



# 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,

Yet another great week at OSS and OSES!

Just a reminder that it is flu and cold season; it is important to get lots of rest, eat healthy foods and drink lots of water and wash those hands! Also, if your child has a fever, please allow them to remain home to get better and to not infect the other students. In addition, if are sending any medications with your child to school, including cough drops, you must fill out a medication permission form. They are located at the front desk.

Please check out page 2 to read about our can tab collection to help those in need at the Ronald McDonald House and some fun things to do with your family this Fall!

Page 3 offers upcoming and past events, while page 4 offers a dress down day and information about Jr. FLL.

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. Peruse page 6,7 and 8 for details about Box Tops and the 6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip.

Check our gummy lunch menu on 9, an OSS day at Dave and Buster's on 10, and page 11 and 12 talk about the 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip.

Page 13 holds the Gradventure and field trip guidelines, while 14 and 15 has the information about 7<sup>th</sup> grade field trip.

Last but definitely not least, page 16 outlines the Science Fair, page 17 includes college information and page 18 invites you all to book a home visit.

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**

*"A capacity, and taste, for reading, gives access to whatever has already been discovered by others. It is the key, or one of the keys, to the already solved problems. And not only so, it gives a relish, and facility, for successfully pursuing the [yet] unsolved ones." ~ Abraham Lincoln*

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## 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**

## Fun Things for Families to Do This Fall

1. Corn Maze [www.longandscottfarms.com](http://www.longandscottfarms.com)
2. Disney's Halloween Party <http://disneyworld.disney.go.com/parks/magic-kingdom/special-events/mickeys-not-so-scary-halloween-party/>
3. Pumpkin Safari <http://safariwilderness.com/pumpkin/>
4. Sea World's Halloween [http://seaworldparks.com/en/seaworld\\_orlando\\_com/Events/SeaWorlds-Halloween-Spooktacular](http://seaworldparks.com/en/seaworld_orlando_com/Events/SeaWorlds-Halloween-Spooktacular)
5. Orlando Ballet <http://orlandoballet.org/current-season-shows/>
6. Lake Eola Farmer's Market <http://www.orlandofarmersmarket.com/>
7. Orlando Repertory Theatre [www.orlandorep.com](http://www.orlandorep.com)
8. Crane's Roost Park Trick or Treat  
<http://www.altamonte.org/assets/ASPD/Images/Halloweedn%20Eblast-4.JPG>
9. Green Meadows <http://www.greenmeadowsfarm.com/easteregg huntsor.html>
10. Orlando Children's Expo [www.ChildrensExpos.com](http://www.ChildrensExpos.com)
11. Zoo Boo <http://www.centralfloridazoo.org/2011eventslist>
12. Museum Day [www.Smithsonian.com](http://www.Smithsonian.com)



## OSS Upcoming Events

1. No school - Fridays, October 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>
2. Picture Retake Day- Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>  
This is for students who were absent, need retake, want more pictures, and/or forgot money on original date
3. Parent-Teacher Conferences, October 26<sup>th</sup> 8am – 12noon  
(you must make an appointment, no walk-ins)

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

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

### *Week In History*

The cornerstone is laid for a presidential residence in the newly designated capital city of Washington. In 1800, President John Adams became the first president to reside in the executive mansion, which soon became known as the "White House" because its white-gray Virginia freestone contrasted strikingly with the red brick of nearby buildings. The city of Washington was created to replace Philadelphia as the nation's capital because of its geographical position in the center of the existing new republic. The states of Maryland and Virginia ceded land around the Potomac River to form the District of Columbia, and work began on Washington in 1791. French architect Charles L'Enfant designed the area's radical layout, full of dozens of circles, crisscross avenues, and plentiful parks. In 1792, work began on the neoclassical White House building at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue under the guidance of Irish American architect James Hoban, whose design was influenced by Leinster House in Dublin and by a building sketch in James Gibbs' Book of Architecture. President George Washington chose the site. On November 1, President John Adams was welcomed into the executive mansion. His wife, Abigail, wrote about their new home: "I pray heaven to bestow the best of blessings on this house, and on all that shall hereafter inhabit it. May none but wise men ever rule under this roof!" In 1814, during the War of 1812, the White House was set on fire along with the U.S. Capitol by British soldiers in retaliation for the burning of government buildings in Canada by U.S. troops. The burned-out building was subsequently rebuilt and enlarged under the direction of James Hoban, who added east and west terraces to the main building, along with a semicircular south portico and a colonnaded north portico. The smoke-stained stone walls were painted white. Work was completed on the White House in the 1820s. Major restoration occurred during the administration of President Harry Truman, and Truman lived across the street for several years in Blair House. Since 1995, Pennsylvania Avenue between the White House and Lafayette Square has been closed to vehicular traffic for security reasons. Today, more than a million tourists visit the White House annually. It is the oldest federal building in the nation's capital.



"Do not miss out on the next dress down day opportunity. The FBLA (Business Club) will have a dress down day on Thursday, October 18th. Students and teachers are able to purchase tickets for only \$2. Hurry and purchase your tickets before the October 12th deadline."

Tickets will be sold every morning at the gym entrance.



**OSES LEGO LEAGUE FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE IS HERE!**

**WE NEED TEAM MEMBERS AND COACHES!  
6 STUDENTS AND 1 COACH PER TEAM**

**SIGN UP TODAY**

To Coach, e-mail [NEWCOACH@OSESFLL.COM](mailto:NEWCOACH@OSESFLL.COM) and sign up yourself and your student(e).  
To sign up your student only e-mail [FIRST@OSESFLL.COM](mailto:FIRST@OSESFLL.COM)

**Space is limited only by the number of volunteer coaches!**

**Things to Know:**

- Meetings will be held on Saturday mornings at OSES
- Material Fees of \$60
- There will be Legos!
- For more information visit: [www.usfirst.org/roboticsprograms/jr.fll](http://www.usfirst.org/roboticsprograms/jr.fll)

**The first team has already been formed!  
If you want your child to have this great opportunity,  
you have to COACH!!!!**



# OSS and OSES Outdoor Area

Dear Parents,

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 giggles 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 with the project costing \$40,000.00. The progress is going very well in completing our outdoor space and we have received many wonderful donations from our parents.

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

Sincerely,

*Yalcin Akin, Ph.D*

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## OSS BOX TOP/SOUP LABEL CHALLENGE

Do you want a dress down day?  
Do you want your entire class to have a dress down day and a gift card for their teacher?  
If so, then this is for you!



The Box Top/Soup Label Challenge has begun!  
The classes that turn in the highest number of Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Soup Labels will earn a dress down day and a gift card for their teacher.

The funds earned with Box Tops for Education will go to the school so that everyone can benefit. The points earned thru Campbell's Soup Labels can be used for many items including P.E. equipment, microwaves, computers, games and books.

Get collecting, turn them in to your homeroom teacher and pencil in "dress down", November 9th on your calendar!

Visit [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com) for more great ideas to earn cash for your school!

## OSES BOX TOPS



Announcing the  
Box Tops  
Classroom  
Contest!!!

## Help Earn a Party for Your Child's Classroom!

This 1st year there will be at least 3 Box Tops for OSES Classroom Contests!!!

The classroom that collects the most Box Tops during each of the following contest groupings will win a Box Tops Celebration:

- Sept 2012 – October 2012
- November 2012 – February 2012
- March 2012 – June 2012

It's simple, just clip Box Tops from any of the products and return them to your child's classroom. If you have more than one child at OSS, you can split your Box Tops between each classroom.

Stay tuned for updates on classroom contest standings!  
Our first Celebration will be an Ice Cream Sundae Party.  
There will be one classroom winner for K-2 and 3-5.





## ORLANDO SCIENCE SCHOOLS Wonderworks Field Trip for 6<sup>th</sup> Graders Application Form



**Who:** OSS 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to join in on a field trip to the **Wonderworks** where they will have a chance to experience the ultimate school field trip with an Inversion Tunnel, Disaster Zone, Light and Sound Zone, Space Zone, Bed of Nails, Wondercoaster and much more!

**Description:** “Wonderworks Orlando began as a Top Secret research laboratory on a remote island in the Bermuda Triangle. As legend has it, the world’s greatest scientists-led by Professor Wonder-were given the task of creating a man-made tornado and harnessing the POWER of it. During the experiment, something went awry and the power of the tornado was unleashed throughout the laboratory. This created a swirling vortex that was strong enough to rip the laboratory from its foundation. It was carried thousands of miles away and landed upside-down on top of a brick warehouse in Orlando, Florida. Remarkably, all of the experiments remained intact and functional.”

**Applications:** All applications need to be turned in to **Mrs. Miller** .The application deadline is Friday, October 26, 2012. Only the first **80 students** will be accepted for the trip.

**Qualifications:** Students who have received an Intervention Form or Office Referral are not eligible for this trip. This is in effect as of Thursday, 10/11/12 and will continue until Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. If student has already paid for the trip, and receives an Intervention Form or Office Referral, there will be no refund of monies already paid.

**Cost:** The trip cost for students is **\$25**, which includes transportation, admission, and lunch.

**Important Information:**

Application Returned: Friday, October 26th

Date of Trip: Tuesday, November 6th

Cost: \$25 (Lunch is included)



**Please return your checks (payable to Orlando Science Schools) or cash along with this Trip Liability Release, Medical, and Consent Form to Mrs. Miller only.**

**Tentative Schedule**

8:30		Load vehicles at OSS
8:45		Departure from OSS
9:25		Arrival to Wonderworks
9:30-11:30		Wonderworks Labs
11:30-12:00	Lunch	
12:00-1:30		Wonderworks Labs
2:15		Estimated arrival to School.

# ORLANDO SCIENCE SCHOOLS Wonderworks Trip – November 6<sup>th</sup> Trip Liability Release, Medical, and Consent Form

➤ **Liability Release:** Should my child sustain or incur any accident or illness while on the OSMS Wonderworks field trip, 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 OSMS Wonderworks field trip, and I do not hold the Orlando Science Schools liable for my child.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Sign: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: 10 / \_\_\_\_ /2012

➤ **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 Wonderworks Field Trip. In doing this, I am giving permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to be on the trip. I understand every effort will be made to contact a parent or guardian.

STUDENT'S DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ STREET \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

➤ **In order to give the best service during the trip, the following information will help.**

1. Does your child have any type of illness that needs to be monitored?  Yes  No

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Does your child have food, drug, or insect allergies?  Yes  No

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Sign if you give permission to give Benadryl for insect bites. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Will your child need to take medication regularly during the trip?  Yes  No

If so, please give the name of medicine(s) and how it should be taken. Send a day supply.

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_

These and any new medications must be sent in a baggie, in original bottles with student name and directions, the morning of the trip. They are to be given to the chaperone.



# CHARTER SCHOOL MEALS

## Breakfast (Elementary and 6<sup>th</sup> 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

## October Menu Lunch 2012 (All Grades)

Monday 10/1	Tuesday 10/2	Wednesday 10/3	Thursday 10/4	Friday 10/5
Cycle 1  Chicken Tender Sliders Green Beans Diced peach Slider Rolls 1% Low fat milk	Beef Teriyaki Nuggets Broccoli Brown Rice w/Teriyaki sauce Mandarin Oranges 1% Low fat milk	Ultra Dog Potato smiles Fresh Peach 1% Low fat milk	Popcorn Chicken Mashed potato Mixed Vegetables grapes 1% Low fat milk	Turkey and Cheese Sub Sandwich Garden Side Salad (1c)=1/2 c Pineapple Tidbits 1% Low fat milk
Monday 10/8	Tuesday 10/9	Wednesday 10/10	Thursday 10/11	Friday 10/12
Cycle 2  Beef or Turkey Burger on a Bun Shredded lettuce/tomato cup Banana 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	Italia Combo Wrap Blue Raspberry applesauce Veggie Dipper 1% Low fat milk	Fish Sticks Macaroni & Cheese (1/2c) Italian style vegetables Mixed Fruit 1% Low fat milk
Monday 10/15	Tuesday 10/16	Wednesday 10/17	Thursday 10/18	Friday 10/19 Holiday
Cycle 3  Grilled Cheese Sandwich Pineapple spears Corn 1% Low fat milk	Chicken Nuggets Mixed Vegetables Yellow brown rice Steamed carrots Dinner roll 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
Monday 10/22	Tuesday 10/23	Wednesday 10/24	Thursday 10/25	Friday 10/26 Holiday
Cycle 1  Chicken Tender Sliders Green Beans Diced peach Slider Rolls 1% Low fat milk	Beef Teriyaki Nuggets Broccoli Brown Rice w/Teriyaki sauce Mandarin Oranges 1% Low fat milk	Ultra Dog Potato smiles Fresh Peach 1% Low fat milk	Popcorn Chicken Mashed potato grapes 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 10/29	Tuesday 10/30	Wednesday 10/31		
Cycle 2  Beef or Turkey Burger on a Bun Shredded lettuce/tomato cup 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		

### Lunch

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

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

# 2012 Orlando Science School Family Event

## Recreation Area FUNdraiser

Play now, so we can play later!



- 3-hour exclusive use of D&B just for OSES/OSS families AND staff (and their families)
- Breakfast buffet - danish, muffins, bagels, eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, orange juice, coffee and soda.
- Unlimited FREE video game play (non-redemption games)
- Free \$5 Power Card for redemption games (can be reloaded)
- Siblings aged 4-years and younger are FREE but will not receive a Power Card

**WHO:** Open to all OSES/OSS students, teachers, and anyone who works at OSES/OSS and their families. All minors MUST be accompanied by an adult during the entire event.

**WHERE:** Dave & Busters  
8986 International Dr., Orlando, FL 32819  
407-541-3300

**TIP:** D&B is on I-Drive between Olive Garden and the Air Florida helicopter tours.

**WHEN:** Nov 3, 2012 - Saturday  
8:00am - 11:00am

**HOW MUCH:** \$20 per person  
(portion of each ticket goes to the new recreation area)

**DEADLINE:** Return your ticket order/payment by Thursday, Oct 25, 2012  
NO tickets sold at the door! No refunds after the deadline date!

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Fill out the ticket order form (below). Return form with payment in an envelope marked "OSSES PVO". Make checks payable to "OSSES PVO".

ONLY ticket holders may attend the party!

Questions? Write to: [osespvo@gmail.com](mailto:osespvo@gmail.com)

Tienes una pregunta? Por favor envíe un email a [osespvo@gmail.com](mailto:osespvo@gmail.com)

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### Ticket Order Form - OSES/OSS Family Event 2012

OSSES/OSS student/employee name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone : \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ OR Department: \_\_\_\_\_

How many tickets being purchased: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 each = \_\_\_\_\_

How many children aged 4-years and younger: \_\_\_\_\_ = FREE



Attention 8<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> Graders



Below is a link to take a survey to help OSS learn more about the interests of our students to be able to organize more clubs, events, etc.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/93X56FL>



Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our class is planning to take a field trip on Friday, November 2, 2011. Please complete the field trip permission form on the last page and return it before the deadline date.

### **Eight Grade Class Trip**

<b>Site</b>	Medieval Times Dinner Show Theater
<b>Date</b>	November 2, 2012
<b>Check-In Time</b>	<b>No later than 8:30 AM in school parking lot</b>
<b>Transportation</b>	School buses
<b>Cost</b>	\$45.00 per student (lunch, and beverages, transportation, admission, and learning village).
<b>Supervision</b>	One adult chaperone for each group of ten students
<b>Special Rules</b>	Students are responsible for any electronic devices brought with them on the trip. The school is not responsible for any stolen, lost, or damaged electronics students choose to bring with them.

Students will visit the Medieval Times Learning Village and Lunch show. The Social Studies and Language Arts departments have worked together to integrate curriculum for this unit in order to accurately and effectively teach the students the social, political and global issues present in the world during this time period. The purpose of this is to educate the students about life in the medieval times. Also please note, that the money is not refundable. For more information about Medieval Times, please go to the following web site: <http://www.medievaltimes.com/orlando/groups/educators.aspx>

Please make sure that your child brings the following items along on the trip:

- Students must come to school in their school uniform, preferably in their red uniform shirt
- Light jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt (school uniform approved)
- Medications (if any) and instructions
- Pocket money for purchasing souvenirs (optional)

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me by e-mail, phone, or letter.

Sincerely,

Katrina Frunker (407) 253-7304 ext. 148 or [frunker@orlandoscience.org](mailto:frunker@orlandoscience.org)

Orlando Science Schools

Field Trip Permission Form

Please return this permission slip by: October 25, 2012

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_

to attend the field trip to Medieval Times on November 2, 2012

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Exact cash or money order)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

I have been fingerprinted by Orange County Schools and would like to chaperone :

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Liability Release: Should my child sustain or incur any accident or illness while at Medieval Times, 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 Friday, November 2, 2012 has an illness or accident during the trip, and it requires a visit to the doctor or hospital, the existing family policies will solely represent the insurance coverage.

For transportation needs, unless I offer another option to the school, I am giving full consent to the OSS Staff for the transportation of my child.

I give permission for my child to participate in any and all activities of the dinner theater, and I do not hold the Orlando Science Schools liable for my child. In case of an emergency, I give permission for my child to receive medical treatment. In case of such an emergency, please contact:

Name

Phone





### **Guidelines for the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade End of the Year Field Trip—Gradventure**

- Students who receive a day of ISS for ANY reason (besides a cell phone violation) during the school year will be ineligible to attend the field trip.
- To attend the field trip, students must have a GPA of a 2.5.
- Students will be expected to act within the accordance of all OSS policies while on the field trip.
- Full payment and completed permission slip must be submitted by the due date (no late permission slips will be accepted).
- Students must have transportation when they return from the trip.
- Students cannot have more than four intervention forms for minor offenses (dress code, tardy, gum, etc.) during the entire school year.
- No class 2 or class 3 office referrals processed for the entire year.

### **All other field trips**

- Students who receive a day of ISS for ANY reason (besides a cell phone violation) during the quarter will be ineligible to attend the field trip.
- Students will be expected to act within the accordance of all OSS policies while on the field trip.
- Full payment and completed permission slip must be submitted by the due date (no late permission slips will be accepted).
- Students cannot have more than two intervention forms for minor offenses (dress code, tardy, gum, etc.)
- No class 2 or class 3 office referrals processed for the quarter.



## ORLANDO SCIENCE SCHOOLS Kennedy Space Center Field Trip for 7<sup>th</sup> Graders Application Form

OSS 7<sup>th</sup> Grade students are invited to join the field trip to **Kennedy Space Center** where they will have a chance to visit and see the educational opportunities at **Kennedy Space Center**.

This trip is limited to 80 students. Students who received in school Suspension are not eligible for this trip. All applications need to be turn in to Mr. Kriebel. The Application deadline is Monday, October 29, 2012. (First Come First Serve). The trip cost for students is \$45.00, which includes transportation and admission. Student should bring their own lunch or money to purchase a lunch at the space center. Students who receive an intervention form/office referral are not guaranteed a refund for the trip.

### Information about the field trip:

Special low admission rates allow students to explore the Apollo/Saturn V Center, tour NASA areas and interact with shows and exhibits. During your Florida field trip, students can also meet astronauts, watch larger-than-life IMAX® films, strap into the Shuttle Launch Experience and explore historic rockets. Visit the exciting Kennedy Space Center and learn everything about our travels in space. Tour Kennedy Space Center, see IMAX space movies, and view all of the exhibits and shows KSC has to offer (courtesy of [www.kennedyspacecentertours.net](http://www.kennedyspacecentertours.net)).

***Please return your checks (payable to Orlando Science Schools) or cash along with this application form to Mr. Kriebel only.***

**DATE** : Monday, November 5, 2012.  
**DUE** : Monday, October 29, 2012.  
**PROGRAM** : Kennedy Space Center  
**COST** : \$45 (transportation and admission)  
**CONTACT INFO:** Mr. Kriebel: [Kriebel@orlandoscience.org](mailto:Kriebel@orlandoscience.org)

**8:00AM: Departure from OSS**

**9:30AM: Estimated Arrival Time to Kennedy Space Center**

**9:30-12:30PM: Tour/IMAX Shows, Shuttle Launch Experience**

**12:30-1:00PM: Lunch**

**1:00-2:00: Additional time to tour/shop/possible visit to the Astronaut Hall of Fame (included with admission to KSC).**

**2:00: Depart for OSS**

**3:00-3:30: Arrive back at OSS.**

**Parents/ guardians Please check the box if you would like to be volunteer for the Field trip**





Dear Parents,

We have started the Science Fair Process for Middle and High school. The students have received their Science Fair packets. You can find all the general information regarding requirements and deadlines of science fair in these packets. Depending on the project, additional paper work might be required and will be provided by science teachers. Please contact your child's science teacher if you did not receive the packet.

**Science fair is optional this year for certain grades.** Students will have the option to choose to do the Science Fair or work on a demo experiment as a part of STEM initiative. However, the STEM project is not given as an option for all grades. Therefore, it is good to communicate with your student's science teacher about the STEM/science fair project to prevent conflicts.

If your child chooses to do a STEM demo, he/she does not need to do a science fair project. However, STEM projects may not proceed to regional or state level whereas Science fair projects may do.

On the other hand, if you decide on the Science Fair, students are required to abide by all the deadlines and requirements as a long term science project. Science fair projects will be completed by December 5<sup>th</sup>, and presented in class. Selected science fair and STEM projects will participate in Orlando Science School Science Fair on December 13<sup>th</sup>

Science fair projects that are placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, in each category such as chemistry, environmental science physics, etc., will proceed to Orange County science fair. Yet, STEM projects have no further competitions other than class-wide and OSS school-wide.

Please contact your child's science teacher for all your questions, concerns and/or suggestions.



## COLLEGE NIGHTS

Orlando Science School's annual College Night meetings will be held during the months of October and November. There will be an informational presentation about graduation requirements and college admissions. We will hold a separate meeting each week for a different grade. Meeting dates for each grade level can be found below.

All students and their parents are welcome and encouraged to participate. For more information, please contact Zafer Demir at [zafer.demir@orlandoscience.org](mailto:zafer.demir@orlandoscience.org)

### Meeting Dates

Junior Night (11 <sup>th</sup> grade)	Thursday, October 18 <sup>th</sup>
Sophomore Night (10 <sup>th</sup> grade)	Thursday, November 1 <sup>st</sup>
Freshman Night (9 <sup>th</sup> grade)	Thursday, November 8 <sup>st</sup>
8 <sup>th</sup> grade Night	Thursday, November 15 <sup>th</sup>

## PSAT ADMINISTRATION FOR 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> GRADES

Dear Students and Parents,

We will administer the PSAT/NMSQT test on Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. The PSAT is an optional but very important paper-based test for college bound students in order to better prepare for the SAT. Most colleges and universities require the SAT or an alternative test for admission. Both the PSAT and SAT are produced by College Board, a prestigious non-profit organization.

The PSAT is especially crucial for juniors. For 11<sup>th</sup> grade students, the test's name changes into National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT) and many scholarship opportunities, including the prestigious National Merit Scholarship are tied to it. We also highly recommend the test for our 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders. It is always helpful to see how prepared you are for college as early as possible.

Please contact Zafer Demir at [zafer.demir@orlandoscience.org](mailto:zafer.demir@orlandoscience.org) for any questions regarding the PSAT/NMSQT.

## READISTEP ADMINISTRATION FOR 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE

Dear Students and Parents,

OSS will administer the ReadIStep test on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. The test will start at 9:00am and will take approximately 2.5 hours to complete. ReadIStep is an important but optional paper-based test for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in order to assess their college readiness and to better prepare for the SAT. Most colleges and universities require the SAT or an alternative test for admission. Both the ReadIStep and SAT are produced by College Board, a prestigious non-profit organization.

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## 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.

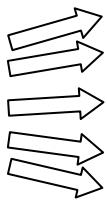
If you would like to schedule a home visit or learn more about it please email Mr. Kaya.

### 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

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Increase student attendance rates.

Increase student test scores.

See school-wide positive behavior

Decrease suspension and expulsion rates.



Support Home Visits

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