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Park Avenue Elementary School Celebrates Women's History Month at Washington Manor

Orange, New Jersey – March 29, 2016 – Women's History Month, which takes place every March, is a time when we recall, and celebrate, the many groundbreaking achievements of women.

On Tuesday, more than 20 third grade students from Park Avenue Elementary School helped recognize the ways women have strengthened and enriched America through songs and poetry inspired by the notable life of Rosa Parks.

"Come on up to the front of the bus, I'll be riding up there," was just one of the song selections by the choir as they were recently educated on Civil Rights Activist, Rosa Parks, and her act of protest and the Montgomery Bus Boycott during the Civil Rights Movement.

"The status, rights, and opportunities for women in America have significantly evolved over past decades. However, changes are still needed to expand opportunities for women," said Nia Baskerville, OHA's Development Associate, as she delivered a powerful message that followed her reciting of Sojourner Truth's – *Ain't I A Woman*.

"We have to continue to celebrate women's contribution," said Dr. Walter D. McNeil, Executive Director of the Orange Housing Authority. "Today, women are still fighting for justice. It is imperative that we actively make efforts to educate our community of the importance of equality as it pertains to women's rights.

For more information on upcoming events, please visit the Orange Housing Authority's website at www.haconj.org.



Park Avenue Elementary School's Third Grade Choir, with Dr. McNeil, Adrienne Wooten, Christina Matoe, Ms. Cooper, Ms. Curran and Vocal Coach, Mr. Clark

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