



ORLANDO SCIENCE SCHOOLS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

The mission of the Orlando Science Schools (OSS) is to use proven and innovative instructional methods and exemplary reform-based curricula in a stimulating environment with the result of providing its students a well-rounded middle school and high school education in all subject areas. OSS will provide rigorous college preparatory programs with a special emphasis in mathematics, science, technology, and language arts.

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Principal's Corner

Dear Students & Parents,

OSS progress reports went home this week for our final spring semester!

Page 2 offers up some awesome OSS events while page 3 allows us to look at the past.

OSS' Theatre Department will be putting on the dearly loved classic "The Wizard of Oz" play. Follow the yellow brick road to page 5 for more information!

OSS International Night has always been an exceptional way to end the school year and this year is no different. For more information on this auspicious night, scroll down to pages 6-8!

FCAT is an important part of your child's education and pages 9-10 offers up some vital information. Just a reminder that are no more FCAT Saturday studies.

OSS is truly proud of all of its students and we are pleased to congratulate our robotics team on their many successes last week. To learn more, gear on down to pages 11-12.

Sincerely,

Necati Sahin, Principal
Orlando Science Middle/High

"A heart is not judged by how much you love; but by how much you are loved by others"

~ L. Frank Baum, The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

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OSS Upcoming Events

1. 4th Quarter Parent Teacher Conference Night- Wednesday, May 7th , 2014
6:30PM
2. Drama Department production "Wizard of Oz" May 9th –OSS cafeteria
3. 12th grade graduation –May 28th -6pm –Orlando Science Center
4. 8th grade graduation-June 3rd – 5:30pm –Majestic Event Theatre

2013-2014 Report Card Dates

1st Quarter Progress Report Card	Tuesday, September 24, 2013
1st Quarter Report Card	Tuesday, October 22, 2013
2nd Quarter Progress Report Card	Friday, December 6, 2013
2nd Quarter Report Card	Tuesday, January 14, 2014
3rd Quarter Progress Report Card	Tuesday, February 18, 2014
3rd Quarter Report Card	Tuesday, March 18, 2014
4th Quarter Progress Report Card	Tuesday, April 29, 2014
4th Quarter Report Card	Tuesday, June 3, 2014

****Always check the OSS website/calendar for updates
Make sure you check your emails****

Dear parents,

You must complete your additions volunteer application in order to volunteer on campus.

It takes only a few minutes and it is free and it's mandatory!!

<https://www.ocps.net/es/cr/resources/pages/additions.aspx>

This Week in History

This Week in History, *May 1 - May 7*

May 01, 1931

[Empire State Building dedicated](#)

May 02, 1933

[Loch Ness Monster sighted](#)

May 03, 1469

[Niccolo Machiavelli born](#)

May 04, 1994

[Rabin and Arafat sign accord for Palestinian self](#)

May 05, 1961

[The first American in space](#)

May 06, 1994

[English Channel tunnel opens](#)

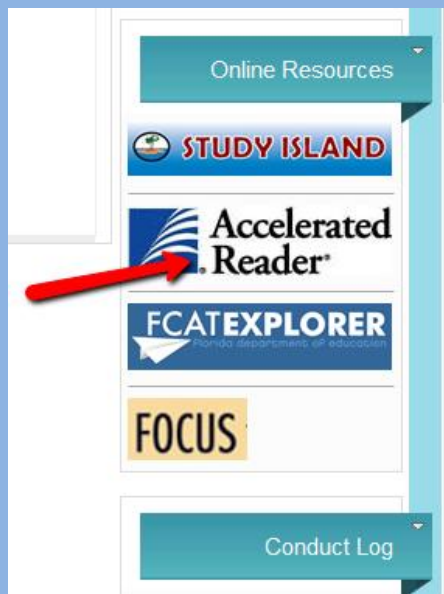
May 07, 1994

[The Scream recovered](#)

this week in
HISTORY

OSS Connect Information

Please remind your students that they can access Online Resources through their OSS Connect page. Below is a snapshot of the student page. Please encourage them to use these online resources.



GRADUATION DATES

12TH GRADE MAY 28TH

5TH GRADE JUNE 2ND

8TH GRADE JUNE 3RD

KINDERGARTEN JUNE 4TH

the WIZARD of OZ

presented
by

OSS
Theater
Department



Time:
6:30 PM

May 9, 2014



OSS International Night Information Form

OSS International Night will be hosted on Wednesday, May 21nd from 5-7pm. Our school will be opened up to all families of OSS and OSES to showcase dozens of countries in various teachers' classrooms. Experience art, history, music, film and food from all over the world!

For further information and questions, please contact Mr. Parrella at parrella@orlandoscience.org

How Can I Help Out?

The more input into this project, the better experience we will all have! Our teachers are openly welcoming any parents or students that wish to help with our countries for International Night. To volunteer, please have a look at the countries represented and contact that teacher/sponsor on how to get more involved! We hope to hear from you!

Are These the Only Countries Represented?

Not at all! More countries are being added gradually as parents volunteer to sponsor them. We will be updating the country list on our world map in the hallway near room 131. If you wish to sponsor a country, we have a limited amount of open classrooms for you and a group to set up. We are looking forward to increasing our country population this year!

Country Info and Sponsors

<u>Country</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Room</u>
Australia	Ms. Kish	P168
Bosnia	Mr. Duman	139
Canada	Ms. Chardavoyne	P170
China	Mr. & Mrs. Akyalcin	135
Cuba	Ms. Santos	147
Djibouti	Ms. Krause	144
Egypt	Ms. Balci	121

France	Ms. Addam	P160
Germany	Mr. Kriebel	136
Georgia	Mr. Gajievi	140
Greece	Ms. Leiter	Gym
India	Ms. Trujillo	P171
Ireland	Mr. Murphy	131
Mali	Ms. Marcucci/Branly	128
Pakistan	Ms. Bolat	123
Peru	Ms. White	P161
Polynesian Islands	Ms. Rourke	P165
Puerto Rico	Ms. Lugo	145
Russia	Ms. Frunker	148
Spain	Ms. Killian	150
Syria, Jordan & Palestine	Mr. Parrella	138
Turkey	Mr. Koc	142
United Kingdom	Ms. Schwartz	129



Dear Parents/ Guardians,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will take the following computer-based assessment(s):

- **Grade 6 FCAT 2.0 Mathematics**
- **Grade 6/Grade 7/Grade 8/Grade 9/ Grade 10 FCAT 2.0 Reading**
- **FCAT 2.0 Reading Retake**

and the following paper-based assessment(s):

- **Grade 7/Grade 8/ FCAT 2.0 Mathematics**
- **Grade 8 FCAT2.0 Science**

Please find your student's 2013-2014 Type of Assessment and Dates below

Assessment Date	Gr. Level	Assessment Name	Type of Assessment
Monday, April 14th- Tuesday April 15th	9 - 11	FCAT 2.0 Reading Retakes	Computer Based
Monday, April 14th	7 - 8	FCAT Math	Paper Based
Thursday, April 17th	8	FCAT Science	Paper Based
Monday, April 21st through Thursday, April 24th	6	FCAT Reading	Computer Based
Wednesday, April 23rd through Friday, April 25th	7	FCAT Reading	Computer Based
Thursday, April 24th - Tuesday, April 29th	9	FCAT Reading	Computer Based
Wednesday, April 30th- Thursday, May 1st	8	FCAT Reading	Computer Based
Friday, May 2nd- Tuesday, May 6th	6	FCAT Math	Computer Based
Tuesday, May 6th through Thursday May 8th	7	EOC Civics	Computer Based
Friday, May 9th	10	EOC US History	Computer Based
Monday, May 12th	8	EOC Biology	Computer Based
Tuesday, May 13th through Friday, May 16th	6-7-8-9- Retakes	EOC Algebra-I	Computer Based
Monday, May 19th Tuesday May 20th	7-8-10	EOC Geometry	Computer Based

Your student's test(s) are scheduled for Monday, April 14th through Tuesday, May 7th and your student will have an opportunity to participate in a computer-based practice test to become familiar with the software, item types, and online tools he or she will encounter and use during testing.

If you or your student would like to review the CBT practice test at home, you can download instructions and a practice test (called an "ePAT") at www.FLAssessments.com/ePAT. Your student may practice as often as necessary prior to testing. You may also view Student Tutorials at www.FLAssessments.com/StudentTutorials.

Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

- **Electronic Devices**—If your student is found with ANY electronic devices, including but not limited to cell phones and smartphones, at any time during testing, including breaks (e.g., restroom), his or her test will be
- invalidated, which means it will not be scored. The best practice is for students to leave devices at home or in their lockers on the day of testing.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All FCAT/FCAT 2.0 tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment that reads, "I understand the testing rules that were just read to me. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated." Prior to testing, test administrators will read the rules to students, and students must acknowledge that they understand the testing rules by clicking a box or circle next to the statement.
- **Discussing Test Content after Testing**—The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they affirm the acknowledgment states, "After the test, you may not discuss the test items with anyone. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting online, for example, on websites like Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram." If students are found sharing information about test items, even without the intent to cheat, their tests will be invalidated.
- **Test Invalidations**—Students are responsible for working on their own during the test and for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated. The FDOE employs a test security company, Caveon Test Security, to analyze student test results to detect unusually similar answer patterns. Student results within a school that are found to have extremely similar answer patterns will be invalidated.
- **Leaving Campus**—If your student leaves campus before completing a test session (for lunch, an appointment, or illness, etc.), he or she WILL NOT be allowed to complete the test session. If your student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for him or her to wait and be tested on a make-up day. Please remember not to schedule appointments on testing days.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Mr. Yalcin at yalcin@orlandoscience.org. For more information about the statewide assessment program, visit the FDOE website at <http://fcat.fldoe.org/>. Thank you for supporting your student as he or she prepares for testing.

Sincerely,

Mr. Necati Sahin

Principal – Middle / High School

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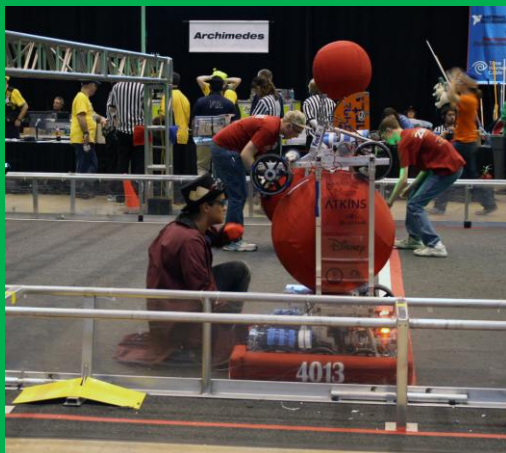
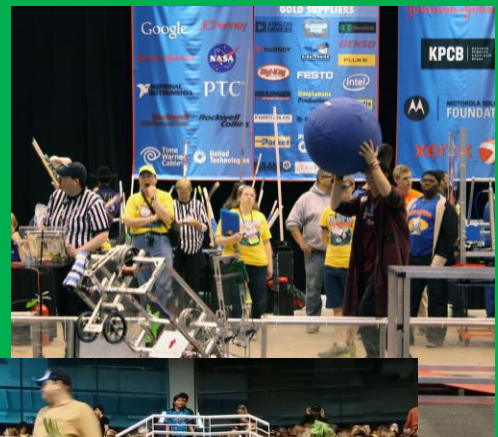
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OSS's Clockwork Mania Wins Award at Robotics World Championship

Orlando Science Schools' *FIRST* Robotics Competition (FRC) team 4013 Clockwork Mania won the Imagery Award, in the Archimedes Division, at the *FIRST* Robotics World Championship held at the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis, Missouri on April 26, 2014. The Imagery Award was established in honor of Jack Kamen, Dean Kamen's father (founder of *FIRST*), for his inspirational dedication to art and illustration and his gifted creativity and devotion to *FIRST*. This award celebrates attractiveness in engineering and outstanding visual aesthetic integration of machine and team appearance. The robot engineering and the integration of the team Steampunk theme throughout the robot design, team costumes and pit raised the team above the competition. Only the top 5% FRC teams in the world receive awards at the *FIRST* World Championship.

Representing the team at the World Championship were Carlos Barea, Sebastian Orellana, Edwin Cruz, Martin Granger, Colin Chaney, Dennis Berrios, Beth Martin, Alesha Webb, Daniella Gutierrez, Daniel Stetzing, Sebastian Gonzalez, Nikhil Mahalanobis, Evan Garms, Michael Anderson and Dominic Canora. Please join the OSS family congratulating our FRC team for their accomplishment at the premier high school robotics competition in the world.



OSS's Robotics Team Advances to National Mini Urban Challenge Competition

The Mini Urban Challenge Florida Regional Competition (<http://miniurbanchallenge.com/>) was held on April 19, 2014 at the Gulf Coast State College (Panama City, FL). The Mini-Urban Challenge is a national competition that challenges high school students to design and operate an autonomous "car" using a LEGO® Mindstorms® kit to successfully navigate through a model city. Orlando Science Schools competed with two teams. Team N.U.T.S. (Nerds United for Technological Superiority) composed of Carlos Barea, Sebastian Orellana, Elizabeth Martin, Edwin Cruz and Michael Anderson and team Clockwork Mania composed of Dominic Canora, Daniella Gutierrez, Martin Granger and Alesha Webb. Team Clockwork Mania won the Best in Show Award and the Second Place overall. The Best in Show Award is presented to the team that has the most aesthetically pleasing car. The teams are placed based on their total scores; 70% of the total score is based on the navigation of the mini city; 30% of the total score is based on the presentation given by the team. Trophies are presented to the top three teams at the Florida Regional Competition. In addition, the top two teams placing at the Regional Level are invited to compete at the National Competition in June 14, 2014. Please help us congratulate our robotics teams in the latest accomplishments.



Charter School Hot Lunch

May - June 2014

S	Monda	Tue	Wednesday	Thur	Frid	Saturday
Breakfast Selections	Breakfast Breaks Cinn. Toast Crunch 100% Apple Juice Assorted Milk	Yogurt Parfait w/ Granola Strawberry Cup Assorted Milk	Texas Toast Orange Wedges Assorted Milk	Bagel w/ Cream Cheese Apple Slices Assorted Milk	Apple Frudel Diced Pears Assorted Milk	Breakfast Selections
	4/28 Chicken Sandwich Carrot Stir Fry Vegetables Strawberry Cup Choice of Milk	4/29 Meatballs with Rotini Pasta and Marinara Sauce California Medley Broccoli Apple Slices Choice of Milk	4/30 Fish Sticks WG Dinner Roll Sweet Potato Crinkles Vegetarian Beans Fresh Pear Choice of Milk	5/1 Shredded Turkey w/ Gravy WG Garlic Breadstick Green Beans Choice of Milk	5/2 Turkey/Provolone on WG Bun Garden Salad Peas and Carrots Mixed Fruit Choice of Milk	K-8 – Offer menu as is. 9 – 12 th Grades *4/29 – 1c. Pasta; Offer w/ Breadstick *4/30 & 5/1 – 2 Dinner Rolls; Give 6.5oz Turkey on 5/1 *Daily – 2 fruits
4	5 Chicken Nuggets WG Dinner Roll Tomato Soup Spinach Diced Pears Choice of Milk	6 Hamburger or Cheeseburger on WG Bun Potato Smiles	7 Macaroni & Cheese WG Garlic Breadstick Italian Vegetable Blend Steamed Carrots Pineapple Spear Choice of Milk	8 Chicken Chili w/ Rice Veggie Dippers Broccoli Watermelon Choice of Milk	9 Turkey Ham & American Garden Salad w/ Garbanzo Beans	K-8 – Offer menu as is. 9 – 12 th Grades *5/5- 2 Dinner Rolls *5/8 – Add Tortilla Chips *Daily – 2 fruits
11	12 Sloppy Nachos Goldfish Crackers Mexican Corn Red Beans Strawberry Cup Choice of Milk	13 Hot Dog on WG Bun Cole Slaw Sweet Potato Crinkles Granny Smith Apple	14 Roasted BBQ Chicken Brown Rice Mixed Vegetables Broccoli Watermelon	15 Tangerine Chicken Lo Mein Noodles Popeye Salad Cauliflower Fresh Grapes	16 Turkey & Provolone Sub Lettuce & Tomato Cup Baby Carrots Pineapple Tidbits Choice of Milk	K-8 – Offer menu as is. 9 – 12 th Grades *5/12 - Use Recipe for HS; Offer w/ Goldfish *5/14 – 1 c. Rice *5/15 – 1c. Lo Mein *Daily – 2 fruits
18	19 Hamburger or Cheeseburger on WG Bun California Vegetables Steamed Carrots Peac Cup Choice of Milk	20 Holiday Turkey w/ Gravy WG Dinner Roll Corn Mashed Potatoes Pe	21 BBQ Riblet on WG Bun Sweet Potato Waffles BBQ Beans Grapes Choice of Milk	22 Turkey Lasagna Italian Blend Vegetable Pineapple Spears Choice of Milk	23 Italian and American bun Lettuce & Tomato Cup Veggie Dippers Peach Cup Choice of	K-8 – Offer menu as is. 9 – 12 th Grades *5/20 – HS, Portion on Turkey; 2 Dinner Rolls *5/22 – Give Breadstick **Daily – 2 fruits
25	26 Memorial Holiday Break	27 Fish Sticks WG Dinner Roll Sweet Potato Crinkles Vegetarian Beans	28 Meatballs with Rotini Pasta and Marinara Sauce California Medley Broccoli Apple	29 Mac & Beef Casserole WG Garlic Breadstick Corn Green Beans	30 Turkey & American on WG Bun Garden Salad Peas & Carrots	K-8 – Offer menu as is 9 – 12 th Grades *5/27 – 2 Dinner Rolls *5/28 – 1c. Pasta; Breadstick or Dinner Roll 5/29- 2 Breadsticks **Daily – 2 fruits
6/1	6/2 Chicken Sandwich Carrots BBQ Beans Strawberry Cup	6/3 Hotdog on WG Bun Potato Crinkles California Vegetables Apple Slices	6/4 Cheeseburger Broccoli Cauliflower Sweet Potato Waffles Pineapple	No School	No School	K-8 – Offer menu as is 9 – 12 th Grades **Daily – 2 fruits

Lunch

\$1.80 elementary
\$2.50 middle/high

Breakfast
\$1.25 elementary and 6th grade only