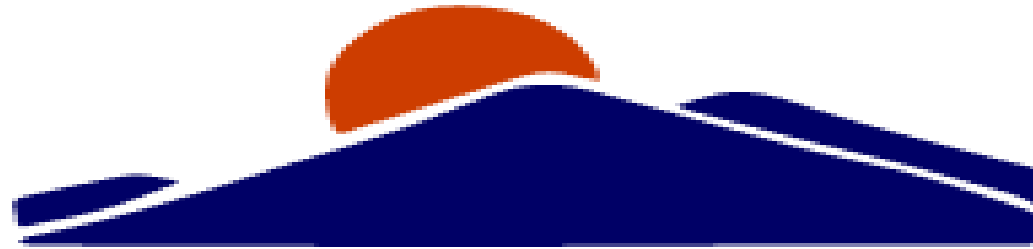


# West Orange Public Schools



## Fall in Review/Recognitions

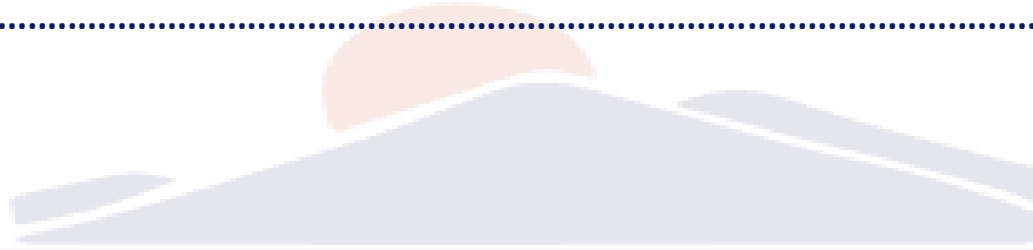
“Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all.”

– Dale Carnegie

Presented at:  
Board of Education Meeting  
December 2020

**West Orange Board of Education**

- Ken Alper .....Board President
- Terry Trigg-Scales.....Board Vice-President
- Cheryl Merklinger .....Board Member
- Gary Rothstein.....Board Member
- Jennifer Tunncliffe.....Board Member



**West Orange Central Office Administration**

- Dr. J. Scott Cascone.....Superintendent
- John Calavano.....Business Administrator and Board Secretary
- Eveny de Mendez.....Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
- Kristin Gogerty-Fitzgerald .....Executive Director of Special Services
- Dr. Joseph Vespignani..... Executive Director of Personnel and Special Projects

# High School Achievements of Note

- 3110 College Applications to date
- Quarter 1 Honor Roll (355) High Honor Roll (782)
- The AFJROTC, Mountaineer Squadron NJ-20132-Distinguished Service to the Community
- WOHS English teacher **Jennifer Studnicky** attended Drew University Summer Writing Institute and is now a Teacher Consultant through the National Writing Project. As a requirement of the program, Ms. Studnicky researched and developed a professional development workshop entitled, *Engaging Students Through Culturally Responsive Teaching*.
- Student Advocates for Mental Health Awareness, SAMHA. **Victoria Bratsos - President Noemi Pare - Vice President, Alexis Palmere - Secretary, Lorelle Adames - Head of Public Relations, Grace Attia - Head of Research, David Tobar - Head of Recruitment, Emma Renwick - Head of Outreach**
- **Amina Anekwe** - Junior, Red Dot Day promotion and service work around ending Period Poverty
- **Riya Goel - Senior**. Just wrote a book, "The Gen Z Book". The book helps to decipher the inner workings of the newest generation's thoughts, beliefs, hopes, and dreams.
- **Olivia Ridley - Senior**. Wrote a play that was selected as 1 of 7 at the nationwide event #Enough which is a short play competition. The plays are written by teens about how to end gun violence.

# College Athletics Signings to Date

<b>Emma Mitchell</b>	Girls Soccer	University of Massachusetts Lowell
<b>Kaya Schultz</b>	Girls Soccer	University of Buffalo
<b>Gianna Festino</b>	Girls Soccer	Eastern University
<b>Tiara Wilson</b>	Girls Cross Country	Johnson C. Smith University N.C.
<b>Jayson Raines</b>	Football	Stanford University
<b>Shaki Carson</b>	Football	Kent State University
<b>Aquan Robinson</b>	Football	University of Massachusetts

# Fall Sports Accolades

Boys Soccer Coach **Doug Nevins**: Coach of the Year by New Jersey Soccer Coaches Association

Football Coach **Darnell Grant**: Coach of the Week by the New York Giants  
\$2,000 Gift to Football Program

**Girls Cross Country** SEC Division Champions

**Girls Tennis** SEC Division Champions

**Boys Soccer** SEC Division Champions, Team Ranked #15 in State

**Football** SEC Division Champions  
Team Ranked #1 in Essex County  
Team Ranked #16 in State

# Congrats MS Honor Roll & Perfect Attendance

## **EDISON**

### **Perfect Attendance**

284 students

### **Honor Roll**

177 Students

### **High Honor Roll**

51 Students

## **ROOSEVELT**

### **Perfect Attendance**

7th grade = 79

8th grade=85

### **Honor Roll**

7th Grade = 79 Students

8th Grade = 65 Students

### **High Honor Roll**

7th Grade = 26 Students

8th Grade = 76 Students

## **LIBERTY**

### **Perfect Attendance:**

7th Grade = 110

8th Grade = 68

### **Honor Roll**

7th Grade = 106

8th Grade = 96

### **High Honor Roll**

7th Grade = 54

8th Grade = 77

# Student Accolade

Redwood 3rd grade students **Micheal Costa Sparks and Carter Duncan** who set up an online homework club for 20 of their peers. Michael and Carter developed the idea themselves, and recruited their friends to join. As part of the club, students have collaborated virtually on a combination of academic and creative projects. We are proud of their entrepreneurial spirit!

# Distinguished West Orange Professional Educators

- Kelly Elementary Teacher, **Dr. Keri Orange-Jones** has been chosen as a 2020 New Jersey Exemplary Educator. The goal of the NJDOE Exemplary Educator Recognition Program is to identify educators who are valued by their school and community and have exhibited strong knowledge and skills, an inspiring presence, and a clear vision for quality teaching and learning. This year, there are only 93 educators from across the state that are being bestowed this honor.
- Liberty Middle School Science teacher **Maria David** named Future Goals - Teacher of the Month (November 2020) by the National Hockey League and National Hockey League Players Association. The Future Goals program in partnership with EVERFEI teaches students key STEM skills using STEM sports, including hockey, that helps prepare students for success in life.
- Kelly School teachers **Mary Quiroz (ESL), Stephanie Ross(Reading Specialist), Diane Phelan(Resource)** will be presenting at The NJTESOL/NJBE State conference in May, 2021; on their collaborative effort between ESL, Special Education and the I&RS team. Their PLC has developed a prototype of interventions that help distinguish between student behaviors that indicate learning difficulties and those that may be due to language proficiency levels.



# Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council

Betty Maddalena Early Learning Center:  
**Ms. Elizabeth Barry**

Redwood:  
**Mr. Kevin Kirwan & Mr. Eric Stevenson**

Hazel:  
**Ms. Cristina Junquera**

St. Cloud:  
**Ms. Telisa Fowlkes**

Liberty:  
**Ms. Lee Sutton**

Roosevelt:  
**Ms. Melissa Cooper**

Gregory:  
**Mr. David Horne**

Mt. Pleasant:  
**Ms. Ora Gordon & Dr. Damali Campbell**

Kelly:  
**Ms. Myrna Brome & Mr. David Seldon**

Edison:  
**Dr. Philip Walden**

Washington:  
**Mr. Victor Garcia**

WOHS:  
**Mr. James Rawls**

# Diversity, Equity, and Access Committee

Kimya Jackson, Redwood/Washington Assistant Principal

Cheryl Butler, K-12 Director of School Counseling

Lionel Hush, Roosevelt Middle School Principal

Stephanie Suriano, K-12 Supervisor of Science

Hillary Rubenstein, Roosevelt MS Science Teacher

# Student Equity Advisory Council

## Students

Marley Dias, Riya Goel, Jacob Klausner,  
Finnley Lewis, Belen Osborne, Dylan Wimberly

Assistant Principal Kimya Jackson

# Service to the District/Community

Maschio's Food Services

St. Barnabas

County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo

Toni's Kitchen

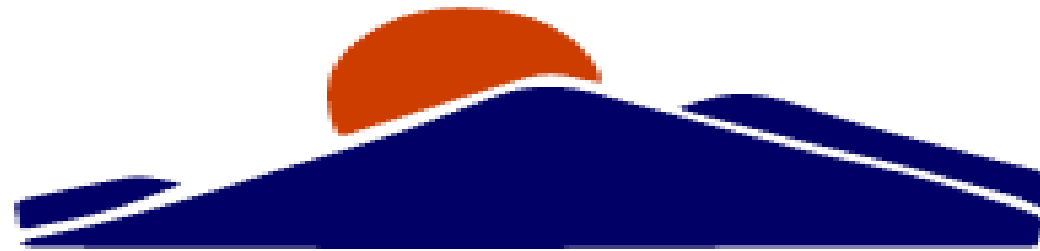
Holy Trinity Food Pantry

Mayor Parisi's Sunshine Fund

West Orange Hispanic Foundation

West Orange Office of Emergency Management

West Orange Department of Health



**Thank you to all**