



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,

It has been another great week at OSS and OSES!

Every day we are privileged to see the smiles of our students as they make friends and learn something new!

Please check out page 2 concerning parent visits, volunteer opportunities, and please read about our can tab collection to help those in need!

Page 3 offers upcoming and past events, while page 4 helps our parents with dismissal procedures.

As OSS and OSES grows, we need help from our parents to make our outside area more conducive for our student activities. Please read page 5 for more information.

Last but definitely not least, page 6 gives details for PVO's used uniform sale and the 6th grade picnic, 7 shares the lunch menu, 8 invites you all to book a home visit and page 9 holds some amazing information about OSES.

Keep checking OSS website for more information throughout the year for updates and events!! Also, please check your emails daily, Ms. Beece 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

Yunus Aksu, OSES principal

"The task of the modern educator is not to cut down jungles, but to irrigate deserts." ~ C.S. Lewis

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The required information is necessary for welfare of the children.

Elementary Parents,

If you would like to visit your child's classroom or club, you must arrange it with Ms. Jensen.

In addition, during school hours, you must come in and sign in at front desk and get a visitor's pass

This is mandatory



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.

This will be an ongoing collection throughout the year.

TAKE A FYLER AND COLLECT AT WORK AND SAVE A LIFE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Jr.FLL teams are looking for interested parents willing to volunteer as coaches.

If you have a couple of hours on Wednesday afternoon please consider this opportunity.

No experience is needed.

For more information contact Ms. Barea.



OSS Upcoming Events

1. Sep 10 - 6th grade curriculum night – 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM
2. Sep 11 - 7th grade curriculum night – 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM
3. Sep 13 - 8,9,10,11 grade curriculum night – 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM
4. Sep 14 - K-2 grade curriculum night/open house – 5:00 PM TO 6:00 PM
5. Sep 15th 1:00 – 3:00 PM Welcome picnic for 6th graders and new Middle and High school parents
6. Sep 21 - 3-5 grade curriculum night /open house – 5:00 PM TO 6:00 PM
7. Hispanic Heritage Night - Monday, September 24th for 6th and 7th grade families
8. Hispanic Heritage Night - Tuesday, September 25th for 8th to 11th grade families

Always check the OSS website and PVO tab for all events!!!!!!!

****Make sure you check your emails****

Week in History

In 1813, the United States gets its nickname, Uncle Sam.

The name is linked to Samuel Wilson, a meat packer from Troy, New York, who supplied barrels of beef to the United States Army during the War of 1812. Wilson (1766-1854) stamped the barrels with "U.S." for United States, but soldiers began referring to the grub as "Uncle Sam's." The local newspaper picked up on the story and Uncle Sam eventually gained widespread acceptance as the nickname for the U.S. federal government.

In the late 1860s and 1870s, political cartoonist Thomas Nast (1840-1902) began popularizing the image of Uncle Sam. Nast continued to evolve the image, eventually giving Sam the white beard and stars-and-stripes suit that are associated with the character today. The German-born Nast was also credited with creating the modern image of Santa Claus as well as coming up with the donkey as a symbol for the Democratic Party and the elephant as a symbol for the Republicans. Nast also famously lampooned the corruption of New York City's Tammany Hall in his editorial cartoons and was, in part, responsible for the downfall of Tammany leader William Tweed.

Perhaps the most famous image of Uncle Sam was created by artist James Montgomery Flagg (1877-1960). In Flagg's version, Uncle Sam wears a tall top hat and blue jacket and is pointing straight ahead at the viewer. During World War I, this portrait of Sam with the words "I Want You For The U.S. Army" was used as a recruiting poster. The image, which became immensely popular, was first used on the cover of *Leslie's Weekly* in July 1916 with the title "What Are You Doing for Preparedness?" The poster was widely distributed and has subsequently been re-used numerous times with different captions.

In September 1961, the U.S. Congress recognized Samuel Wilson as "the progenitor of America's national symbol of Uncle Sam." Wilson died at age 88 in 1854, and was buried next to his wife Betsey Mann in the Oakwood Cemetery in Troy, New York, the town that calls itself "The Home of Uncle Sam."

Orlando Science Dismissal Information

No early student pick-up will be available within 20 minutes of a student's normal dismissal time, unless parents make special arrangements in advance with the school secretary to accommodate special situations such as doctor appointments, etc.

Students will only be dismissed and released to parents/carpool from the dismissal area.

Students will not be released to parents who park off campus and walk over to the school building to pick-up students

Sincerely,

Yalcin Akin, Ph.D

Executive Director / Principal
Orlando Science Schools



SEVERE WEATHER/RAINY DAY



During severe weather situations, Orange County Public Schools must adhere to emergency management procedures.

One of these procedures is the implementation of the "30-30 Rule" during dismissal to determine the threat of lightning.

The "30-30 Rule" states:

30 Seconds: Count the seconds between seeing lightning and hearing thunder. If this time is less than 30 seconds, lightning is still a potential threat. Seek shelter immediately.

30 Minutes: After hearing the last thunder, wait 30 minutes before leaving shelter. Half of all lightning deaths occur after the storm passes. Stay in a safe area until you are sure the threat has passed.

The Principal will determine when the 30/30 Rule or Rainy Day Procedure will be applied. Parents may enter the building and sign out the students under their supervision.

Also, if it is raining when you drop your student off before 7:30 am, please drop them off in the back under the canopy until the front awning has been replaced.

OSS and OSES Outdoor Area

OSS and OSES are working hard for our children's future and we need your help to make the outdoor play area as inspirational as the growing minds of our students.

We have a dream of children running on lush green grass, students enjoying lunch on a sunny day at picnic tables, laughter emitting from kids as they slide down slides and giggle while they play on a jungle gym.

Please help make this vision come true by donating to our cause. We are need of financial help. Our goal is \$40,000.00 but any amount is truly appreciated.

Please take this flyer to your work and enlist your companies to take part in this goal of enriching our playground facility.



Welcome Picnic!!!!

We will have welcome picnic for **6th grade students, their families and new students, their families on Saturday September 15th 1:00 – 3:00 PM.** The school will provide chicken and hot dogs. Parents can donate snacks, water and soft drinks. Please RSVP to Ms. Becc by September 13th if you plan to attend.



**ORLANDO SCIENCE SCHOOL
USED UNIFORM SALE**

PVO Members Special Pre-sale Time!

Sale Date: September 15th
Time: 9am-10am PVO Members Only
10am-Noon Open For Everyone
Location: School Cafeteria

SUPER PRICES – CASH ONLY



CHARTER SCHOOL MEALS

Breakfast (Elementary and 6th grade only)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Banana Muffin Yogurt Diced pears Assorted milk	Breakfast Breaks (cinn. Toast) Assorted milk	Cinnamon Roll (CINI MINI) Cheese stick 100% fruit juice Assorted milk	Breakfast Break (honey nut) Assorted milk	Apple Frudels Cheese stick Diced fruit Assorted milk

September Menu Lunch 2012 (All Grades)

Monday 9/10	Tuesday 9/11	Wednesday 9/12	Thursday 9/13	Friday 9/14
Chicken Tender Sliders Green Beans Fresh Plum Slider Rolls 1% Low fat milk	Beef Teriyaki Nuggets Broccoli Brown Rice Mandarin Oranges Baby carrots 1% Low fat milk	Ultra Dog Vegetarian Beans(1/2c) Fresh Peach 1% Low fat milk	Popcorn Chicken Mashed potato Steamed Broccoli (1/2c) Mixed Vegetables 1% Low fat milk	Turkey and Cheese Sub Sandwich Garden Side Salad (1c)=1/2 c Pineapple Tidbits 1% Low fat milk
Monday 9/17	Tuesday 9/18	Wednesday 9/19	Thursday 9/20	Friday 9/21
Beef or Turkey Burger on a Bun Baby Carrots (1/4c) Dressing Pears 1% Low fat milk	Tangerine Chicken White rice Stir Fry Vegetables Pineapple Tidbits 1% Low fat milk	Cuban Sub Sandwich Broccoli (1/2c) Fresh Watermelon Wedge 1% Low fat milk	Chicken Nuggets Mashed potato Fresh Corn Cobbett Fresh Nectarine 1% Low fat milk	Fish Sticks Macaroni & Cheese (1/2c) Italian style vegetables Mixed Fruit 1% Low fat milk
Monday 9/24	Tuesday 9/25	Wednesday 9/26	Thursday 9/27	Friday 9/28
Grilled Cheese Sandwich Mandarin oranges Green peas 1% Low fat milk	Philly Steak Sandwich Mixed Vegetables Pear sauce 1% Low fat milk	Italian Deli flats Side Salad(1c) /w dressing Fresh Apple Slices 1% Low fat milk	BBQ Roasted Chicken Baked Sweet Potato Wedges(1/2c) Kernel corn (1/2 c) Mixed Fruit 1% Low fat milk	Ham & Cheese wrap Garden salad Pineapple Tidbits 1% Low fat milk

Lunch

\$1.80 elementary
\$2.50 middle/high

Breakfast
\$1.25 elementary and 6th grade only

OSS HOME VISITS

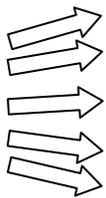
We are very happy with the degree of parent involvement we have in our school. In order to make our student, parent and teacher connection even stronger, OSS teachers researched and came up with the idea of home visits. Experience and research from all over the United States indicates that the interaction with a student's family at their home is a very effective way to help students achieve academic and behavioral progress.

If you would like to schedule a home visit or learn more about it please email Mr. Kaya.

Some feedbacks about home visits from our parents.

- When we chose to enroll my daughter at OSS we were very excited as the school seemed like a closer community than the public schools that our daughters have attended. The Home Visit program is a perfect example of this concept, that families and faculty working together can provide a better education for our children by communication and interaction. Please stay in touch and let us know how we can help make OSS an even better place.
- Good Morning Mr. Sahin, I wanted to thank you and Mr. Altintas for taking time out of your schedules to visit my home yesterday. I think the home visit was beneficial and I now better understand what is in store for my daughter this school year and what is expected of her.
- Teachers make a lasting impression on a child's life and this visit showed your love and concern about my son and the next generation; with the help of good parents and good teachers we can make a difference. I have not seen such dedication and care from a school in a long time.
- We know this takes a lot of time from your personal family and this does not go without notice. With the efforts this school has shown it will be a leader in no time. Keep up the good work we look forward to many more years of building a foundation as solid as a rock.
- I wanted to send a note to let you know that we enjoyed our home visit. The home visits are a great idea and facilitate good communication between faculty, students, and parents. We had the opportunity to get to know more about upcoming events and the curriculum

To



Increase student attendance rates.

Increase student test scores.

See school-wide positive behavior

Decrease suspension and expulsion rates.



Support Home Visits

A M E S S A G E F R O M

The

OSSES PVO

Please attend our first meeting
Tuesday, September 11th at 6pm
in the OSS cafeteria.

At this first organizational meeting we look forward to meeting you and finding out what you would like the PVO to accomplish this year..

We will also introduce our current board members and discuss upcoming fundraisers and events.

This will be your chance to let us hear from you and say what events you would like to be involved with.

We need a Treasurer!

We have filled all of our required board positions but one. We need a Treasurer. Please let us know if you would consider taking on the role of Treasurer for the OSSES PVO.

Please and Thank You!

Join the OSSES PVO!

Yes, you can join the PVO at the meeting.

We will have membership forms available. Or bring a form you have already filled out.

Bring cash or check for the \$20 dues.

You can help your child's class directly just by joining the PVO.

The Elementary class with the highest percentage of students whose families join the PVO will win \$50 to spend on their classroom!