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## A Letter from the Executive Director

Season's Greetings from the Executive Director's Office,

During this season, we often take time to reflect upon the successes of the past year. It is in this spirit that I would like to take a moment to say a heartfelt thank you. Without the hard work of our students, the devotion of their families, and the dedication of our faculty and staff we wouldn't be the school we are today.

The OSS PVO is pleased to announce they raised \$20,000 net from the Fall Festival. Both OSES and OSS PVO received \$10,000 toward their account. The funds will be used to support various school projects, events, social activities, teacher appreciation week, etc. Thank you to everyone who helped with or came out to support the event! Plans are already underway for the 2018 Fall Festival and volunteers are welcome and encouraged to sign up to help. Please email [OSS.PVO@orlandoscience.org](mailto:OSS.PVO@orlandoscience.org) if you would like to help make the next festival bigger and better!

I would also like to say a special thank you to City of Orlando, Mayor Buddy Dyer and Commissioner Robert Stuart for their Proclamation of our school by declaring November 4th, "Orlando Science Schools Day." in the City of Orlando.

On that, and every day, I take pride in knowing our school is filled with such high achievers who set us on the path to attaining a "School of Excellence" designation from the Florida Department of Education at our Orlando campuses, as well as "A" ratings earned across the board for our Orange, Seminole, and Osceola campuses

Again, none of this would be possible without you and you have my sincerest appreciation. I hope you have a relaxing and fulfilling Winter Break and look forward to all that 2018 has in store for our schools.

Warmest Wishes this Holiday Season and a Very Happy New Year to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Dr. Akin

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, Orlando Science Schools (OSS) is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a successful charter school in Orlando, Florida having grown from 100 students to 2,200 across 5 campuses, and

WHEREAS, Orlando Science Schools (OSS) provides an advanced curriculum with a STEM focus for grades Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade in a nurturing and caring environment, and

WHEREAS, the National Research Council and the National Science Foundation report that fields associated with STEM subjects – science, technology, engineering and mathematics – are collectively considered the core technological underpinnings of an advanced society, and

WHEREAS, OSS's unique academic program provides custom learning paths and fosters critical thinking, innovative technology and both competitive and cooperative learning experiences, and

WHEREAS, by providing a rigorous academic setting, allows students to gain the confidence and knowledge necessary for them to pursue excellence in their endeavors beyond the classroom, and

WHEREAS, OSS and OSES are recognized as High Performing Charter Schools by the Florida Department of Education, and has earned an "A" School Grade eight years in a row since 2009, and

WHEREAS, the Washington Post's list of the nation's most challenging high schools placed OSS in the top 2 percent in the United States as 58<sup>th</sup> out of more than 2,300 high schools, and

WHEREAS, OSS's Class of 2016 ranked 1<sup>st</sup> place in Central Florida with a combined SAT score of 1616, as reported by the Orlando Business Journal, the Class of 2017 saw 8 seniors accepted by the Nation's Top 20 Universities and Colleges, and students have won honors at the Scripps National Spelling Bee, and

WHEREAS, OSS earned Science Olympiad State Finals Champion honors three years in a row, Central Florida Regional Champion five times since 2011, represented the State of Florida in the National Science Olympiad Tournaments five times, and they had the FIRST Robotics Team representing the State of Florida in the World Championship 5 times beginning in 2013, and

WHEREAS, OSS has achieved MathCounts Central Florida Chapter Champion three years in a row beginning in 2015 and represented Orange County in the State Tournament four times beginning in 2013, and

NOW, THEREFORE, We, Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer and Robert F. Stuart, Commissioner, District 3, do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 4, 2017

"Orlando Science Schools Day"

in the City of Orlando as a token of appreciation for the Orlando Science Schools, its faculty, staff, students and families both past and present, on the auspicious occasion of their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for their devoted commitment to the STEM education of our community's youth and further wish them continued success in all of their future endeavors.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of the City of Orlando to be affixed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 2017

*Buddy Dyer*  
Buddy Dyer, Mayor

*Robert F. Stuart*  
Robert F. Stuart, City Commissioner, District 3



# Principal's Corner

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Dear OSS Technology Campus Family Members,

We hope that all of our families are enjoying a fun and festive Winter Break! In preparation of the coming semester, we have including in this newsletter some important information and upcoming events.

The overnight Orlando Science Center trip is quickly approaching. If you are a family looking to participate please sign up via School Pay. All parents attending much be ADDitions "Approved," this does require an additional step in the volunteer process. Please check the status of your profile at your earliest convenience. Remember that the deadline for sign up is January 1st. Payment is required to reserve your spot. Please see the bottom of page 5 for more details!

If you were/are unable to join in any of the year's previous events, we have many different trips, and volunteer opportunities posted online for the rest of the year. Please visit our [ADDitions Opportunities](#) for more details. If you are not signed up for the ADDitions system, please see the section below. This section details the steps necessary for volunteering, and recognizes some of our wonderful volunteers from this past semester.

Please be on the lookout for an email about yearbook sales, this will allow you to purchase your yearbook online. The Middle School yearbook cost will be \$25.00 with a hardcover, and the Elementary School yearbook cost will be \$20.00 with a softcover. If you have pictures to share please upload to [hjeshare.com](#). The school code for upload is OSES2018. If you plan on submitting entries, please include the student's name and grade in your submission. If you have any other questions please contact Ms. Christian as she is the one facilitating the year book for us this year.

Many of these items and activities mentioned above will involve payment through our free and user friendly School Pay system. School Pay allows parents to track and monitor their students account, while giving the convenience of paying from home without any additional fees. Please check out page 2 for more information about the system, as well as helpful tips to set up a new account.

Please keep in mind that students will be reporting back to school on Monday, January 8th. This will also be the date in which first semester report cards are distributed to the students.

We hope that you have a nice and restful remainder of the break, and that this allows everyone a chance to recharge with family!

Sincerely,

Michael Singleton

## Volunteer Hours

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We are so fortunate, and humbled to have such wonderful families involved with our school, and in our student's learning. With the help of our volunteers, we were able to put on many successful events and activities for our students this past semester.

As many of you know, our volunteers sign in through the ADDitions program when assisting in our school. This system allows us to not only organize our events, but also assists in tracking our volunteer's hours. This past semester our volunteers completed a total of 2,161.05 hours! We wanted to take this time to recognize those that have volunteered the most time up to date.

Below are our top 5 earners:

1. Catherine A.
2. Keri K.
3. Archena D.
4. James R.
5. Nima S.

We would also like to thank everyone who has taken time to volunteer with us once more. You all are part of the reason that this year has been such a success!

If you are not currently in the OCPS ADDitions system, and would like to become a volunteer, please go online to the following web address:

[https://ocps.samaritan.com/recruiter/index.php?class=VolunteerNavigation&recruiterID=503&act=CONTROL:LOGIN\\_LINK](https://ocps.samaritan.com/recruiter/index.php?class=VolunteerNavigation&recruiterID=503&act=CONTROL:LOGIN_LINK)

Once there, please click the "Create New Account" option. This will allow for you to then select volunteer, and search opportunities. Opportunities for this campus will be listed under "Orlando Science Technology Campus."

We hope to see you soon!

## THANK YOU

We would like to take this opportunity to formally thank our generous donors who contributed to the Go Fund Me Campaign aimed at raising funds for our Orlando Science School Expansion.

The donations have gone toward classroom furnishings and fixtures at the new Technology Drive campus.

**\*FUNDS RAISED = \$4,315\***

DONATION LEVEL	DONATION SCOPE	DONORS
ORCA	\$10,000+	
DIAMOND	\$5,000-\$9,999	
PLATINUM	\$3,000-\$4,999	
GOLD	\$2,000-\$2,999	
SILVER	\$1,000-\$1,999	<b>Akella Family</b> <b>D. Lall</b>
BRONZE	\$500-\$999	<b>Jandhyala Family</b>
PARTNER	\$250-\$499	Anonymous Donor Anonymous Donor
SUPPORTER	\$100-\$249	Anonymous Donor <b>Sheikh Family</b> Anonymous Donor Anonymous Donor Anonymous Donor <b>S. Lall</b> <b>H. So</b> <b>J.V.</b>
FAN	\$1-\$99	<b>Schoppert Family</b> <b>Jackie Jones</b> Anonymous Donor Anonymous Donor Anonymous Donor

Thank you so much for your support!

Our appreciation of your dedication to our school family goes beyond words.

Though the school year has begun, we do still have many more plans for improvements to our Orlando Science School campuses. So, if you would still like to contribute to the campaign, please feel free to visit the link below.

**\*\*All donations are tax deductible.\*\***

<https://www.gofundme.com/OSSFundraiser>



### OSSES Core Values

Ownership for my actions

Respect myself and others

Caring for my community

Appreciate differences

Strive for excellence

# BASKETBALL TRYOUTS



**WHO: ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS (BOYS AND GIRLS)**

**\*Opportunity for a separate girl's team with enough participants**

**WHEN: JANUARY 9 (3:45 – 5 PM) AND JANUARY 10 (2:45 – 4 PM) students must attend both days**

**WHERE: LYNX CAMPUS GYMNASIUM (2427 LYNX LANE)**

All students who plan to try out must have 1. A completed OCPS sports physical packet. 2. Their own transportation from Technology Campus or arranged with a friend with school notification. 3. **Changed in correct attire.**

All students must be picked up at the end of practice or they will be sent to aftercare which is subject to fees.

## Video Contest

World of **7 Billion** [www.Worldof7Billion.org](http://www.Worldof7Billion.org) **VIDEO CONTEST** 2017-2018

**CHALLENGE** Create a short video about human population growth that highlights one other global challenge.

**IMPACT & SOLUTION** All videos must include:  
 a) how population growth impacts the issue  
 b) at least one idea for a sustainable solution



Open to grades 6-12!



**FEEDING 10 BILLION**  
hunger, food waste, resource and energy use, deforestation, pollution



**PREVENTING POLLUTION**  
impacts on air, water, and land, climate change, human and wildlife health, ecosystem destruction



**ADVANCING WOMEN AND GIRLS**  
access to education, gender equality, women in government, women's health, child marriage



**HIGH SCHOOL: FOUR WINNERS PER GLOBAL CHALLENGE**

First place	Second place	Honorable mentions
<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$250</b>

**MIDDLE SCHOOL: TWO WINNERS PER GLOBAL CHALLENGE**

First place	Second place
<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$250</b>

All students **grades 6-12 worldwide** are eligible to participate and win

**Deadline**  
February 22, 2018

# STEM Fair

The K-5 STEM Fair will take place on April 13, 2018. Students in K-2 may participate in the STEM Fair. 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> graders are required to complete a STEM/Science Fair project. The K-5 STEM Fair will be on April 13<sup>th</sup> during the school day. There will be a STEM and Maker Faire at Barnes and Noble on April 5<sup>th</sup> that will include some of our projects and robotics teams. There are monthly STEM Fair help sessions for parents. Parents must sign up online at <http://bit.ly/ossstemhelp>. The STEM Fair packet is available online at <http://bit.ly/ossstemfairpacket1718>. **There will be two winners from each class that will be move onto the OSS K5 STEM Fair. There will only be one project per grade that moves onto the OCPS STEAM Fair.** The OCPS STEAM Fair is on May 10<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 PM. The STEM Fair winners and their teachers will be invited to the OCPS STEAM Fair. If you have any questions on the STEM Fair, please email Mrs. Trujillo or Ms. Coy.

**There are monthly meetings to help families through the process. Sign up online for the monthly STEM Fair meetings at <http://bit.ly/ossstemhelp>.**

Ms. Coy ([Stephanie.Coy@orlandoscience.org](mailto:Stephanie.Coy@orlandoscience.org)) and Mrs. Trujillo ([Amy.Trujillo@orlandoscience.org](mailto:Amy.Trujillo@orlandoscience.org))

## Pick-Up/Drop-Off Information

Pick-Up should not arrive on campus before the times shown below:

Grades K-5: 2:40 p.m. & 6-7: 2:20 p.m.

### **Club Dismissal Reminders:**

Parents should arrive to pick up no earlier than 5 minutes before club ends.

**Elementary clubs and tutoring end times are,** Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays 3:35, Wednesdays: 2:35

**6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade clubs end times are,** Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays 3:15, Wednesdays: 2:15

Parents are welcomed to wait for their child outside in the parking area (not in the car line unless is dismissal time)

If a parent needs to do an early pickup from the club, they must come through the front desk with proper identification for pick up.

Clubs are for the enjoyment of children, and while we do not anticipate misbehavior, we reserve the right to dismiss a disruptive student from a club.

## **Are you wanting your student to be in more clubs?**

The following clubs now have available seats. Remember clubs fill quickly and on a first come first serve basis.

### **K-2nd**

Tuesday-K-2 World Cultures Club  
Tuesday-K-2 Zumba Club  
Tuesday-K-2 Dance and Movement Club  
Wednesday-K-2 Chess Club  
Wednesday-K-2 Yoga Club  
Wednesday-K-2 Young Singer Club  
Wednesday-K-2 Creative Writing Club  
Thursday K-2 Animal Art Club  
Thursday K-2 Board Games and Puzzles Club  
Thursday K-2 Chess Club

### **3rd -5th**

Monday 3-5 Computer Access Club  
Monday 3-5 Random Acts of Kindness Club  
Monday 3-5 Superstar Voices Club  
Monday 3-5 Technology Club  
Tuesday 3-5 Computer Access  
Tuesday 3-5 Greek Mythology Club  
Tuesday 3-5 Battle of the Book Club  
Tuesday 3-5 Backgammon Club  
Wednesday 3-5 Cooperation and Strategy Club  
Wednesday 3-5 From the Page to the Big Screen Club  
Wednesday 3-5 World Music Club  
Wednesday 3-5 Band Club  
Thursday 3-5 Board of the Games Club  
Thursday 3-5 Comic Book Club  
Thursday 3-5 Anime Club  
Friday 3-5 Computer Access Club  
Friday 3-5 Community Outreach Club

### **6th and 7th**

Monday 6-7 TECHNICAL THEATER  
Monday 6-7 SPORTS CLUB 1  
Tuesday 6-7 SGA: STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
Tuesday 6-7 BEGINNING BAND  
Tuesday 6-7 ASPCA CLUB  
Tuesday 6-7 FLAG FOOTBALL  
Tuesday 6-7 THEATER CLUB  
Wednesday 6-7 TRACK CLUB  
Wednesday Thursday 6-7 Language and Culture Club (Turkish)  
Wednesday 6-7 SIMULATED CONGRESSIONAL HEARING CLUB  
Wednesday 6-7 STRESS-FREE ZONE  
Wednesday 6-7 SOCCER CLUB  
Wednesday 6-7 WORLD ART  
Thursday 6-7 MODEL UNITED NATIONS  
Thursday 6-7 WRITER'S Group  
Thursday 6-7 HISPANIC HERITAGE  
Thursday 6-7 SPORTS CLUB 2  
Thursday 6-7 ADVANCED BAND  
Friday 6-7 NATIONAL MATH CLUB  
Friday 6-7 BATTLE OF THE BOOKS  
Friday 6-7 NATIONAL JR HONOR SOCIETY (NJHS)

# Menus

<http://ocpsmenus.com/menu/charter-schools/breakfast/>

<http://ocpsmenus.com/menu/charter-schools/lunch/>

**The January Breakfast and Lunch Menus can be found below:**

8	9	10	11	12
<b>Macaroni and Cheese (ES) with Chicken Nuggets (MS, HS)</b> California Veggie Blend Sweet Potato Crinkles Assorted Cool Rips Pineapple Tidbits Assorted Milk	<b>Turkey Chili w/Beans (All)</b> TexMex Corn Salsa Mixed Fruit Applesauce Assorted Milk	<b>Personal Supreme Pizza, Pork or Personal Veggie Pizza</b> Green Beans Carrot and Celery Veggie Dippers with Ranch Dressing Apple Frozen Peach Cups Assorted Milk	<b>Chicken with a Twist (ES)</b> <b>Cajun Chicken with a Twist &amp; Pasta (MS, HS) Dinner Roll (HS)</b> Broccoli Garden Side Salad with Ranch Tangerine Assorted Juice Assorted Milk	<b>Sriracha Honey Chicken (All) with Vegetable Fried Rice</b> Peas and Carrots Seasoned Cuban Black Beans Pineapple Tidbits Apple Slices Assorted Milk
15	16	17	18	19
<b>Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday</b>	<b>Pizza Rippers (All)</b> Marinara Sauce Sautéed Garlic Spinach Assorted Juice Frozen Peach Cups Assorted Milk	<b>Chicken Drumstick (2) (MS,HS) (ES; 1 ea.)</b> Honey Corn Biscuit Applesauce Tangerine Assorted Milk	<b>Loaded Chicken &amp; Mashed Potato Bowl</b> Dinner Roll (2 HS) (1 ES,MS) Potatoes, Ranch Mashed Mixed Vegetables Grapes, Green Seedless Fresh Strawberries Assorted Milk	<b>Hot Dog</b> Coleslaw Baked Beans Strawberry Applesauce Pineapple Tidbits Assorted Milk
22	23	24	25	26
<b>BBQ Pulled Pork on Pretzel Roll</b> Coleslaw Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Assorted Juice Mixed Fruit Assorted Milk	<b>Hacienda Chicken Bowl</b> Charro Style Pinto Beans Sweet Plantain Orange Wedges Strawberry Applesauce Assorted Milk	<b>Grilled Cheese Sandwich</b> Tomato Soup Garden Side Salad Grapes, Green Seedless Pineapple Tidbits Assorted Milk	<b>Swedish Meatballs w/ Rotini (ES)</b> <b>Swedish Meatballs w/ Pasta (MS,HS) Dinner Roll (HS)</b> Cucumber and Tomato Salad Cauliflower Applesauce Assorted Milk	<b>Tangerine Chicken (All) with Lo Mein Noodles (ES) / Vegetable Lo Mein (HS)</b> Broccoli Stir-Fry Deli Roasted Potatoes (1/2 c) Apple Slices Assorted Juice Assorted Milk

## School Pay

Parents can now make FREE online payments for most school expenses online with School Pay.

This includes School Lunch and After Care! Simply log into your secure online School Pay Parent Center account and pay for items including after school care fees, club fees, field trips, class fees, student fees and more. The first step is creating your Parent Center Account at <https://www.schoolpay.com>. Please go to "Charter Schools" tab and then choose your school name as "Orlando Science Elementary School" to complete the steps for creating your parent account. Online payment methods include VISA, MasterCard, Discover cards, and a full history of payments is searchable by date and child.

This gives families the convenience of paying at any time (24/7) from your home PC Emphasis on Security The School Pay service is audited by a third-party to assure adherence to the strict, Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI-DSS). If you have any problems using the School

Pay system please call 1 888-88-MYPAY

Questions about your student's school pay account be directed to Ms. Centenera.

[Cristina.centenera@orlandoscience.org](mailto:Cristina.centenera@orlandoscience.org)

## Free and Reduced Lunch Information

Dear Parents,

It is important for every student to have a nutritious breakfast and lunch to succeed academically. We can ensure your child's success by providing meals at every Orange County Public School. The Meal Benefits Program is an income based program that can qualify your child to receive discounts on your child's school meals. The benefits of participating in the Meal Benefits program are many. You can qualify for free-no cost meals, you can qualify for reduced priced meals, discounts in school/summer programs, discounts on college applications for those who participate, discounts on SAT testing, and your school can also get funding. Meal applications can be completed online at [www.ocpsmealapp.com](http://www.ocpsmealapp.com). Online applications take 24-48 hours to be processed. You may also apply by completing a paper application and return to your child's school or you may send it directly to the Meal Benefits Department at 6501 Magic Way Bldg 500, Orlando, FL, 32809. Paper applications take up to 10 business days from the day the Meal Benefits Department receives your application to be processed. We look forward to your participation in the Meal Benefits program. Please submit your application by September 26, 2014.

Sincerely,



Anika B. Heard  
 Meal Benefits Department Manager  
 407-317-3700 x 2023966

Below you will find the direct link for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program:  
<https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application>

# Monthly Calendar

**List of Important Dates:**

- 01-01-18— **Deadline for Science Night Overnight Payment/Sign-up**
- 01-08-18—**Report Card Distribution**
- 01-13-18—**Math Competition**
- 01-13-18—**Jr. FLL Meeting**
- 01-13-18—**STEM Fair Meeting**
- 01-15-18—**Holiday: Martin Luther King Day**
- 01-16-18—**K and 1st Awards**
- 01-17-18—**2nd and 3rd Awards**
- 01-18-18—**4th and 5th Awards**
- 01-18-18—**6th and 7th AR Party**
- 01-19-18—**K through 4th Science Night**
- 01-20-18—**Yard Sale (1st Grade Fundraisers)**
- 01-20-18—**Fun Run**
- 01-20-18—**Math Competition**
- 01-22-18—**6th Awards (Group A)**
- 01-23-18—**6th Awards (Group B)**
- 01-24-18—**7th Awards**
- 01-22-18 through 01-26-18— **K and 1st I-Ready Testing**
- 01-27-18—**Math Competition**
- 01-28-18—**Open House 11:00 to 1:30 (Presentations at 11:05 and 12:15)**
- 01-31-18—**AR Deadline**



## December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 Winter Break	1 Winter Break & Science Center	2 Winter Break	3 Winter Break	4 Winter Break	5 Winter Break	6 Winter Break
7 Winter Break	8 Welcome Back! Report Cards	9	10	11	12	13 Math Comp Jr. FLL STEM Fair Meeting
14	15 Holiday Martin Luther King Day	16 K-1 Awards	17 2-3 Awards	18 6-7 AR Party 4-5 Awards	19 K-4 Science Night	20 Yard Sale Fun Run Math Comp
21	22 6th Awards K-1 I-Ready	23 6th Awards K-1 I-Ready	24 7th Awards K-1 I-Ready	25 K-1 I-Ready	26 K-1 I-Ready	27 Math Comp
28 Open House	29	30	31 AR Deadline	1	2	3

## Science Night Event

January 19<sup>th</sup> for K-4<sup>th</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup> for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

The **Orlando Science Center** will close their doors to the public and host our students, families, and teachers.

Dinner and breakfast are included and we will be **SLEEPING OVERNIGHT AT the Science Center!**

Who: Students and Parents of Orlando Science Schools

When: January 19<sup>th</sup> for K-4<sup>th</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup> for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

Where: Orlando Science Center

Cost: \$50 per person

Payments can be made online **ONLY** on [www.schoolpay.com](http://www.schoolpay.com)

**There are no refunds.**

**There are a limited number of spots, so please sign up ASAP. Every student must be accompanied by an adult.**

**\*Any parent or guardian attending will need to be cleared through Admissions and be approved as an overnight chaperone. If you are attending and plan on using your pass, please contact Mrs. Trujillo.**

For more information, please email [Amy.Trujillo@orlandoscience.org](mailto:Amy.Trujillo@orlandoscience.org)