Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

During the summer, in collaboration with the East Orange Public Library, the East Orange School District (EOSD) is requiring all students entering grades 1 through 12, to participate in the district-wide summer reading initiative with the goal to support the development of life-long readers as students increase their vocabulary, critical thinking and comprehension skills.

Research has proven that summer learning loss consistently contributes to the achievement gap in reading performance. The need for students to remain engaged in thinking through reading is why we partnered with the EO Public Library and Barnes & Noble in Clifton (1.2 miles distance).

The curriculum supervisors, literacy coaches, and media specialist have chosen culturally relevant titles with the hopes of increasing students’ interest and engagement as they complete the supporting activities that have been developed for summer learning.

Your child is required to:
(a) select and read two of their grade-level choices and
(b) complete the corresponding Google HyperDoc Reading Activities available on the district website.

For more information regarding the book titles and reading activities, please contact:
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District Disclaimer:
Please be advised that the books listed are chosen for students in grades one through twelve. In order to engage reader interest and to provide and spark critical thinking, certain books include sensitive and intricate content and issues. The content of some titles may be mature and contain adult language and situations. Parental monitoring is advised.

Yukima Vannoy - Supervisor of English (6-12)
Division of Curriculum Services
East Orange School District
Recommended Grade Level Summer Reading List - 2018

Entering Grades 1 and 2
★★ Surf's Up - Kwame Alexander (F)
★★ She Persisted - Chelsea Clinton (NF)
★★ Happy to Be Nappy - Bell Hooks (F)

Entering Grade 3:
★★ A is for Activist - Innosanto Nagara (NF)
★★ Barack - Jonah Winter (NF)
★★ The Sneetches - Dr. Seuss (F)

Entering Grade 4:
★★ Ellray Jakes is not a Chicken - Sally Warner (F)
★★ The Distance Between Us - Young Reader Edition - Reyna Grande (NF)
★★ Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down - by Andrea Davis Pinkney,

Entering Grade 5:
★★ Gone Crazy in Alabama - Rita Williams Garcia
★★ The Loser's Club - Andrew Clements (F)
★★ We've Got a Job: The 1963 Birmingham Children's March - Cynthia Levinson (NF)

Entering Grade 6:
★★ The Offenders: Saving the World, While Serving Detention! - Jerry Craft (F)
★★ You Go First - Erin Entrada Kelly (F)
★★ Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson (NF)

Entering Grade 7:
★★ The Crossover - Kwame Alexander (F)
★★ Backlash - Sarah Darer Littman (F)
★★ Darius and Twig - Walter Dean Myers (F)

Entering Grade 8:
★★ This is Where it Ends - Marieke Nijkamp
★★ Save Me a Seat - Sarah Weeks (F)
★★ Solo - Kwame Alexander (F)

Entering Grade 9:
★★ The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace - Jeff Hobbs (NF)
★★ Full Cicada Moon - Marilyn Hilton
★★ Warriors Don’t Cry - Melba Pattillo Beals

Entering Grade 10:
★★ The Playbook: 52 Rules to Aim, Shoot and Score in This Game Called Life - Kwame Alexander (NF)
★★ The Boy in the Black Suit - Jason Reynolds
★★ Jumped - Rita Williams-Garcia

Entering Grade 11:
★★ The 57 Bus - Bashka Slater (NF)
★★ All American Boys - Jason Reynolds (F)
★★ The Hate U Give - Angie Thomas (F)

Entering Grade 12:
★★ Stars Beneath Our Feet - David Barclay Moore (F)
★★ Between the World and Me - Ta-Nehisi Coates (NF)
★★ Long Way Down - Jason Reynolds (F)

In August, the curriculum supervisors, in collaboration with the East Orange Public Library will host our first Summer Reading Symposium at the East Orange Public Library to extend learning through engaging activities and discussion panels. Further information will be posted on the district’s website by June 30, 2018.

During the first week of school, all students will be expected to participate in class discussions and submit completed activities.

All book titles are available in all formats and editions. If you own a tablet, iPad, Nook, or eReader, books can be purchased and downloaded using the Barnes and Noble and Amazon websites:
http://www.barnesandnoble.com/
http://amazon.com/

The East Orange Public Library will have five copies of each title available to borrow for students with valid library cards.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer of continued learning. We look forward to seeing your child at the Summer Reading Symposium Check-in and in the fall!

**Titles with an asterisk may contain sensitive topics and situations. Parental guidance is recommended.**