



# 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,

FCAT Exams for all OSS grades is just around the corner. Please make sure your student gets lots of rest and has a good breakfast to establish a good foundation for the test day! Please check Page 2 for FCAT policies and upcoming events on page 3 for more FCAT dates.

Please check out page 2 to read about our offers up a great incentive for attending Saturday Study sessions and our can tab collection to help those in need at the Ronald McDonald House, and check out page 3 for upcoming and past events.

OSS students will be competing in the statewide Turkish Olympiad, for more details please read page 4.

Check on down to pages 5 & 6 to learn more about how OSS/OSES has some school spirit nights coming up and page 7 talks about a competition of prose while page 8 has yearbook information and also how to personalize them, so "memory"ize!

Check our yummy lunch menu on 9 and keep checking OSS website for more information throughout the year for updates and events!! Also, please check your emails daily, Ms. Bece will try to send out important data as soon as she gets it.

We hope everyone has a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

**Nzcati Sahin, OSS Principal**

**The object of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives. ~ Robert M. Hutchins**

# FCAT POLICIES



Please be sure to review the following policies before the day of the test:

- **Electronic Devices**—Students may not have ANY electronic devices during testing, including, but not limited to, cell phones and smart phones, even if they are turned off. We encourage students to leave devices at home or in their lockers on the day of testing.
- **Academic Honesty** —Your student will be asked to sign a pledge prior to testing that states I agree that I will not give or receive unauthorized help during this test. I understand that giving or receiving such help during the test is cheating and will result in the invalidation of my test results. If any student is caught cheating during the assessment, his or her test will not be scored.
- **Leaving Campus**—If your student leaves campus before completing the test (for lunch, an appointment, illness, etc.), he or she WILL NOT be allowed to complete the test. 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. Wednesday , February 27, is reserved as make-up day for the FCAT Writing Test.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Mr. Yalcin at 407 253 7304 Ext: 118 and Ms. Jensen at 407 253 7304 Ext:170. 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/she prepares for the test.

OSS Administration

## FCAT Saturday Studies Dress Down Incentive

If students show up 3 weeks in a row and /or three times in a month to the FCAT Saturday Studies, they will receive a school dress down day!!!

February 26th is the first Saturday Studies Dress down day of February.

The eligible students list will be posted on February 25th in the hallways.

The eligibility requirements are below:

Attend three times in a month or three weeks in a row

Less than 3 conduct points during Saturdays Studies

No Office Referral or Intervention Referral during the Saturday Studies



## CAN TABS

Please drop off your can tabs to the jar on 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 "2012-13 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**

## OSS Upcoming Events

1. March 1<sup>st</sup> –School Spirit Skate Night
2. March 2<sup>nd</sup> -Turkish Olympiad 2-6pm (see flyer below for more details)
3. **March 8<sup>th</sup> –“Bad Movie” Night-OSS Cafeteria, 6pm**  
**(Free raffle for all attendees for two passes with “Chomp” package to Gatorland)**



### FCAT DATES

(Please check back for specific details)

April 15- 26, 2013 Grades 3-10 Reading and Math/ Grades 5 and 8 Science

**\*\*Always check the OSS website and Make sure you check your emails\*\***

### Science Olympiad Competition Dates

March 23rd State

May 17-18 National

## *Week In History*

In 1904, Theodor Geisel, better known to the world as Dr. Seuss, the author and illustrator of such beloved children's books as "The Cat in the Hat" and "Green Eggs and Ham," is born in Springfield, Massachusetts. Geisel, who used his middle name (which was also his mother's maiden name) as his pen name, wrote 48 books--including some for adults--that have sold well over 200 million copies and been translated into multiple languages. Dr. Seuss books are known for their whimsical rhymes and quirky characters, which have names like the Lorax and the Sneetches and live in places like Hooterville.

Geisel, who was born on March 2, 1904, in Springfield, Massachusetts, graduated from Dartmouth College, where he was editor of the school's humor magazine, and studied at Oxford University. There he met Helen Palmer, his first wife and the person who encouraged him to become a professional illustrator. Back in America, Geisel worked as a cartoonist for a variety of magazines and in advertising.

The first children's book that Geisel wrote and illustrated, "And to Think That I Saw It On Mulberry Street," was rejected by over two dozen publishers before making it into print in 1937. Geisel's first bestseller, "The Cat in the Hat," was published in 1957. The story of a mischievous cat in a tall striped hat came about after his publisher asked him to produce a book using 220 new-reader vocabulary words that could serve as an entertaining alternative to the school reading primers children found boring.

Other Dr. Seuss classics include "Yertle the Turtle," "If I Ran the Circus," "Fox in Socks" and "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish."

Some Dr. Seuss books tackled serious themes. "The Butter Battle Book" (1984) was about the arms buildup and nuclear war threat during Ronald Reagan's presidency. "Lorax" (1971) dealt with the environment.

Many Dr. Seuss books have been adapted for television and film, including "How the Grinch Stole Christmas!" and "Horton Hears a Who!" In 1990, Geisel published a book for adults titled "Oh, the Places You'll Go" that became a hugely popular graduation gift for high school and college students.

Geisel, who lived and worked in an old observatory in La Jolla, California, known as "The Tower," died September 24, 1991, at age 87.

Dear Parents, Teachers and Staff,  
We cordially invite you to the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Statewide Turkish Olympiad of the Southeastern Finals, which will be held at Maynard Evans High School on Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013. Students will compete in many different categories such as folk dance, singing, poetry, talent and speaking competitions.

**What:** Turkish Olympiad Final\*

**Who:** OSS, OSES Students, Parents, Teachers, and Staff

**When:** Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 from 2:00pm-6:00pm

**Where:** Evans High School

\*This event is open to public. Please let your neighbors and friends know about the event.

\*\*\*OSS will have the opportunity to participate in the 11<sup>th</sup> World Turkish Olympiad Finals to compete with teams from 135 Countries; therefore, we need your support in this event. Come join us to show our OSS/OSES spirit and to cheer for our team.

Best wishes,  
Turkish Language Department

Students, just visit OSS  
check in desk at the  
Olympiad to earn your  
dress down day.

**TURKISH OLYMPIAD**  
of the SOUTHEASTERN U.S.

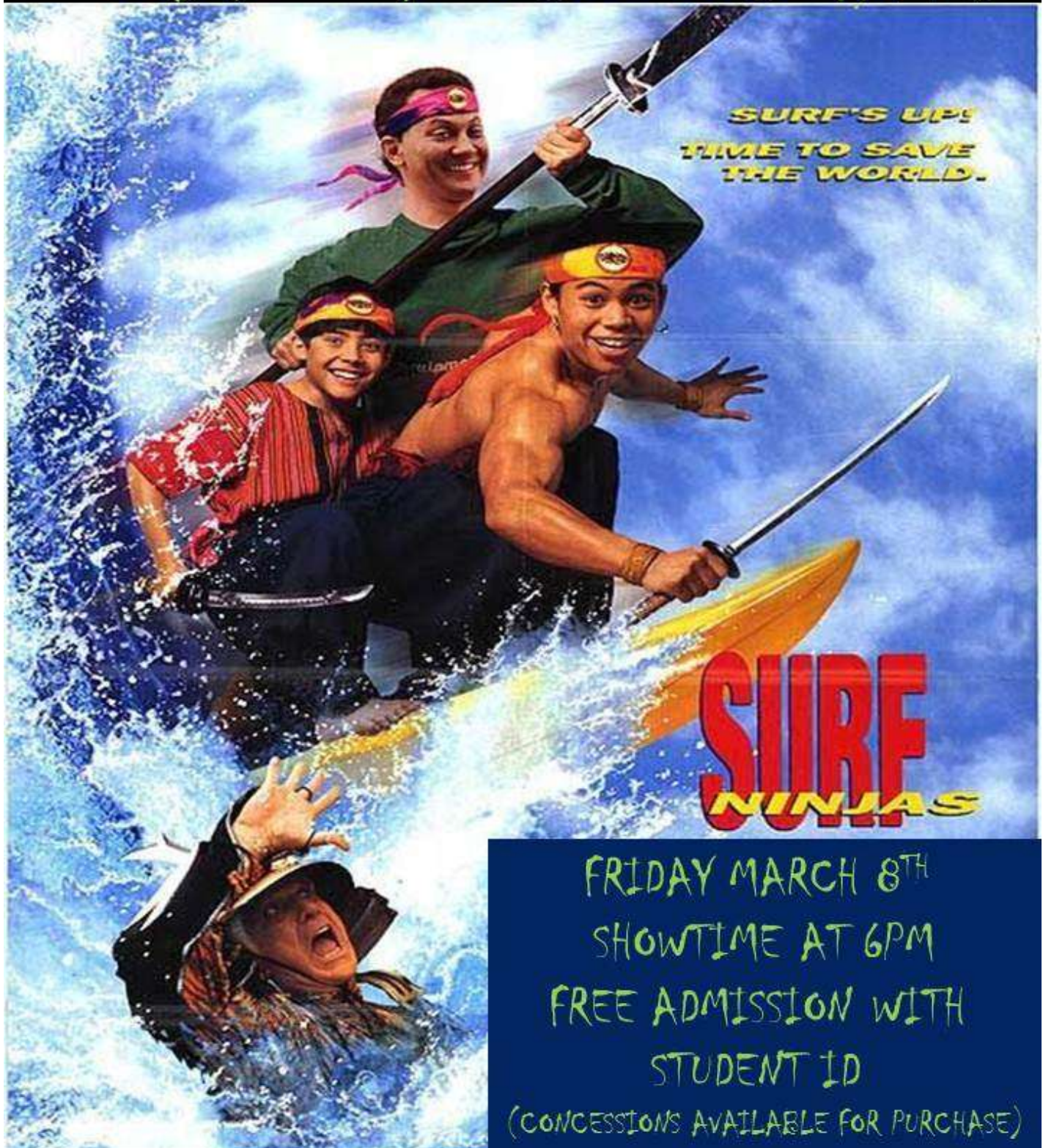
**TOP PRIZE**  
Turkey &  
Great Cultural Experiences

Sponsored by  
**ISTANBUL CENTER**

**Final: SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2013** 2pm - 6pm  
Maynard Evans High School - 4949 Silver Sho Road, Orlando, FL 32809

OSS FILM CLUB PRESENTS

# BAD MOVIE NIGHT!



FRIDAY MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>

SHOWTIME AT 6PM

FREE ADMISSION WITH

STUDENT ID

(CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE)

**MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY**

(Free raffle for all attendees for limited edition movie posters and collectible Terminator Statues)

*OSS and OSES*

*Families*

*School Spirit Night!*

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013



14207 West Colonial Drive

Winter Garden, Florida 34787

Telephone: (407) 614-3812

***Come at any time between 4:30pm – 10pm***

Adults/Student \$8

OSS and OSES Teachers FREE

WIFI Free

## In Recognition of National Poetry Month

Rollins College, in association with two-time U.S. Poet Laureate Billy Collins, presents

### A Poetry Contest for Central Florida High School Students

As part of a Rollins College event, "A Poetry Conversation with Billy Collins," high school English teachers (including honors, gifted, AP, and IB) are encouraged to select high school students to submit poems for review. All poems will be judged by two-time U.S. Poet Laureate and Winter Park Institute Senior Distinguished Fellow Billy Collins.

All poem submissions must meet the following criteria:

- New and original
- Mention a mirror
- 20 lines or fewer
- Submitted in a Word document using twelve point Arial font
- Written by a current Central Florida student in grades 9-12.

Additionally, the entry should include the following information:

- Student name
- A brief student bio
- Complete student contact information (mailing address, email, phone number)
- Grade, school name
- Sponsoring teacher's name

#### Prizes:

Each finalist will meet Dr. Collins and receive a copy of *Poetry 180: A Turning Back to Poetry* and a signed copy of *Horoscopes for the Dead*.

#### Top Prize:

In addition to the books, the winning poet will have his or her photo with Billy Collins and the poem will be published in the June issue of *Orlando Life* magazine. He/she will also receive a \$100 gift card to Barnes & Noble.

#### Runner Up:

In addition to the books, the runner up will receive a \$50 Barnes & Noble gift card.

#### Honorable Mention:

In addition to the books, the honorable mention winner will receive a \$25 Barnes & Noble gift card.

Winners will be announced at the "A Poetry Conversation" event at Winter Park Plaza on the evening of April 23. Students with winning submissions will have the opportunity to read their poems on stage.

To submit a poem for consideration, send poems attached as Word documents in an email to [mrobinson@rollins.edu](mailto:mrobinson@rollins.edu) by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 5, 2013.



### OSS Students Having Fun at Universal

OSS students Seth Lester and Brandon Delfosse had the opportunity to ride on the top of the Riverboat float in the Mardi Gras Parade at Universal Studios! They had so much fun throwing beads to the excited crowd, wearing traditional Mardi Gras costumes, and being part of the action!!

## **\*\*Yearbooks are on Sale\*\***



December 2012

Dear Parents of OSS,

It's that time of year again! Yearbooks are on sale for only \$30! It's time to capture those moments forever. The yearbook staff is working hard to create the best yearbook ever!

Sincerely,

The Yearbook Staff

Email: [delaine.wood@orlandoscience.org](mailto:delaine.wood@orlandoscience.org) for further information.

\*\*\*Payment plans are available see Ms. Wood-Delaine.

## **Love Lines!**

Love Lines  
Deadline is  
March 1<sup>st</sup>

This year we are offering love lines. You can write a note to someone special in the yearbook, for just \$1 per 50 characters! Don't miss this amazing opportunity. Please fill the appropriate part of your yearbook form.

Sample love line:

I love you Steve. You are amazing. With love, Mom.

The above statement would cost just \$1 and it would be published in the yearbook!!! It makes a terrific surprise.

*Yearbook Committee*



# CHARTER SCHOOL MEALS

## School Site Lunch

## February 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Breakfast Selections</b>	<b>Breakfast Breaks (Cinn. Toast)</b> Assorted Milk	<b>Apple Frudels</b> Cheese Stick Diced Fruit Cup Assorted Milk	<b>Banana Muffin</b> Yogurt Diced Peach	<b>Breakfast Breaks (Honey Nut)</b>	<b>Whole Grain Pop tarts (2ea)</b> Cheese Stick	<b>Breakfast Selections</b>
3	4 Sloppy Joe on a Bun Mandarin Oranges Veggie Dippers 1.5cp	5 Chicken Tender Sliders(2ea) Baked Beans Strawberry Cup Slider Roll	6 Burrito Bites Fresh Broccoli Whole Apple Choice of Milk	7 Tangerine Chicken Brown Rice Glazed Carrots Cool Tropic	8 Turkey/Cheese Sub Sandwich Side salad w\Garbanzo Mixed Fruit Choice of Milk	9
10	11 Cheese Burger on a Bun Pears Roasted Potato Choice of Milk	12 Fish Sticks (4ea) Mashed Potatoes Popeye Salad Dinner Roll 100% Fruit Juice	13 Turkey Cuban Sandwich Sweet Potato Wedges Mandarin Oranges	14 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Veggie Dippers Mixed Fruit Choice of Milk	15 Popcorn Chicken Yellow Rice Baked Beans Sliced Apples Choice of Milk	16
17	18 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	19 Teriyaki Beef Nuggets 1 cup Brown Rice Mixed Vegetables Mandarin Oranges	20 BBQ Turkey Sandwich On a Bun Broccoli Apple Slices	21 Montego Bay Roasted Chicken Green Beans Diced Pears	22 Chicken Patty w\ Bun Baked Beans Sweet Potato Waffles Mixed Fruit Choice of Milk	23
24	25 Teriyaki Chicken Mashed Potatoes Dinner Rolls Grapes Stir Fry Veg	26 SW Burrito Bites (4ea) Red Beans and Rice 3/4 c Baby Carrots Diced Cinn. Apples	27 BBQ Pulled Pork (4oz) Brown Rice Black Beans Pineapple Tidbits	28 Italian Deli Wrap Side salad w\Garbanzo Cool Tropic	3/1/13 Hot Dog on Bun Sweet Potato Wedge Sliced Apples Corn Choice of Milk	

### Lunch

**\$1.80 elementary**  
**\$2.50 middle/high**

**Breakfast**  
**\$1.25 elementary and 6<sup>th</sup> grade only**