

ORLANDO SCIENCE SCHOOLS

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

The mission of Orlando Science Middle/High Charter School is to provide students with a well-rounded education with special emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) and Reading in the light of research based, proven and innovative instructional methods in a stimulating environment."

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Principal's Corner

Dear Students and Parents,

I hope you all had another great week at OSS. I would like to congratulate Ms. Zeratsky and Ms. Masuoka's homeroom for winning the 1st Quarter BOX TOP Collection. Also congratulations to Jordan Hagan for turning in the most BOX TOPS individually. Stay tuned for next week's newsletter for a group photo of the winners!

The following students were chosen for our October Student of the Month: Miscia Forna, Arishia Goyal, Nia Jones, Lydia Abedeen, Samuel Ambroise, Alexis Dorman, and Samhith Bhrugubanda. Please see page twelve and thirteen for photos and information. I would like to congratulate you all on your outstanding behavior and character.

Congratulations to our Club of the Week: National Junior Honor Society and National Honor Society, please turn to page six for more information.

I would like to invite all of you to our Veterans Day Events. On Wednesday November 11th OSS will host a Veterans Day Appreciation Day Ceremony/Dinner and Dinner. Also for \$8 you can enjoy a great BBQ dinner from 4Rivers. On Saturday November 14th 2015 OSS will be participating in the Veterans Day Parade. Please see pages seven through nine for all the information.

Our word of the month is "Caring", please turn to page five for more information on caring.

On page thirteen you will find some wonderful information on the Japan Association of Orlando Festival that OSS will be attending on November 8th 2015.

Sincerely,
Abdulaziz Yalcin
Principal
Orlando Science Schools
Middle/High School

"Happiness doesn't result from what we get, but from what we give"
– Ben Carson

OSS UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 7th 2015: Math Counts Competition
- November 11th 2015: Vetrans Day Appreciation Ceremony/ Dinner
- November 14th 2015: Vetrans Day Parade
- November 20th 2015: 2nd Quarter Progress Reports
- November 23rd- 27th 2015: Thanksgiving Break

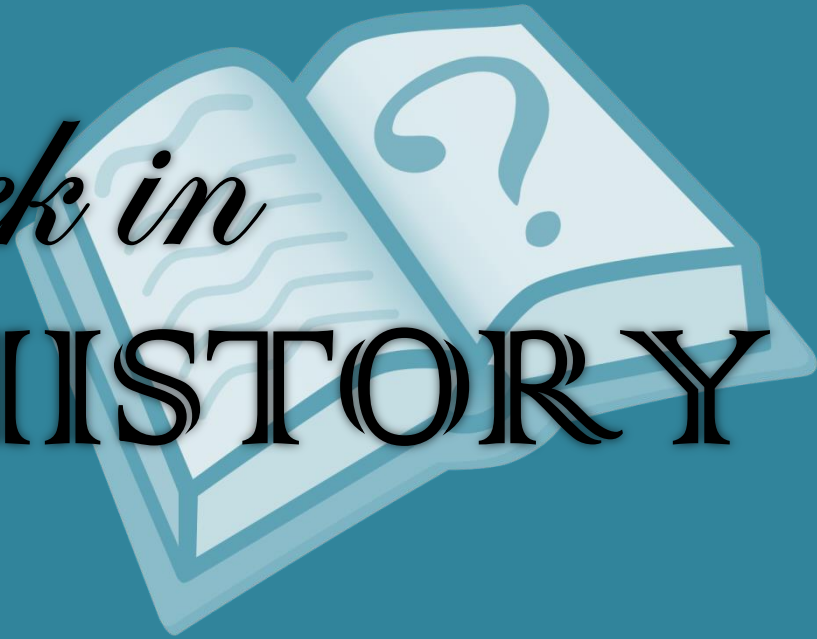
2015-2016 Report Card Dates for Parents	
1st Quarter Progress Report Card	Wednesday, September 23, 2015
1st Quarter Report Card	Thursday, October 22, 2015
2nd Quarter Progress Report Card	Friday, November 20, 2015
2nd Quarter Report Card	Thursday, January 14, 2016
3rd Quarter Progress Report Card	Wednesday, February 17, 2016
3rd Quarter Report Card	Thursday, March 17, 2016
4th Quarter Progress Report Card	Wednesday, May 4, 2016
4th Quarter Report Card	Wednesday, June 8, 2016

2015-2016 Parent Teacher Conference (PTC) Days		
1st Quarter	Wednesday, October 7 th , 2015	4:00PM - 6:00PM
	Thursday, October 8 th , 2015	4:30PM - 6:30PM
2nd Quarter	Wednesday, December 16 th , 2015	4:00PM - 6:00PM
	Thursday, December 17 th , 2015	4:30PM - 6:30PM
3rd Quarter	Wednesday, March 2 nd , 2016	4:00PM - 6:00PM
	Thursday, March 3 rd , 2016	4:30PM - 6:30PM
4th Quarter	Wednesday, May 11 th , 2016	4:00PM - 6:00PM
	Thursday, May 12 th , 2016	4:30PM - 6:30PM

I will send out an email prior to each of these dates to book appointment

This week in

HISTORY



DATE	EVENT(S)
November 2 nd 1889	North Dakota is made the 39 th state.
November 3 rd 1964	For the first time residents of Washington, D.C., are allowed to vote in a presidential election.
November 4 th 2008	Senator Barack Obama of Illinois elected 44 th president of the United States, the first African American to hold that position.
November 5 th 1872	Susan B. Anthony is arrested for trying to vote.
November 6 th 1861	Jefferson Davis is elected to a six-year term as president of the Confederacy.

If you would like to know more information regarding each of these events, please visit:

<http://www.historynet.com/>

Orange County Public Schools: 2015-2016 School Calendar

DAY	DATE(S)	EVENT
Monday	September 7 th 2015	Labor Day holiday (Schools and District Offices are closed)
Thursday	October 22 nd 2015	End of 1 st Marking Period
Friday	October 23 rd 2015	Student Holiday/Teacher Professional Day/ Teacher Non-Work Day
Monday	October 26 th 2015	Student Holiday/Teacher Workday
Tuesday	October 27 th 2015	Begin 2 nd Marking Period
Monday- Friday	November 23 rd -27 th 2015	Thanksgiving break: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are out all week • District Offices are open Nov. 23-25th • Teacher Non-Workdays: Nov 23rd-25th • Teacher Holiday: Nov 26th -27th
Two Weeks	December 21, 2015- January 1 st 2016	Winter Break (Schools are closed. District offices are closed)
Monday	January 4 th 2016	Students Return to School
Thursday	January 14 th 2016	End of 2 nd Marking Period
Friday	January 15 th 2016	Student Holiday/ Teacher Workday
Monday	January 18 th 2016	Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday (Schools and District offices are closed)
Tuesday	January 19 th 2016	Begin 2 nd Semested/3 rd Marking Period
Monday	February 15 th 2016	Presidents Day holiday (schools and district offices are closed)
Thursday	March 17 th 2016	End of 3 rd Marking Period
Friday	March 18 th 2016	Student Holiday/ Teacher Workday
Monday –Friday	March 21 st -25 th	Spring Break (Schools are closed. District offices are closed)
Monday	March 28 th	Begin 4 th Marking Period
Monday	May 30 th	Memorial Day holiday (Schools and District offices are closed)
Wednesday	June 8 th 2016	End of 4 th Marking Period/ Last day of school for students
Thursday-Friday	June 9 th -10 th	Post Planning for Teachers

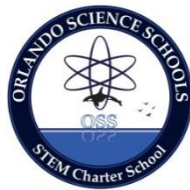
EXTRA, EXTRA

Orlando Science School System Accreditation

Orlando Science School's plan to obtain accreditation for a school system is moving forward. A Readiness Visit was conducted by AdvancED last week to prepare the school's accreditation team for what is to come over the next several months.

Please view the link below for updates, links, and further information about Policies and Procedures of AdvancED.

<http://www.orlandoscience.org/advanced-accreditation/front-page/advanced-accreditation>



PIZZA DAY

Every Thursday throughout the year OSS will be offering students the option to purchase pizza. They may purchase a slice for \$2.00 or make it a combo for \$5.00.

Character Word of Month

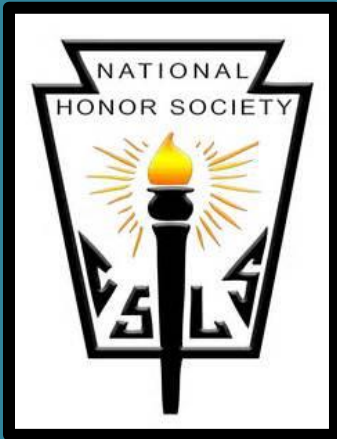
Caring

"Caring is...Giving thanks when it is deserved. Helping to solve a problem, rather than just ignoring it. Being aware of others' achievements and celebrating their success. "

"Never believe that a few **caring** people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have." -Margaret Mead



Club of the Week : NHHS and NJHS



The National Junior and National Honor Societies are two nation-wide organizations that we are proud to have here at Orlando Science Schools. We focus on community service and participate in a lot of different events such as helping raise money for victims in various disasters, Relay for Life, Breast Cancer week, Second Harvest Food Bank, and Toys for Tots. All of our members are required to maintain a high grade point average, continuously contribute volunteer hours, and are role models at our school and community. We meet every Monday in room 148 for National Honor Society and every Tuesday in room 148 for National Junior Honor Society. These two clubs are more than just an honor roll, these clubs serve to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since its beginning in 1921.





Dear Parents and Students,

Orlando Science Schools is providing a community outreach event for local veterans who have served their communities, states, and nation during the periods of active duty in our US Armed Forces. The event is on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at 5:00 pm. We would like to invite students and their families to OSS to participate in this unique opportunity. The program will include special guests:

Keynote Speaker: City of Orlando Commissioner Regina Hill



And United States Veterans from various branches of the military.

BBQ dinner from 4 Rivers Smokehouse for \$8:

Students will be performing and thanking the veterans for their service. We will give the veterans flowers and thank you letters, written by our students.

Dinner participants need to RSVP to Ms. Smith **no later than Monday, November 9, 2015 at 4pm**, by turning in the form found below.

**The cost of dinner is \$8 per person.
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2015
Time: 5:00 pm**

**Where: OSS Cafeteria
Space will be limited to the first 250.
Fill out the bottom portion of this letter.**

Parent Name: _____

Student Name: _____

Number to Attend _____ Total Paid _____ Check _____ Cash _____

2015 ★ ★ ★ CITY OF ORLANDO ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ VETERANS DAY PARADE

City of Orlando Veteran's Day Parade Consent Form

Dear Parents:

OSS will join with our community to honor the veterans who have served their country by being party of the City of Orlando Veterans Day Parade on Saturday, November 14th, 2015. Please be part of this momentous occasion and celebrate with our courageous soldiers!!! If you would like your child to attend this Veterans Day Parade please complete the consent form.

[City of Orlando Veterans Day Parade](#)

Address : **Parade begins at the corner of Orange Ave. and Robinson St.**

Date : Saturday, Nov. 14, 2015

Hours : 10:00 a.m. till about 1:00 p.m.



The poster features the year '2015' in large, stylized red, white, and blue numbers. Below it, 'VETERANS DAY PARADE' is written in a bold, red, sans-serif font with white stars on either side. The date 'NOVEMBER 14 11A.M. - 1P.M.' is printed in white. A note states 'PARADE BEGINS AT THE CORNER OF ORANGE AVE. AND ROBINSON ST.' To the right is a street map showing the parade route in red, starting at the intersection of Orange Ave and Robinson St, going north on Robinson St, east on Livingston St, and south on Rosalind Ave. The map also shows Amelia St, Magnolia, and Central Bv. Interstate 4 is labeled on the left. At the bottom, the 'PRESENTING SPONSOR' is Fifth Third Bank. Other logos include 'WATCH THE PARADE LIVE ON News 13', '105.9 Sunny FM', 'DOWNTOWN ORLANDO', 'OUC The Reliable One', and 'CITY OF ORLANDO'. Contact information 'CALL 407.246.3104 OR VISIT CITYFORLANDO.NET/VETERANSPARADE' is also provided.

The 2015 City of Orlando Veterans Day Parade is scheduled for Saturday, November 14 in Downtown Orlando. Hosted by Mayor Buddy Dyer and his Veterans Advisory Council each November, the parade honors the courageous men and women of the armed forces.

The parade includes more than 50 Central Florida veterans groups, the UCF Marching Knights and other marching bands, 13 ROTC and JROTC units, first responders, community groups and military vehicles.

This year's parade is commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. The parade's five grand marshals all served honorably during the conflict in Vietnam: Sgt. Peter Tattersall (U.S. Army), Col. Bob Springer (U.S. Marine Corps), Corpsman Jon Yeitakis (U.S. Navy), Capt. William Thomas (U.S. Coast Guard) and Col. Joe Kittinger (U.S. Air Force).

Watch Live on News 13

The parade will be televised live on News 13, starting with the opening ceremony at 10:30 a.m. on November 14.

NOTES: SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE TO WEAR THEIR RED/NAVY OSS SHIRT.

The permission slips need to be turned in no later than Thursday, November 12, 2015 to Mr. Ballinger room 137.

ORLANDO SCIENCE SCHOOLS Veteran's Day Parade, November 14TH, 2015

Transportation **will not** be provided for my student by Orlando Science School. I will provide my own transportation, and will not hold Orlando Science School liable for any injuries sustained to my student while in transport to

Location: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Liability Release: Should my child sustain or incur any accident or illness while on the OSS City of Orlando Veteran's day parade, I hereby authorize the director/administrator, or his/her agent, to execute any and all documents, including any necessary releases, which might be required at any medical facility to perform any emergency care on my behalf. In the event that my child has an illness or accident during the program, and it requires a visit to the doctor or hospital, the existing family policies will solely represent the insurance coverage.

I give permission for my child to participate in any and all activities on the OSS City of Orlando Veteran's Day Parade, **including the event being televised**, and I do not hold the Orlando Science Schools liable for my child.

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Medical: In the rare event of illness or accident, I hereby give my consent for the necessary emergency treatment of my son/daughter during the Veteran's Day parade. In doing this, I am giving permission for _____ to be in the parade.

I understand every effort will be made to contact a parent or guardian.

Action Plan and Authorization for Medications	1) Does your student have a Medical Action Plan on file with Orlando Science Schools? Circle Yes or No a. If so indicate the medical alert on file: _____ 2) Does your child have an Authorization for Medication form on file? a. Circle Yes or No
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STUDENT NAME: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

Parent phone number: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

Science Fair 1st Week of Experimentation

Starting a Research Journal

You submitted your plan; you filled out all the proper paperwork correctly, now you may ask your teacher for approval! If you have received approval you may now begin your investigation! But scientist must document everything that they do. This is done in a journal/log book. This is a notebook, not a binder or folder.

The value of recording:

Without documentation any evidence or knowledge gained quickly becomes wasted. Memorizing and retelling data orally creates distortion. To minimize subjective biases scientists constantly write down information. This information cannot be edited; otherwise someone could falsify the results. As such **only non-erasable pen can be used!** If you make an error you cross it out. **No whiteout, no removed pages.** It is okay to make a ~~mistak~~ mistake we all do! If you fall down you get back up. If you make a mistake, you cross it out and move on.

The logbook contains all written work done. Think of it like a diary. Every time you think about your science fair project, you should write in it! Include any visits to the library, a museum, or any other site you visited to gather information. If you went to Walmart to buy more supplies, the date and expense/cost needs to be recorded. Also a must, any time you were on the phone or online in regards to your project. If you talked to your friend about the science fair project, you need to record it in your journal.

Other people will need to be able to read your journal. As such make sure that your name is on your journal and it is legible. Inside your journal should be a table of contents. All of the entries will be dated and numbered. Your first few pages need to be your research plan. If you are building something, your blueprint needs to be there. Any other sketches are encouraged! During experimentation, if you make an error (everyone does) record it in your journal as soon as it occurs. Make a quick note! *“Wobbly chair caused me to spill some of the solution.”* Any data needs to be recorded here. Construct a quick data chart. And remember do not cover up your mistakes.

The value of repetition:

It is okay to make errors. You will make sure your results are precise by taking multiple trials. As scientist we use many trials, **you need at least 20**. In your experiment you have identified the independent variable. You will have to manipulate the independent variable to construct multiple trials to confirm the relationship it has on the outcome.

The value of replication:

Once you have completed your experiment, **you will redo your experiment**. This is making sure your data is accurate. Someone, either you or another person, should be able to follow your journal and reconstruct the experiment if they are given the materials. Whoever replicates it, is helping confirm the results.

Your science fair project will not be completed in one day! You need to have at least a month's worth of data! Your journal will be checked periodically by your teacher. Your research plan needs to be written in your journal by November 6th.

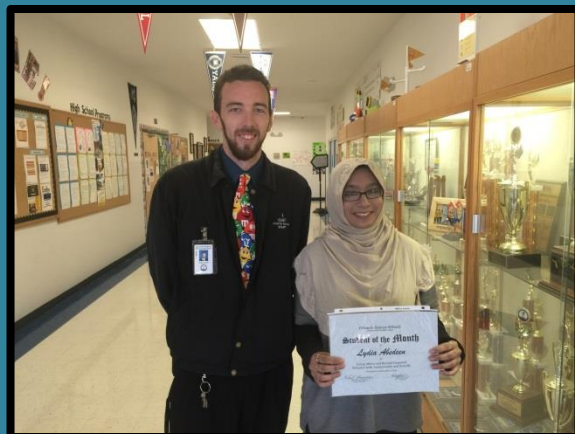
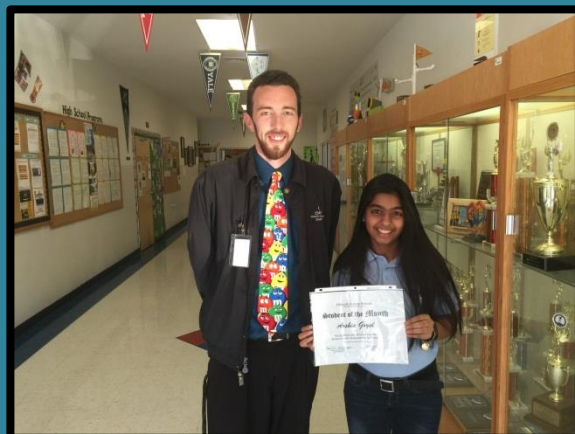
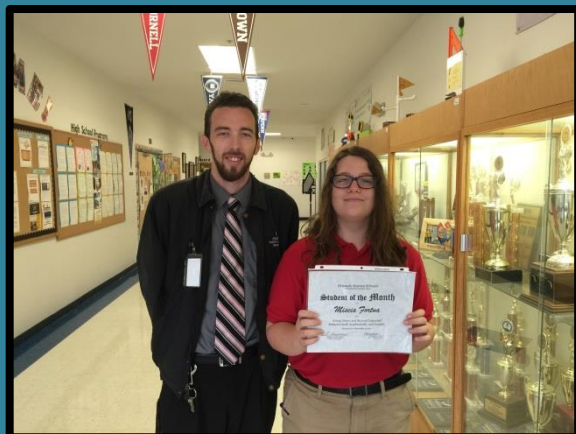
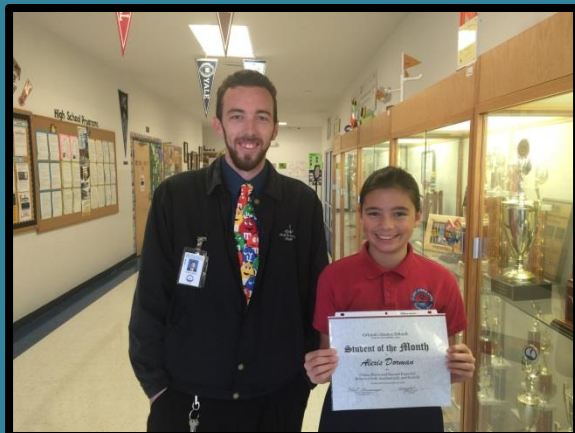
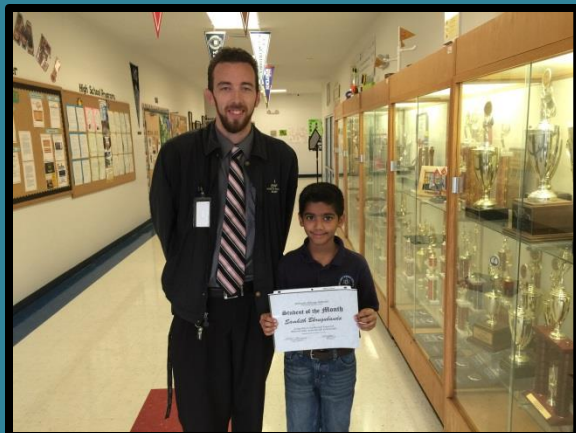
October Student of the Month

“Congratulations to the following students for being awarded October’s "Students of the Month". These individuals have displayed outstanding character and exceeded behavioral expectations here at OSS. The October students of the month are:

6th grade – Samhith B. 7th Grade – Alexis D. 8th Grade – Miscia F. 9th Grade – Arshia G.

10th Grade – Nia J. 11th Grade – Lydia A. 12th Grade – Samuel A.





Japan Association of Orlando

WHEN:

November 8th Sunday

11AM - 5PM

*Starting one hour *earlier* than previous year

WHERE:

The Village at Hunter's Creek,

13574 Village Park Drive

Orlando, FL 32837

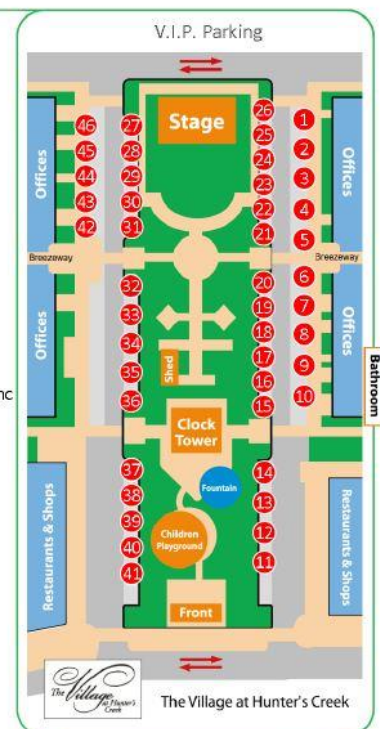
<http://www.jorlando.org/>



OSS will have a booth at the Festival!!!

MAP & BOOTHS

- 1 Consulate General of Japan
- 2 Rosen Hotels & Resorts
- 3 Sasaki-Dojo
- 4 Nenkin & Insurance Help
- 5 JAO & Raffle Store
- 6 Japanese Calligraphy on Traditional Item
- 7 Kitsuke
- 8 Misolucki
- 9 AzienaZen
- 10 Elemental Nursery
- 11 Bazaars by Mitsukoshi
- 12 Bazaars by Mitsukoshi
- 13 Furuhon-Ichi
- 14 Furuhon-Ichi
- 15 Keylime News Letter
- 16 Mitsubishi Hitachi Power Systems Americas, Inc
- 17 IACE Travel
- 18 EMULAT3D
- 19 Florida Anime Experience
- 20 Japan Florida Group Inc.
- 21 Fujinoya
- 22 Baptist Church
- 23 Orlando Science School
- 24 Kimono Crafts and Embroidery
- 25 Orlando Taiko Dojo
- 26 Medical Tent
- 27 Performer / Cosplay Sign in
- 28 Sakiko no Kimonoya
- 29 Shaved Ice
- 30 JAO Drink Booth
- 31 JAO Drink Booth
- 32 Golchi's Sushi Cafe
- 33 RanGetsu
- 34 Aki Restaurant
- 35 Sushi Tomi
- 36 Mikado-Sushi
- 37 Candy Art
- 38 Game Ticket / Origami



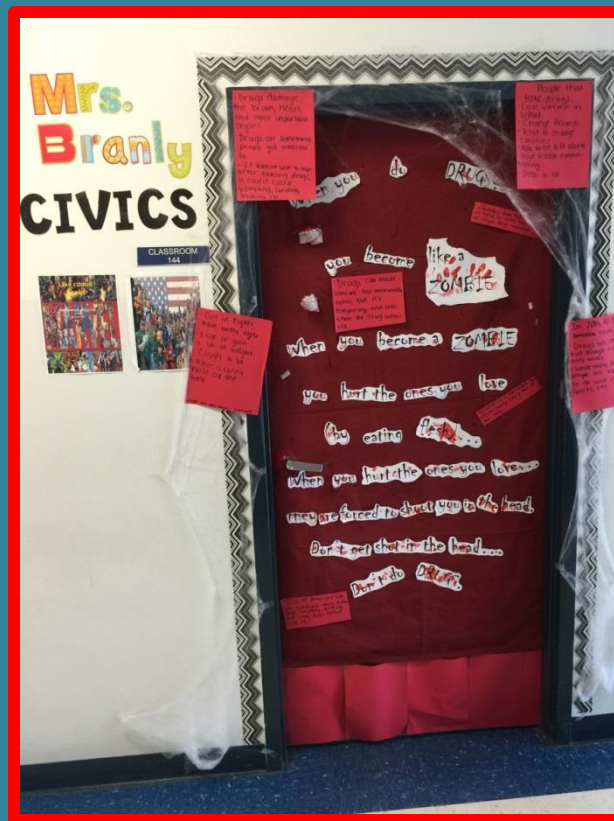
- 39 Super Ball Scoop
- 40 Ring Toss
- 41 Water Balloon Scoop
- 42 Metro Orlando Judo-Kai
- 43 Asia Trend Magazine
- 44 Tea Ceremony J-Club
- 45 Yayoi Kimono Shop
- 46 Rising Sun Dojo

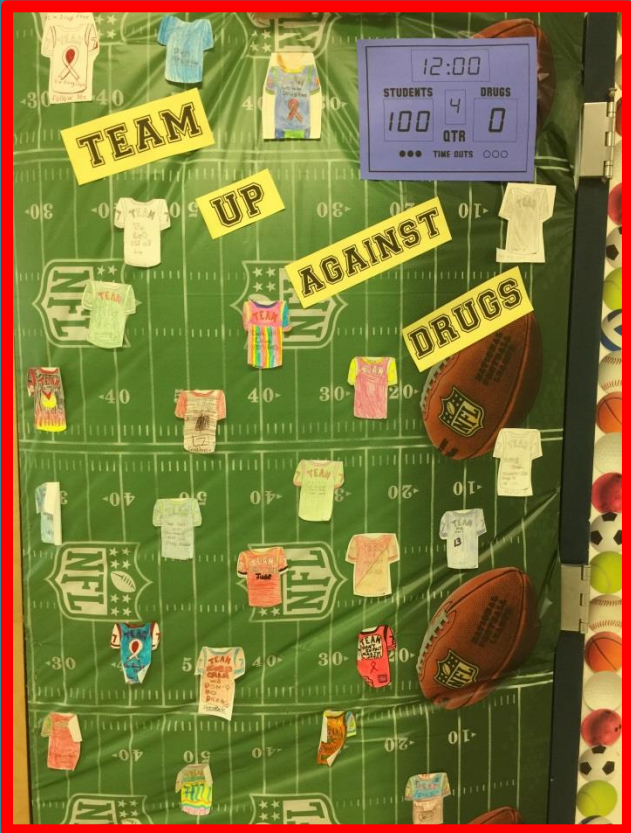
RED RIBBON WEEK

Door Decoration

The purpose of Red Ribbon Week is to bring awareness to children at an early age that they just need **"No"**. Students at OSS developed a theme which they depicted on their homeroom doors about what Red Ribbon Week is supposed to represent.

Students had the option to draw pictures of people getting sick on drugs, post statistical information on the negative effects of drugs or draw pictures of people living a happy, drug-free life. The winner of the door decorating contest was Mrs. Branly's homeroom.





AR Party and AR Star of the Month

Orlando Science School is proud to announce that our first Accelerated Reader celebration, for the 2015 – 2016 school year, was a grand success. One hundred and twenty students earned thirty AR points within one month, or one hundred and fifty AR points since August 24, 2015. Students feasted on ice cream, provided by our Orlando Science Parent Volunteer Organization, as they played challenge trivia with other AR scholars. Additionally, four students received a \$10 gift cards from Barnes and Noble for being AR Stars of the Month.

Accelerated Reading is a computer program that helps teachers and parents manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. The next AR celebration is scheduled for December 1, 2015. Students who earn at least 30 AR Points between Saturday, October 31st and Monday, November 30th will be eligible to participate.



2015-16 Orlando Science Schools Assessment Calendar

Florida Standards Assessments (FSA)

English Language Arts and Mathematics - Required by State

Dates	Assessment	Grade Level
February 29 - March 11, 2016	FSA English Language Arts - Writing Component	6 -10
April 11 - May 6, 2016	FSA English Language Arts - Reading	6 -10
April 11 - May 6, 2016	FSA Mathematics	6 - 8

End-of-Course Assessments - Required by State

Dates	Course
April 18 - May 13, 2016	Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2

Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS) Assessments

End-of-Course Assessments - Required by State

Dates	Course
April 18 - May 20 2016	Biology 1, Civics, US History-High School

Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test FCAT 2.0 - Required by State

Dates	Assessment	Grade Level
April 11 - May 6, 2016	FCAT 2.0 Science	8

AP College Board Exam Dates

Dates	Course
May 2, 2016 - Morning/Afternoon	Chemistry (Morning); Psychology (Afternoon)
May 3, 2016 – Morning/Afternoon	Computer Science A (Morning); and Physics 1: Algebra – Based (Afternoon)
May 4, 2016 - Morning	English Literature and Composition
May 5, 2016 - Morning	Calculus AB (Morning); and Calculus BC (Morning)
May 6, 2016 - Morning/Afternoon	United States History (Morning); European History (Afternoon)
May 9, 2016 - Morning	Biology
May 10, 2016 - Morning	United States Government and Politics
May 11, 2016 - Morning	English Language and Composition
May 12, 2016 - Morning/Afternoon	World History (Morning); Statistics (Afternoon)

Common Final Exams – Required by Orange County Public Schools

Common Final Exams will be given in courses that do not have a state or other designated end-of-course exam.

Dates	Course
January 6 – 12, 2016	Semester 1 Exams (Courses that are only one semester)
May 31 – June 6, 2016	Secondary End of Year Exams

PSAT	Grade	Status	Test Date	Fee	Deadline to Register
PSAT 8/9	8th-9th	Optional	Oct - 28	\$10	9/1/2015
PSAT 10	10th	Optional	Feb - 24	\$15	12/1/2015
PSAT/NMSQT	10th-11th	Required	Oct - 14	\$0	N/A

Updated – September 30, 2015

LUNCH MENU

November MENU Lunch **Fresh Fruit**, **Red/Orange Vegetable**, **Dark Green Vegetable**, **Legume**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Assorted Cereals w/ Toast (2G) Apple Slices (1/2 fruit) <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Banana Bread Slice (2G) Orange Juice (1/2 fruit) <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Pop-Tarts (2)(2G) Assorted Whole Apples (1/2 fruit) <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Bagel with Cream Cheese (2G) Apple Juice (1/2 fruit) <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Mini Cini (2G) Raisins(1/2 fruit) <u>Choice of Milk</u>
2	3	4	5	6
Breaded Chicken sandwich Shoestring Fries Diced Peaches Milk	Hard Tacos Charro Pinto Beans Strawberry Apple Sauce Milk	Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Broccoli Red Apples Milk	Hamburger/Cheeseburger Sweet Potato Chunks Pineapple Tidbits Milk	All Beef Hotdog Mixed Vegetables Assorted Apples Milk
9	10	11	12	13
Tangerine Chicken with Jasmin Rice Stir Fry Vegetables Red Apples Milk	Chicken Nuggets With 1g Biscuit Cuban Style Black Beans Strawberry Apple Sauce Milk	Baked Ziti with Meatballs and Garlic Toast Steamed Carrots Sliced Apples Milk	Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Broccoli Grapes Milk	Cheese/ Hamburger (2G,2M) Hashbrown Patty Diced Peaches Milk
16	17	18	19	20
Breaded Chicken Sandwich (3G,2M) Shoestring Fries Cool rips Milk	Hard Tacos Charro Pinto Beans Strawberry Apple Sauce Milk	Ravioli with Garlic Bread Broccoli Cool Rips Milk	Roasted Turkey with Gravy Served with Stuffing Sweet potato Soufflé (½ red) Green Beans Baked Cinnamon Apples (½ fruit) Milk	Mac and Cheese Mixed Vegetables Assorted Juice Milk
23	24	25	26	27
THANKSGIVING	Thanksgiving	THANKSGIVING	THANKSGIVING	THANKSGIVING
30	1	2	3	4
Breaded Chicken sandwich Diced Peaches (½ fruit) Cool rips Milk	Hard Tacos Charro Pinto Beans Mixed Fruit Cup Milk	Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Broccoli Red Apples Milk	Hamburger/Cheeseburger Sweet Potato Chunks Grapes Milk	All Beef Hotdog Mixed Vegetables Assorted Apples Milk