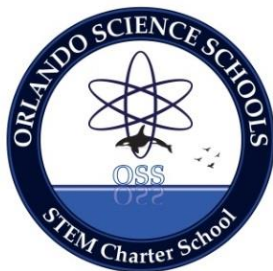


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ORLANDO SCIENCE SCHOOLS

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,

Welcome to Winter Break everyone! I hope you all have safe and happy holidays. This week's newsletter is full of recaps from all the wonderful events that our students and staff have been participating in. You will find all of these events on pages eight through fourteen.

I would like to congratulate Ms. Stevens on being our November Teacher of the Month! Please turn to page fifteen for more information. Congratulations on all your hard work.

Just a reminder if you have not turned in your Emergency Information Forms by today you still may turn them in when we return over holiday break. For those homerooms who received a 100% on turning them in, congratulations! Your dress down day will be announced when we return from holiday break! A great big congratulations also goes out to Mrs. Jaime's homeroom for being the first homeroom to turn in all of their forms a day early!

Stayed tuned for a fantastic recap when we return on our OSES 5th Grade visitors and a recap covering our kind Japanese visitors.

I hope everyone has a safe and wonderful holiday break and we will see you in 2016!!!

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

"Whether you think you can or think you can't, you are probably right" –Henry Ford

OSS UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 21st- January 3rd: Winter Break
- January 4th 2016: Students Return to School

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	Tuesday, December 15th, 2015	4:30PM - 6:30PM
	Thursday, December 17th, 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 appointments.

This week in

HISTORY



DATE	EVENT(S)
December 14th 1911	Rolad Amundsen and four others discover the South Pole.
December 15th 1972	The Commonwealth of Australia orders equal pay for women.
December 16th 1431	Henry IV of England is crowned King of France
December 17th 1989	<i>The Simpsons</i> , television's longest-running animated series, makes its US debut.
December 18th 1956	Japan is admitted to the United Nations.

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

Club of the Week : **Comic Book Club**



Comic book club is an opportunity for students to get together to talk about comic books, super heroes, video games and card games. It is a free form club where the students get to decide if they want to have a discussion, play a game or watch videos. We have organized field trips to Mega Con and are working on a movie night so that we can go see one of the new super hero movies coming out next year.

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

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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

Honesty

"The character word of the month for December is HONESTY. Honesty means to tell the truth, to be fair and straightforward, and to lead a life of honor and dignity. Or as Thomas Jefferson once said, 'Honesty is the first chapter of the book of wisdom.'"



FGCU

Math Competition

Orlando Science Schools competition math teams participated in the 13th annual FGCU math competition on Monday, December 14th, 2015 at Florida Gulf Coast University's main campus.

50 schools and more than 1000 students from all around the State came and enjoyed the contest. Once again, OSS mathletes did an amazing job and brought many trophies to home.

Congratulations to each mathletes for their great success.

The FGCU Invitational Mathematics Competition is offered by the Department of Chemistry and Mathematics to encourage students to develop their interests and abilities in mathematics. The competition is administered on the main campus of Florida Gulf Coast University located in Fort Myers, Florida. Participation is open to all middle school, junior high school and senior high school students and is divided into six divisions: Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Statistics, Pre-Calculus and Calculus. Students can participate in individual and team rounds for each division.



OSS Concert Series

This past Tuesday and Thursday (December 8th and 10th) we had our annual OSS/OSES Holiday Concert Series. We had performances from several groups from both Orlando Science Elementary and Orlando Science Middle-High School. On Tuesday, we had members of the K-2 Young Singers, the OSES Hip Hop Club, and the OSES Chorus singing popular tunes from the likes of Katy Perry, Imagine Dragons, and the Sugar Hill Gang, among others. Then, on December 10th, the Elementary Concert Band and the OSS Combined Concert Band put on a performance of several classically-inspired pieces that ranged from traditional holiday music to challenging concert pieces. All groups involved performed admirably and was well-received by all of the friends, family, and staff who were in attendance. There will be another major performance from all of these groups during the spring, so keep checking back for dates and times.



Model UN



OSS Model UN Teams competed in the Sarasota Tournament last Saturday and brought home 2 wins! Congratulations Alexis Dorman for Outstanding Delegate Award and Saniyah Chaudhury for the Most Improved Delegate Awards.

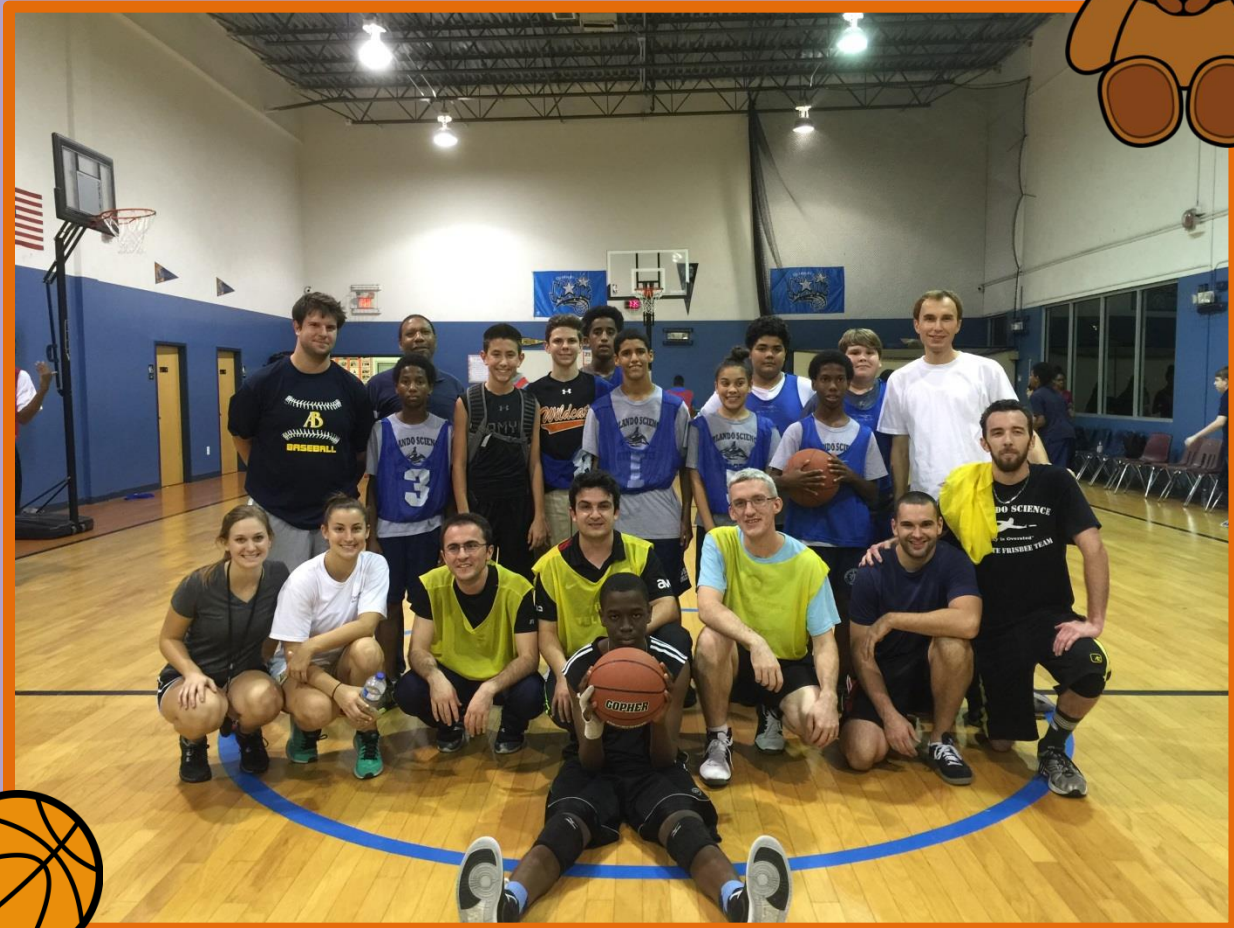
Congratulations Mrs. Branly and Mr. Novak for your dedication and for hard work.

Science Olympiad Invitational

“This past weekend we housed 9 schools, 13 teams for our annual Science Olympiad Invitational. Our school has 3 teams: Red, White and Blue. These events ranged from building air-plane gliders to analyzing chemical components. Out of the 23 events, we received 13 first place awards! Overall our Blue team took 1st place! Good job guys! We are on track for the Regional competition in January.”



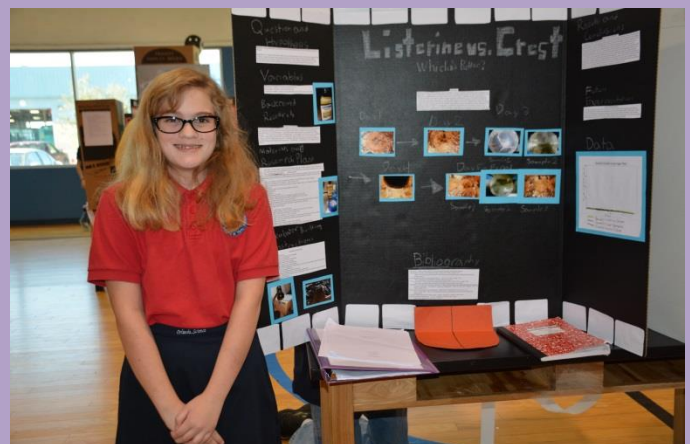
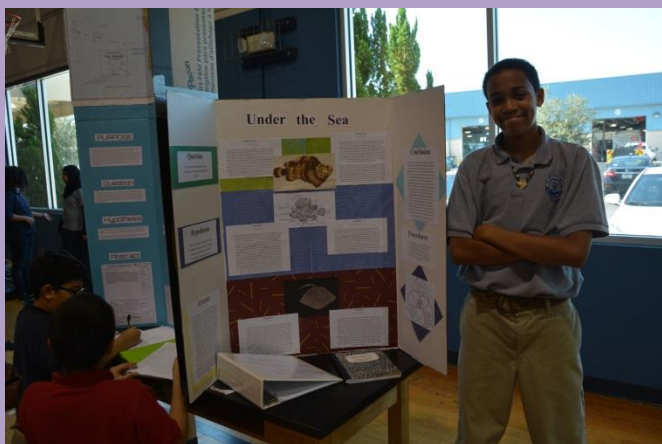
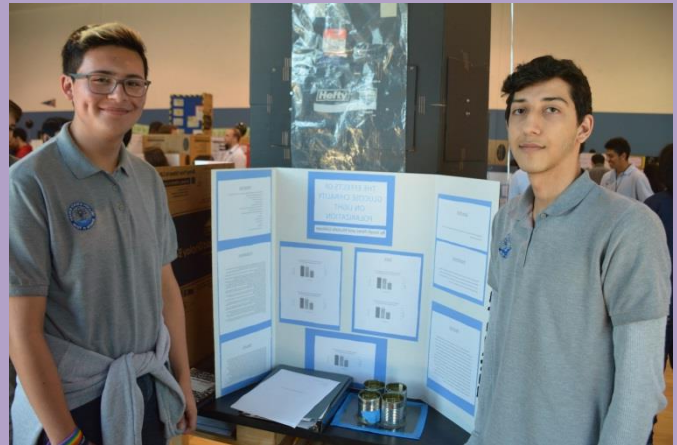
NJHS Toys for Tots: Basketball Game



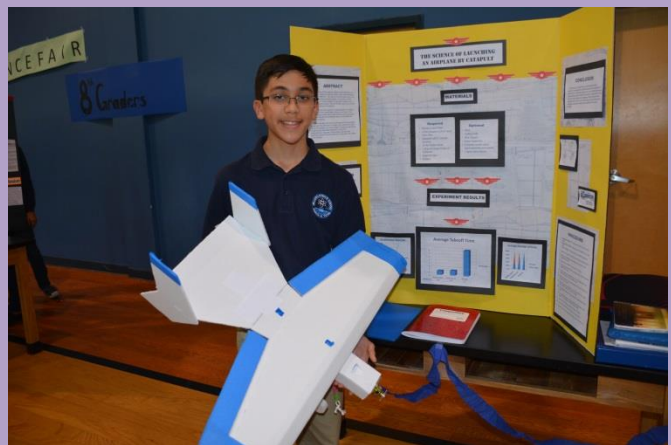
We would first like thank everyone who donated to the NJHS Toys for Tots Toy Drive, it was a huge success and we cannot wait to do it again next year ! We would also like to congratulate the STUDENTS on their win over the Teachers! Great job to everyone who participated in the game and the toy drive!

OSS Science Fair

“Last Friday we had our school science fair! The projects were truly amazing and they show the hard work and dedication our OSS students have. All of the judges were impressed with the projects that made it to the school science fair. These judges included teachers, parents, and even a senior student. We had two divisions, high school and middle school. From each of the divisions we will send 26 projects to move to the regionals in February. We will also announce the 1st place overall and the top projects in each of the categories. Please stay tuned for the announcement of the winners.”



Please continue to page fourteen for more photos!



Teacher of the Month

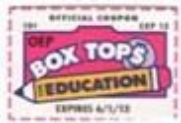
ABBY STEVENS



Orlando Science Schools is proud to announce Ms. Stevens as our Teacher of the Month for November. She interacts in a positive manner to promote, and support student learning. Under her guidance and expertise in the classroom students flourish and grow. When someone has a question you can count on her to jump in and help out. Thank you Ms. Stevens for all you do!

BOX TOPS

GREAT WAYS TO SUPPORT ORLANDO SCIENCE



Attention OSS Families.....

Here are some great ways to support our school. Please check out these wonderful programs that give back to schools across the nation. Make sure to start saving all of the following and send them to school in a baggie with your child's homeroom teacher's name on it. We will be having another dress down day contest after the New Year for the homeroom class that brings in the most by February 15th. Please continue to collect these year round for our school.

- Clip **BOX TOPS** worth \$.10 each. Go to www.btfe.com to view this program and see a list of participating products. Please make sure to check the expiration date on these.
- Clip **TYSON'S PROJECT A+ LABELS** worth \$.24 each.
- To view this program and see a list of participating products go to:



- <http://projectaplus.tyson.com/Products.aspx>
- Clip **LABELS FOR EDUCATION**. These labels are exchanged for school supplies ordered out of their catalog. Please go to www.labelsforeducation.com to view this program and see a list of participating products.



Lunch Menu

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Assorted Cereal Cups, bars, and Bowls offer w toast (2 grain) Applesauce cups (1/2 fruit) <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Strawberry and Cream Parfait with Cinnamon Granola Pack (2 grain/1/2fruit)-3 items Apple Juice (HS) <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Bagel with Cream Cheese (2 grain) Mixed Fruit (1/2 fruit) <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Assorted Cereal Cups, bars, and Bowls offer with toast (2 grain) Apple Juice (1/2 fruit) <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Assorted Pop-tarts (2 pack) Diced Pears (1/2 Fruit) <u>Choice of Milk</u>
4	5	6	7	8
Chicken Alfredo with Garlic Bread (2M, 2G) Broccoli (3/4c) Assorted Juice (1/2c) <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Chicken Taco with Salsa Verde (Green Sauce) (2G/2M) Charro Pinto Beans (1/2 legumes) Corn (1/2 starchy) Apple Slices (1/2c) <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Chicken Nuggets w/ Mac and Cheese (4M, 2G) Glazed Carrots (3/4c red) Grapes (1/2c) <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Homemade Cheese Pizza(2M, 2G,V) or Homemade Pepperoni Pizza (2M,2G) Cauliflower (3/4c Other) Orange Wedges (1/2 fruit) <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Garlic French Bread Pizza (2M, 2G) Marinara Sauce (for French Bread) 2oz side Italian Blend Vegetable (3/4 c) Whole Red Apples <u>Choice of Milk</u>
11	12	13	14	15
Bean and Cheese Enchilada Charro Pinto Beans (1/2 legumes) Corn (1/2 starchy) Whole Assorted Apples (1/2 fruit) <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Grilled Chicken Salad w/ flatbread (2M, 2G, 1 c. other veg., 1/2 c. red)- <u>complete meal with G, M/MA, and Vegetables</u> Mixed Fruit (C) (1/2 fruit) <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Chicken Parm with Penne Pasta (V)(2G,2M) Broccoli (3/4 green) Cool Rips (1/2 fruit) <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Chicken Alfredo with Garlic Bread (3G,2M) Sweet Potato Chunks (3/4 c Red) Sliced Apples (1/2 fruit) <u>Choice of Milk</u>	NO SCHOOL
18	19	20	21	22
Holiday	Chicken and Cheese Quesadilla Serve with 1/2 cup Cilantro Lime Mexican Rice Cuban Black Beans (1/2 legumes) Corn (1/2 starchy) Mixed Fruit (C) (1/2 fruit) <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Meatball Sub (2m/ma, 2g) Broccoli (3/4c Green) Diced Pears(SS) (1/2 cup fruit) <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Homemade Cheese Pizza (2M, 2G) Homemade Pepperoni Pizza (2M, 2G) Green Beans (3/4c Other) Pineapple Tidbits (C) (1/2 fruit) <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Mac and Cheese with Dinner Roll (2G/2M) Peas and Carrots (3/4c other) Assorted Juice <u>Choice of Milk</u>
25	26	27	28	29
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