

DIWALI 2023 PARTICIPANTS

West Orange Public Schools

West Orange High School:

1. WOHS Interact
2. WOHS Mountaineer Mentors
3. WOHS Elixar - K-Pop Group
4. WOHS Women's Step Team - Optimal Precision
5. WOHS Men's Step Team - Ab-Salute
6. WOHS Asian Culture Club
7. Emcees: Vanisha Janaki (who is also the Student Liaison for UAV), Diya Oberoi (Also key member of the UAV Diwali Committee), Kanya Jariwala, Kai Jarvis, Krish Patel, Nidhi Patel and Eric Rivilo

Liberty Middle School:

- Jacen Bonafe & Nikhil Oberoi - Volunteers, Videographers and Photographers

St. Cloud Elementary School:

- Reiyansh & Nihira Shetty

Redwood Elementary School:

- Samika Sanyal

Additional - Schools

- Primrose of West Orange - Varsha
- Kulture Kool - Archana
- WO School of the Arts - Abby
- WOHS interact Club - Provided free face painting
- Namaste Heritage School - West Orange - Falguni Pandya
- WOHS World Languages & ESL Dept - Felix Plata
- WOHS Men's Step Team - Ab Salute

Organizers

- United Asian Voices in partnership with the Board of Education and Support from the Township of West Orange
- Diwali Committee: Fannie Jarvis- Chan, Leizyl Somoza, Cecelia Pulmano, Vanisha Janaki, Deepa Krishna, Connie Kam, Pragya Balan, Meena Oberoi, Diya Oberoi, Sheelpa Patel, Jasmine Thakkar, Sage Gajarawala

Sponsors

- Quick Mart of West Orange
- Dunkin - PVW
- Urban Tandoor/Mishtaan
- Tru Ally Medica - WO
- Kumon of West Orange
- Primrose School of West Orange
- A1 Drycleaner - WO

Vendors

Food Vendors

- Rolls & Curries - Reema lives in WO, Restaurant is in Livingston
- DDouble Guy Food TRuck - Chris & Tamara are from Trinidad, Hindu and their truck is located on East Orange Central Avenue
- Chand Palace - Manan & Charu Saxena - restaurant is in Parsippany
- Sweet Kneads by Ridhima - Indian Fusion, Kosher Desserts - Shop is in Livingston

Artisan Vendors

- Sheyili - West Orange - Padma Deshpande
- Freckled Hues - West Orange - Brandi - Shop on Main Street
- Purple Rose - West Orange - Shraddha Dedhia
- Gauri Watercolor - Livingston - Gauri
- Jewelry by Trupti - Livingston - Trupti Mhatre
- Just Pretty Things - East Brunswick - Priyanka Garg
- The Domit Ovenware - Rupal Mody
- Ayannjal - Monmouth - Tejal
- Diwal'Oween - West Orange - Shilpa Mankikar

Non Profits

1. Art of Living - Ruchika Sanyal
2. West Orange Police Dept - Chief Abbott sent his two AAPI Officers
- Lieutenant Tito John and Sgt. Paul Parada
3. West Orange African Heritage Organization - Brent Scott