM - 7:00PM**

Orange Board of Education

451 Lincoln Ave. Orange, NJ



Ms. Mary Angeline Palma - Art Teacher

Ms. Denise White - Principal | Ms. Daniele Washington - Vice Principal



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR DECEMBER 2023:

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR WILL TAKE PLACE ON:

**DECEMBER 12 AND 19, FROM 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM,**  
**AT THE ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER, 397 PARK AVENUE.**  
**VISIT [ORANGE.K12.NJ.US/DOMAIN/528](https://orange.k12.nj.us/domain/528)**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, AND EMAIL**  
**[PREKINDERGARTENREGISTRATION@ORANGE.K12.NJ.US](mailto:PREKINDERGARTENREGISTRATION@ORANGE.K12.NJ.US).**  
**WITH ANY QUESTIONS.**

 <b>Orange Public Schools</b> <b>Office of Early Childhood Learning</b> <i>Jacquelyn Blanton, Ed.D, Executive Director of Early Learning</i>	 <b>Orange Public Schools</b> <b>Office of Early Childhood Learning</b> <i>Jacquelyn Blanton, Ed.D, Executive Director of Early Learning</i>
<h3>2023-2024 School Year Preschool Registration</h3> <p><b>MUST BE 3-YEARS-OLD BY OCTOBER 1, 2023!</b></p> <p><b>DATES:</b> <b>NOVEMBER 14, 21 &amp; 28 DECEMBER 5, 12 &amp; 19 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b></p> <p><b>REGISTRATION LOCATION:</b> <b>ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER 397 PARK AVE, ORANGE, NJ</b></p> <p><b>VISIT OUR WEBSITE: <a href="https://orange.k12.nj.us/domain/528">ORANGE.K12.NJ.US/DOMAIN/528</a></b></p> <p><b>REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:</b> Child's Original Birth Certificate Vaccination Record Current Lease or Mortgage Statement 2 Additional Proofs of address Photo I.D. of Parent/Guardian</p> <p><b>email contact: <a href="mailto:prekindergartenregistration@orange.k12.nj.us">prekindergartenregistration@orange.k12.nj.us</a></b></p> <p><b>ORANGE RESIDENTS ONLY!</b></p> <p><small>Orange Early Childhood Program includes all children regardless of abilities. If you are concerned that your child is learning or developing differently, you can call the District to request an evaluation for preschool special education and related services.</small></p>	<h3>Año Escolar 2023-2024 Registración Preescolar</h3> <p><b>[DEBE TENER 3 AÑOS PARA EL 1 DE OCTUBRE DE 2023!]</b></p> <p><b>FECHAS:</b> <b>14, 21 Y 28 DE NOVIEMBRE 5, 12 Y 19 DE DICIEMBRE 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b></p> <p><b>UBICACIONE DE REGISTRO:</b> <b>ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER 397 PARK AVE, ORANGE, NJ</b></p> <p><b>VISITE NUESTRO SITIO WEB:</b> <b><a href="https://orange.k12.nj.us/domain/528">ORANGE.K12.NJ.US/DOMAIN/528</a></b></p> <p><b>REQUISITOS:</b> Certificado de Nacimiento Original Record de Vacunas Arrendamiento de apartamento Actual o Declaración de Hipoteca 2 Pruebas de Dirección Adicionales Foto Identificación de Padre/Guardian</p> <p><b>email contact: <a href="mailto:prekindergartenregistration@orange.k12.nj.us">prekindergartenregistration@orange.k12.nj.us</a></b></p> <p><b>[SOLO PARA RESIDENTES DE ORANGE!]</b></p> <p><small>El Programa de Orange Early Childhood incluye a todos los niños independiente de sus habilidades. Si te preocupa que su hijo/a esta aprendiendo o desarrollandose de manera diferente, puedes llamar al Distrito de Orange para solicitar una evaluación de educación especial preescolar y servicios relacionados.</small></p>



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## REMEMBERING ROSA-CONCERT FOR PEACE



ON DEC. 1, THE UNIVERSITY OF ORANGE (UOFO), IN COLLABORATION WITH EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH AND THE ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, CELEBRATED THE 8TH ANNUAL "REMEMBERING ROSA: A CONCERT OF PEACE" AT CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. SUPERINTENDENT DR. GERALD FITZHUGH, II, PROVIDED WELCOMING REMARKS, FOLLOWED BY EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH REVEREND BILL RUTHERFORD, WHO SHARED A STORY ABOUT HIS FATHER'S JOURNEY FROM GEORGIA TO NEW JERSEY AND HIS COMMUNITY ADVOCACY EFFORTS ON REGISTERING VOTERS.

ON THE 68TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROSA PARKS ACT OF CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE, AND WITH A THEME OF "CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF HIP HOP", THE EVENT INCORPORATED THE HISTORY OF SOCIAL ACTIVISM AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO HIP HOP. THE UOFO PRESENTED AWARDS TO SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS RECOGNIZING THEIR EFFORTS TO SERVE THE ORANGE COMMUNITY, INCLUDING THE CITY OF ORANGE FOOD PANTRY COORDINATOR, STACEY MARTIN, AND FORMER ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENT RAY SYKES.

IN ADDITION, CONCERT ATTENDEES WERE TREATED TO A SERIES OF AMAZING PERFORMANCES BY THE EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR, CONCERTS IN CHOREOGRAPHY DANCE COMPANY, AND LOCAL MUSICIANS. SCHOOL BOARD IN ATTENDANCE WAS PRESIDENT SHAWNEQUE JOHNSON, AND MEMBERS DERRICK HENRY AND DAVID ARMSTRONG. CENTRAL PRINCIPAL MS. WHITE AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL MS. WASHINGTON WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORTS IN SCHOOLS INITIATIVE HAS BEGUN AT CLEVELAND STREET SCHOOL



CLEVELAND STREET SCHOOL HOSTED A PBIS EXPECTATIONS ASSEMBLY TO ENSURE BOTH STUDENTS AND STAFF MEMBERS RECOGNIZE WHAT POSITIVE BEHAVIORS LOOK LIKE AND HOW THESE BEHAVIORS IMPACT THEIR SCHOOLS' COMMUNITY. THIS INCLUDED POSITIVE BEHAVIORS IN THE HALLWAY, THE RESTROOM, THE CLASSROOM, THE PLAYGROUND, THE CAFETERIA, AND ON THE BUS.

STUDENTS WERE ASKED TO PROVIDE EXAMPLES OF BEHAVIORS THEY HAVE EXEMPLIFIED OR THOSE THAT THEY SEE THEIR PEERS EXHIBIT. ADDITIONALLY, STUDENTS WERE SHOWN AN EDUCATIONAL VIDEO CREATED BY MS. INGRAM, A MEMBER OF THE CLEVELAND PBIS TEAM, MODELED POSITIVE BEHAVIORS THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL, INCLUDING IN THE AREAS MENTIONED ABOVE. THEY COMPLETED THE ASSEMBLY BY GOING OVER THE THREE IMPORTANT TERMS OUTLINED IN THEIR PBIS MODEL AND WHAT THESE TERMS MEAN.

THEY ALSO DISCUSSED THE SCHOOL'S CURRENCY, CALLED COUGAR CASH. COUGAR CASH CAN BE USED IN THE SCHOOL STORE FOR RAFFLES AND SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## WINTER CONCERT AT OAKWOOD AVENUE SCHOOL



OAKWOOD AVENUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL HOSTED A WINTER CONCERT FOR ALL GRADES ON FRIDAY, DEC. 1.

THE CONCERT CONSISTED OF AMAZING MUSIC PERFORMANCES AND PLAYS! MS. KESHNER DID AN AMAZING JOB PUTTING THIS PRODUCTION TOGETHER.

MR. KASHIFF, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, LED THE EFFORT PROVIDING COMMENTARY AT THE END THANKING THE PARENTS AND STUDENTS IN ATTENDANCE.

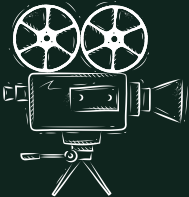




# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## FILM BOOT 24 AWARDS PROGRAM



STUDENTS AT ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL PARTICIPATED IN A SCREENING OF SHORT FILMS CREATED BY STUDENTS FROM THE DIGITAL MEDIA PROGRAM DURING FILMBOOT 24.

OUR PARTNERS FROM CINEMAED AND DREW UNIVERSITY WERE PRESENT ALONG WITH SUPERINTENDENT DR. FITZHUGH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS MS. ALCANTARA, DR. BLANTON, MS. HARRIS, AND MR. SCUTARI, CTE SUPERVISOR MR. DRAKEFORD, AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL MADARIAGA.

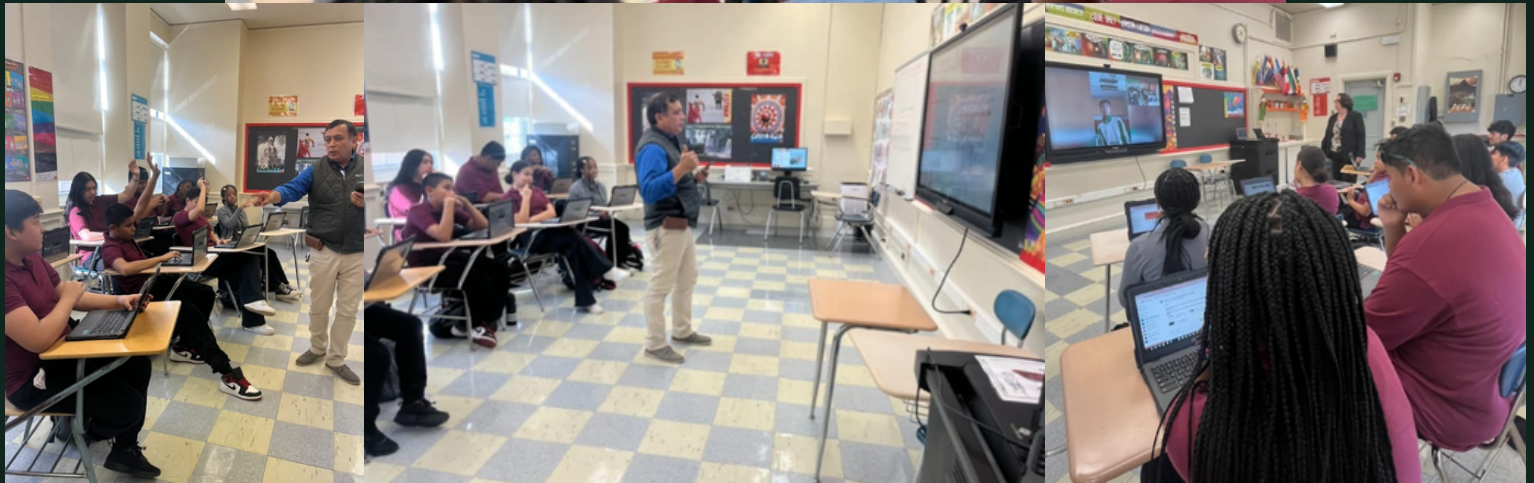
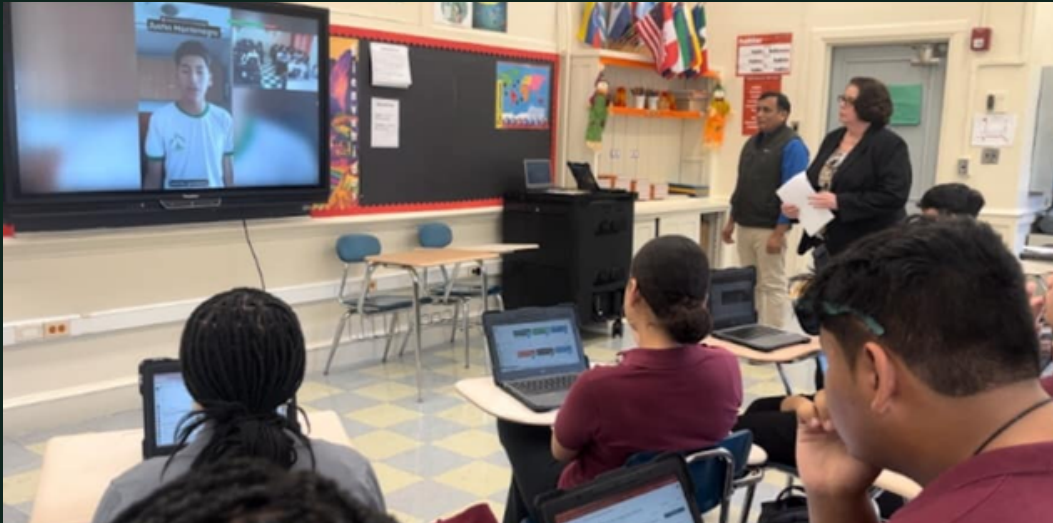
CERTIFICATES AND TROPHIES WERE AWARDED TO ALL FIRST AND SECOND PLACE FILM WINNERS. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WERE PREPARED AND SERVED BY THE CULINARY ARTS CLUB.

GREAT WORK BY ALL!



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## STUDENTS FROM ORANGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY OF INQUIRY AND INNOVATION IN WORLD LANGUAGE CLASS MEET SCHOLARS VIRTUALLY FROM PERU



MR. CAMARENA, SPANISH TEACHER AT OPA II, HAS DONE A FANTASTIC JOB FACILITATING A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN HIS STUDENTS AND STUDENTS IN PERU. THEY STARTED BY RECORDING AND SHARING INTRODUCTION VIDEOS IN SPANISH ON FLIP, AND THEY WILL NOW CONTINUE THEIR CONVERSATIONS OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

THEY ALSO HELD HAD AN EXCITING ONLINE COMPETITION USING AN INTERACTIVE GAME CALLED WORD WALL, WHICH ALLOWED THEM TO PRACTICE THE LANGUAGE THEY ARE LEARNING. IN THE FUTURE, THE STUDENTS WILL GET TO CREATE THEIR OWN GAMES TO COMPETE WITH EACH OTHER.

THIS IMMERSIVE AND INTERACTIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCE IS SURE TO ENHANCE THEIR LANGUAGE SKILLS AND CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING.



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## STEM SCHOLARS VISITED THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY



STEM ACADEMY SENIORS VISITED THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY ON NOVEMBER 27TH.

SCHOLARS WERE PROVIDED WITH ADMISSIONS PRESENTATION, THEY LEARNED ABOUT THE EOF (EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FUND) PROGRAM AND CURRENT TCNJ ENGINEERING STUDENTS SPOKE WITH SCHOLARS ABOUT COURSEWORK, STUDENT LIFE, ORGANIZATIONS, INTERNSHIPS, AND JOB PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES AFTER GRADUATION.

SCHOLARS ALSO PARTICIPATED IN A CAMPUS TOUR OF THE STEM BUILDING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENTS.





# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## CULINARY ARTS EXPLORATION AT ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL



CULINARY ARTS CTE STUDENTS FROM ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL VISITED HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE (HCCC) TODAY AND PARTICIPATED IN A HANDS-ON DEMONSTRATION WITH CHEF PUCK.

THE DEMO CONSISTED OF A FRIED DIM SUM, WRAPPED IN A SOYBEAN SKIN WRAP. STUDENTS IN THE CULINARY ARTS PROGRAM EARN DUAL ENROLLMENT COLLEGE CREDIT FROM HCCC.

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING IN A COLLEGE SETTING AS OUR STUDENTS PREPARE THEIR POST-SECONDARY PLANS.



# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## SCHOOL YEAR ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS SY 2023-2024:

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

As a reminder, the following chart outlines the school start and end times for this school year. As shared in June and August 2023, these times were presented via letter as well at board of education meetings.

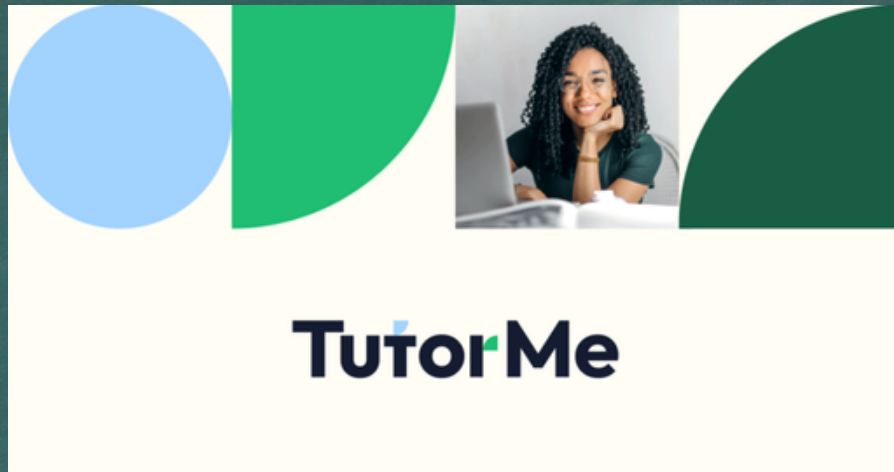
## SCHOOL CALENDARS ARE NOW POSTED FOR DECEMBER 2023

Each district school shared a monthly calendar of events and activities with families this week; including School Spirit Days, Picture Days, and Professional Development to name a few. See the December calendars on each school posted on social media as well as each school's website. Please find the following as samples:





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**TUTOR ME INITIATIVE:** THE ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE A PARTNERSHIP WITH TUTORME.COM, AN ONLINE STUDENT TUTORING, HOMEWORK HELP SERVICE, AND WRITING LAB. TUTORME.COM IS A SECURE ONLINE RESOURCE EASILY ACCESSIBLE THROUGH CLEVER AND OFFERS ON-DEMAND ASSISTANCE ON ANY SUBJECT.

THE FOLLOWING LINK WILL BRING YOU TO THE INFORMATION PAGE FOR YOU TO GATHER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

**[HTTPS://WWW.ORANGE.K12.NJ.US/CMS/LIB/NJ01000601/CENTRICITY/DO  
MAIN/1/TUTORME%20FAMILY%20ANNOUNCEMENT.PDF.](https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/cms/lib/NJ01000601/Centricity/Domain/1/tutorme%20family%20announcement.pdf)**

TUTORME IS IN PLACE FOR STUDENTS ACROSS ALL SUBJECTS GRADES THREE THROUGH TWELVE.

SHOULD ANY QUESTIONS ARISE, PLEASE EMAIL  
**[REOPENINGOFSCHOOLS@ORANGE.K12.NJ.US.](mailto:REOPENINGOFSCHOOLS@ORANGE.K12.NJ.US)**

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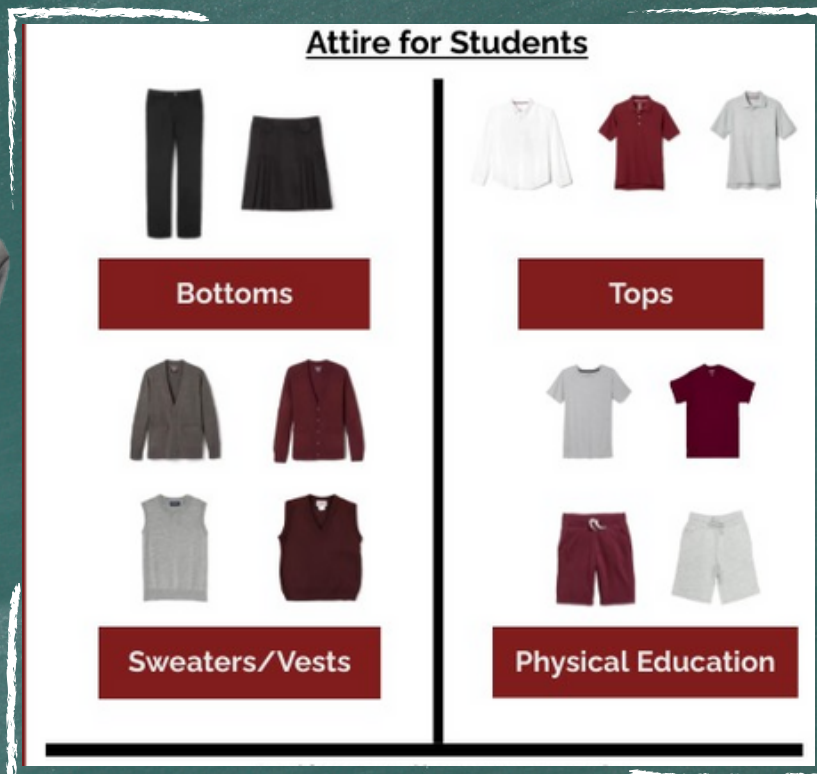
## UNIFORM INITIATIVE DISTRICT WIDE:

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.





# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## GENESIS PARENT PORTAL SIGN UP SUPPORT

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](http://WWW.ORANGE.K12.NJ.US)  
TO FIND THE GENESIS PARENT PORTAL REGISTRATION FORM LINKS IN  
THE ORANGE BOX UNDER ANNOUNCEMENTS**



WEBSITE: [www.orange.k12.nj.us](http://www.orange.k12.nj.us) | EMAIL: [portaladmin@orange.k12.nj.us](mailto: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>

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## DISTRICT ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

# Orange Township Public Schools

Gerald Fitzhugh, II, Ed.D.

Office of the Superintendent

Tia Burnett, Supervisor for Testing

## BULLETIN #3

### District Assessment Schedule

SY2023-2024 (Revised 8/29/23)

Marking Period Dates	MP1	MP2	MP3	MP4
Opens	September 7, 2023	November 15, 2023	February 1, 2024	April 22, 2024
Closes	November 14, 2023	January 31, 2024	April 19, 2024	June 20, 2024

Annual School Plan Dates	Submission 1	Submission 2	Submission 3	Submission 4
Due	November 17, 2023	February 16, 2024	April 12, 2024	June 18, 2024

#### DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS: PRE-KINDERGARTEN CHILD OBSERVATION RECORD (COR)

Baseline	Period 2	Period 3
September 7, 2023 – November 17, 2023	November 20, 2023 – February 16, 2024	February 19, 2024 – May 24, 2024

#### DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS: DIAGNOSTIC

Assessment Area	Grade Levels	Administration Window	Subjects Tested
District Diagnostic 1: Fall	1-12 Grade K	September 11 – 15 September 18 – 29	ELA: 1 – 12; MATH: 1 – 12; SCIENCE: 3-11 ELA: K; MATH: K
District Diagnostic 2: Winter	K-12	December 11 - 22	ELA: K – 12; MATH: K – 12; SCIENCE: 3-11
District Diagnostic 3: Spring	K-12	April 8 – April 12	ELA: K – 12; MATH: K – 12; SCIENCE: 3-11

#### DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS: INTERIM

Assessment Area	Grade Levels	Administration Window	Subjects Tested
Unit Assessments	K-12	Embedded within the Curriculum	MATH; SCIENCE; SOCIAL STUDIES
District Interim 1	K-12	October 30 – November 3	ELA
District Interim 2	K-12	January 29 – February 2	ELA
District Interim 3	K-12	April 15 – 19	ELA

#### END OF COURSE EXAMS (CTE/PLTW/DUAL ENROLLMENT/CAPSTONE)

Assessment Area	Grade Levels	Administration Window	Subjects Tested
Adobe Premiere	K-12	May 20 - 24	AV DIGITAL MEDIA - 100304
Serve Safe		April 15 - 19	CULINARY ARTS - 120503
Adobe Photoshop		May 20 - 24	GRAPHIC ARTS - 500409
Rutgers EOC		June 3 - 7	HEALTH SCIENCE - 510000
National Academic Exam		March 11 - 15	ROTC - 280401
PLTW Midyear Part A	K-12	February 6 - 17	PBS, HBS, MI IED, CIM, POE
PLTW Midyear Part B			
PLTW: End of Course	K-12	May 30 – June 9	PBS, HBS, MI

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EACH YEAR, YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATES IN A NUMBER OF ASSESSMENTS THAT ARE EITHER MANDATED BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (NJDOE) OR ARE ADMINISTERED BY OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT IN ORDER TO ASSIST US IN DETERMINING INDIVIDUAL STUDENT EDUCATIONAL LEVELS AS WELL AS DETERMINING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR STAFF.

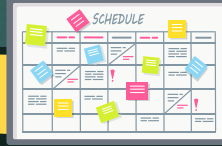
EACH OF THESE ASSESSMENTS ASSISTS US IN DEVELOPING INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES THAT MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR STUDENTS BASED ON THE DATA COLLECTED. ONE ASSESSMENT MEASURE CANNOT DETERMINE A STUDENT'S ACADEMIC TRAJECTORY, HOWEVER. THESE ASSESSMENTS ALSO ASSIST US IN REVISING OUR CURRICULUM YEARLY. PLEASE VIEW THE ASSESSMENT CALENDAR IN THE EFFORT OF KNOWING HOW WE ARE ASSESSING YOUR CHILDREN.

[HTTPS://WWW.ORANGE.K12.NJ.US/PAGE/33077.](https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/page/33077)



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## DISTRICT CALENDAR



FAMILIES AND STAFF, AS YOU PLAN YOUR DAYS AND WEEKS,  
THE FOLLOWING LINK

([HTTPS://WWW.ORANGE.K12.NJ.US/PAGE/31659.](https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/page/31659))

TO THE DISTRICT CALENDAR APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF  
EDUCATION IN FEBRUARY 2023.

THE CALENDAR CAN ASSIST YOU BY KNOWING ALL DAYS IN  
SESSION AND OFF SESSION. SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY  
QUESTIONS, YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO EMAIL  
[REOPENINGOFSCHOOLS@ORANGE.K12.NJ.US](mailto:REOPENINGOFSCHOOLS@ORANGE.K12.NJ.US).

*THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF THIS YEAR, THE  
[REOPENINGOFSCHOOLS@ORANGE.K12.NJ.US](mailto: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.*

PLEASE FIND THE DISTRICT CALENDAR FOR SY 23-24 USING  
THE FOLLOWING LINK:

[https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/Page/32723.](https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/Page/32723)

# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## BOARD MEETING DATES & REMINDERS

MEETINGS FROM  
TUESDAY TO WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT THE REORGANIZATION MEETING.  
KINDLY REVIEW THE NEW DATES FOR SY 23-24.

### 2023 BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS MEETING SCHEDULE:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023

### UPCOMING COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETINGS (PUBLIC)

## IMPORTANT UPDATE:

### ORANGE BOARD EDUCATION PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023, AT 7:30P.M., HELD AT  
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.

### DISTRICT GOALS AND THE STRATEGIC PLAN REMINDERS

*As we continue to Move into Greatness, I want our families and staff to  
continue to engage with the strategic plan and district goals.*

THE FOLLOWING LINK IS FOR THE DISTRICT GOALS:

[HTTPS://WWW.ORANGE.K12.NJ.US/PAGE/30018.](https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/page/30018)

THE FOLLOWING LINK IS FOR THE STRATEGIC PLAN:

[HTTPS://WWW.ORANGE.K12.NJ.US/DOMAIN/3344.](https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/domain/3344)