

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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Dear Students & Parents,

Another great week at OSS!

OSS rallied against the war on breast cancer and dressed its hallways with pink to show its support for those who are battling this horrible disease. Congratulations to Ms. Killian's class for rising to the occasion with her winning door! Check out page 9 to see it!

As always, OSS is busy with events and opportunities such as its annual Scholastic Book Fair, field trips and college events. Peruse the newsletter for more on these great happenings!

OSS college program has many upcoming events; for more information read pages 10 and 13.

We are proud to announce 43 OSS students were inducted into the Future Physicists of Florida chapter at FSU. Check out page 11 for more details.

And as always, our yummy lunch menu on page 14.

Sincerely,

Nzcati Sahin, Principal
Orlando Science Middle/High

An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.
Benjamin Franklin



Daylight Saving Ends

Sunday, Nov. 2 at 2:00am

Set your clocks **BACK** one hour
before going to bed **Saturday night**
November 1, 2014

OSS Upcoming Events

1. Daylight Savings Time-Sunday, November 2
2. OSS Book Fair- November 7-14
3. Thanksgiving Break- November 24-28
4. Atlanta Field Trip –December 4-6

2014-2015 Report Card Dates for Parents	
1st Quarter Progress Report Card	Friday, September 19, 2014
1st Quarter Report Card	Wednesday, October 22, 2014
2nd Quarter Progress Report Card	Friday, November 21, 2014
2nd Quarter Report Card	Friday, January 15, 2015
3rd Quarter Progress Report Card	Friday, February 20, 2015
3rd Quarter Report Card	Friday, March 19, 2015
4th Quarter Progress Report Card	Friday, May 1, 2015
4th Quarter Report Card	Wednesday, June 3, 2015

2014-2015 Parent Teacher Conference (PTC) Days		
1st Quarter	Wednesday, October 1, 2014	4:00PM - 6:00 PM
	Friday, October 3, 2014	4:30PM - 6:30 PM
2nd Quarter	Wednesday, December 17, 2014	4:00PM - 6:00 PM
	Friday, December 19, 2014	4:30PM - 6:30 PM
3rd Quarter	Wednesday, March 4, 2015	4:00PM - 6:00 PM
	Friday, March 6, 2015	4:30PM - 6:30 PM
4th Quarter	Wednesday, May 13, 2015	4:30PM - 6:30 PM
	Friday, May 15, 2015	4:30PM - 6:30 PM

I will send out an email two weeks prior to each of these to dates to book appointments

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Students will have their daily homework according to the Homework chart below. Each Homework segment will take about 20-25 Minutes. Please remind your students to turn in his/her homework daily and avoid getting penalized by turning the homework late. Please follow your student's performance on OSS Connect. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mr. Yalcin

Curriculum Coordinator

Department	Homework Number	Daily Homework Days
ELA	4 per week	M-T-W-Th
Math	4 per week	M-T-W-Th
Social Studies	3 per week	M-T-Th
Science	3 per week	T-W-F
Electives	No HW	None
Electives-Foreign Language	1 per week	F

This Week in History

This Week in History, Oct 26 - Nov 1

Oct 26, 1881

[Shootout at the OK Corral](#)

Oct 27, 1904

[New York City subway opens](#)

Oct 28, 1965

[Gateway Arch completed](#)

Oct 29, 1998

[John Glenn returns to space](#)

Oct 30, 1938

[Welles scares nation](#)

Oct 31, 1517

[Martin Luther posts 95 theses](#)

Nov 01, 1512

[Sistine Chapel ceiling opens to public](#)



this week in
HISTORY



OSS Science Fair

Science Fair Update,

The science fair experiments are about to begin! If your student has turned in all their necessary forms and research plan, their primary teachers will be giving them the ok to start their experiment. If they have not turned in all their forms correctly, they will not be given permission to start. As the forms are past due, I will no longer permit a student to change their project to something that requires a biological hazard form, vertebrate animals, or human consent. Any student that is working with bacteria, tissue samples, molds, humans, or animals will have had to have their forms turned in by now! It is up to your student's primary teacher to give you the ok for their experiment. It is up to the teacher to also decide how to further grade the project. Some teachers will continue to grade the project throughout the next couple of months, well past the due date for the required forms, and still require those forms. If you have any questions please email Mr. Stampas at

Stampas@orlandoscience.org.

Dear OSS Parent/Guardian,
Orlando Science Schools will be administering Semester Finals, the dates and the courses are listed below. You may find the details regarding the schedule for students as well as the information regarding the Semester Finals process on the second page of this letter with which you may review with your students. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting Mr. Yalcin at yalcin@orlandoscience.org.

Department	Grade	Date
Electives	6 through 12	Wednesday, December 17 th
Math	6 through 12	Thursday, December 18 th
ELA	6 through 12	Friday, December 19 th
Social Studies	6 through 12	Monday, December 15 th
Science	6 through 12	Tuesday, December 16 th

Questions and Answers for Semester Finals

Q-1) How will the Semester Finals affect my student's grade?

- It affects 7% of the student's overall Semester Grade.

Q-2) How long will the Semester Finals take?

- One Class Period- the same length as Chapter Tests

Q-3) How many questions will be asked in the Finals?

- Depends on the Department.

Math: 25 Questions

ELA: 30 Questions

SS: 40 Questions

Science: 30 Questions

Electives: 30 Questions

Q-4) How will the students take the Semester finals if they have accommodations?

- They will receive their accommodations as is written in their Section 504 IAP or IEP.

Q-5) What if my student(s) is absent on the Semester Final days?

- The student may take a makeup test when s/he comes to school.

Q-6) What type of questions will be on the test?

- The test will be a multiple choice test and it will cover all the topics from the first lesson of the school year up to one week before the Finals.

Q-7) Will there be other classes on Finals day?

- Yes, the students will take only their designated subjects final during one class period. The rest of the day will continue as a normal day.

Q-8) Are the Semester Finals created on OSS Connect?

- Yes, they are available under "Final" weeks.

Q-9) Who is the best contact person if I have any questions?

- You may directly contact your student's course teacher for course related questions. For general questions, please contact Mr. Yalcin at yalcin@orlandoscience.org

OSS School Spirit Shirts!!!!!!

Show your school spirit! Get your spirit shirt now! You can wear it on Fridays all year long! There is a limited supply in each size, so don't procrastinate. Fill out the information below, turn in to your HOMEROOM teacher with \$15.00 and your spirit shirt will be to you before the next Friday. Proceeds help support club functions throughout the school. First ordered, first served!

Student Name: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

Paid in CASH or Check # _____ (\$15 per shirt)

Size needed: Please clearly circle one choice per shirt ordered.

Youth
Small

Youth
Medium

Youth
Large

Youth
X-Large

Adult
Small

Adult
Medium

Adult
Large

Adult
X-Large



CAN TABS

Please drop off your can tabs to the black can in front of Ms. Becc's desk.
We are collecting these tabs for Ronald McDonald House.

In April, along with many other Orange County schools, we will join the Ronald McDonald House in the "2014-15 School Pop Tab Recycling Contest".
The tabs collected will help families with sick children.

This will be an ongoing collection throughout the year.

TAKE A FYLER AND COLLECT AT WORK AND SAVE A LIFE



Dear Parents and Families:

Reading is the most important skill you can teach a child. Of all the skills kids learn, it is the one you can influence the most.

We invite you to visit our Scholastic Book Fair and experience a celebration of reading that provides families the opportunity to get involved in a universal mission: *encouraging kids to read every day so they can lead better lives.*

Our Book Fair is part of a reading event that brings to school a wonderful selection of fun, engaging, and affordable books kids want to read. Giving kids access to good books and the opportunity to choose books will motivate them to read more. And like most acquired skills, the more kids practice reading, the better they'll get.

Reading is vital to every child's success and it's the door opener to the 21st century for all children. Since there will never be a substitute for a parent's direct involvement in his/her child's education, please make plans to visit our Book Fair.

Book Fair Dates: November 7-14th (closed Saturday and Sunday.)

Shopping Hours: 8am-5pm

Special Events: Look for the fliers next week.

Before you visit the Book Fair be sure to download the FREE Book Fairs App to help you find the right fit books for your student. For more information, visit:

scholastic.com/apps/bookfairs. And if you're all booked up during Book Fair week be sure to visit the Book Fair online at

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/homepage.do?method=homepage&url=ossbookfair>

Our Online Fair is available for an extended time from November 2 to November 22.

We look forward to having you participate in our Fair, and remember, all purchases benefit our school.

Sincerely,

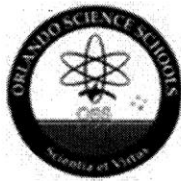
**Mr. Kriebel
OSS Book Fair Chairperson**

OSS had its annual Fight against Breast Cancer Week with students and staff wearing ribbons, dressing in pink and decorating classroom doors to help rally against this horrible disease!
All the doors around OSS were beautiful!!

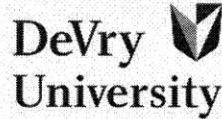
Congratulations to Ms. Killian's class for winning the door contest!!!



OSS students had a great day at the Orange County History Center. They learned about our rich past and how Florida has become the great state it is today. The smiling faces on their return showed what a truly fantastic day it was!



collaborating with



Game Development Speaker Series

Throughout the Fall, DeVry University will be hosting local game industry experts, giving each of them a chance to share their knowledge with our students. If you've ever wanted to know more about the ins-and-outs of video games, here's your chance to learn from some of Orlando's best developers!

Nov. 5th
5pm-6pm
Rm. 101

How To Design, Build, & Fund Your First Indie Game

Erica Holcomb, Cameron Bolinger, Joseph Arcidiacono | TBA Games

TBA promotes science by incorporating realistic principles into games. Their titles include the planet simulator Pet Rock, and the real-time strategy game PeriAreion, which was successfully funded on Kickstarter.

Nov. 12th
5pm-6pm
Rm. 101

Mobile Game Production

Derek Tishler | DMT Source

With seven games across four marketplaces and over 1.6 million downloads, DMT Source has quickly grown into a major provider of mobile 3D flight simulators for Android & iOS since its first release in November of 2013.

Nov. 19th
5pm-6pm
Rm. 101

Storytelling Techniques

Jay Tholen | Dropsy

Jay Tholen is an artist, game designer, and musician. His current project, Dropsy, is "a point-and-click adventure that wields sorrow in one hand and gut-busting humor in another, with a fascinating open-world structure gluing everything together" (Rock, Paper, Shotgun).

Dec. 3rd
5pm-6pm
Rm. 101

The "Why" Of Video Games

Corey Cochran | ThatWhichIs Media

Corey Cochran creates experimental games for a variety of platforms under the ThatWhichIs Media label. He is an active member of Orlando's game development scene, organizing events such as The Indie Galactic Space Jam.

Dec. 10th
5pm-6pm
Rm. 101

Topic TBD

James Morgan | IndieBox

DeVry graduate James Morgan is a founding member of IndieBox, a subscription service that delivers collector's edition versions of indie games through the mail. With over 800 subscribers, IndieBox has gained the attention of popular sites like The Escapist, Kotaku, and Joystiq.

Free Food & Prizes.

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For more information, contact Professor Sushil (dsushil@devry.edu).

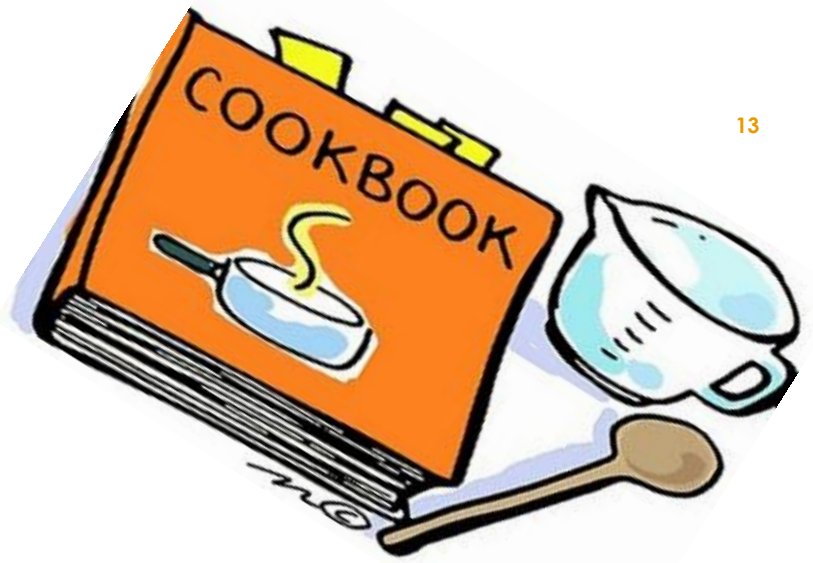
**Visit Mr. I @room 116 to register and join the group.
Open to everyone!**

43 Outstanding Orlando Science Middle School Students Inducted Into FPF

Forty-three middle school students from Orlando Science Middle School were inducted into the Future Physicists of Florida during a ceremony at Florida State University on Friday afternoon with some being awarded 2nd-year member certificates. Before the late afternoon ceremony students had an impressive tour of the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory. Magnet Lab Director Greg Boebinger gave the keynote address during the induction ceremony as well as a power point being shown during the ceremony which highlighted the undergraduate and graduate student researchers. Florida A & M University Physics Professor and Associate Vice President for Research Charles Weatherford and FSU Physics Professor Paul Cottle were also present for the ceremony. This was the third annual FSU induction ceremony for the organization, which also operates at the University of West Florida. It was a full day of learning and fun together.



OSS is excited to announce we will be publishing our own cookbook!!!



Soon we will start gathering recipes, so if you've that coleslaw that everyone loves or that dessert that makes your friends lick their fingers, share them with the OSS family!

More information will be coming soon, so stay tuned on how you may submit your recipe and purchase this wonderful collaboration from students, staff and parents!





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College Trip to Atlanta, Georgia

The Atlanta region in Georgia enjoys a concentration of colleges and universities which offer an extraordinary mix of missions and campus settings – from downtown campuses to tree-lined quads, from internationally renowned research institutions to small liberal arts colleges, from comprehensive universities to specialized schools of art, theology, technology and medicine.

Orlando Science Schools invites our students to visit the world class city Atlanta

When: December 4th -6th

Where: Atlanta, Georgia

Places to visit: Emory University-Georgia Tech University -Kennesaw State University- CNN-Coca-Cola Museum

Fee: 150 Dollars (includes transportation, hotel, Coca-Cola and CNN)

Who: 8th grade and High School Students (first come first serve for 11 students)



November 2014

Charter School Hot Lunch W/Pizza

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Breakfast Selections	Assorted Cereals w/ Cheese Stick Craisins Apple Slices <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Strawberry Pop Tart Apple Juice Fruit Punch <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Yogurt Parfait/Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal Raisins Bananas <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Bagel with Cream Cheese Orange Juice Apple Juice <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Ultimate Breakfast Round Granny Smiths Grapes <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Breakfast 9-12 th Grade Tuesdays serve two- 1.76oz packs of pop tarts or one 3.75oz pack Daily - 2 fruits
	26	27 Hamburger/Cheese Burger 1c. Black or Red Beans Diced Peaches or Pears	28 Roasted Chicken WG Garlic Breadstick 1c. Corn Orange Wedges	29 Cheese/Pepperoni Pizza 1c. Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Sliced Apples	30 Ravioli with Bread Stick 1c. Broccoli Nectarine	31 Chicken Tender Sub 1c. Veggie Dippers Pineapple Tidbits 9-12 th Grade 10/28 - Use HS Recipe; give 2 breadsticks. 10/30 - HS Recipe with 2 Breadsticks Daily - 2 fruits (or 1c.)
	2	3 General Tso Chicken Vegetable LoMein 1c. Stir Fry Vegetables Grapes	4 Hamburger/Cheese Burgers On WG Bun 1c. Deli Roasters Applesauce	5 Cheese Pizza 1c. Steamed Carrots Bananas	6 Montego Bay Chicken Legs Seasoned Brown Rice 1c. Cuban Black Beans Apple Slices	7 Chicken Tenders with Dinner Roll 1c. Broccoli Carrot Sticks HS ONLY (1/7c.) Diced Peaches 9-12 th Grade 11/3 - 1c. Lo Mein 11/6 - 1c. Brown Rice 11/7 - 2 Dinner Rolls Daily - 2 Fruits (or 1c.)
	9	10 Ravioli with Garlic Bread ½ c. Broccoli ½ c. Steamed Carrots Applesauce	11 Pepperoni Pizza 1c. Green Beans Pears	12 Sloppy Joes 1c. Carrot Dippers Apple Slices	13 All Beef Hot Dog 1c. Baked Beans Banana	14 Mac and Cheese 1c. Deli Roasters Mixed Fruit 9-12 th Grade 11/10 - HS Recipe w/ 2 Sliced Garlic Toast 10/14 - Add Garlic Toast Slice w/ Mac & Cheese Daily - 2 fruits (or 1c.)
	16	17 Chicken Tenders Dinner Roll ½ c. Baby Carrots 2/3c. Baked Beans Diced peaches	18 Teriyaki Meatballs 1c. Seasoned Rice 1c. Broccoli Pears	19 Cheese Pizza 1c. Corn Sliced Apples	20 Holiday Meal Roasted Turkey ½ c. Sweet Potato Soufflé - New* ½ c. Green beans Cornbread Stuffing Apple Bake	21 Teriyaki Chicken Veggie LoMein 1c. Stir Fry Veggies Craisins 9-12 th Grade 11/17 - 2 Dinner Rolls 11/20 - HS Recipe for Turkey, 1c. Stuffing, & 1c. Sweet Potato Soufflé 11/21- 1c. Lo Mein Daily - 2 fruits (or 1c.)