

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!

Please check out page 2 to read about our can tab collection to help those in need at the Ronald McDonald House and OSS' PVO meeting!

Check out page 3 for upcoming and past events and OSS got into the spirit of the nation and held their own mock election, so "poll" your way to page 4 for more info and while you're there scroll on down to page 5 to applaud OSS' Characters of the Month!

As OSS and OSCEC grows, we need help from our parents to make our outside area more conducive for our student activities. Please read page 6 for more information. Check our gummy lunch menu on 7, "Read" about our book fair on page 8 with a reminder about the winter dress code and a coupon! This Thanksgiving is an opportunity to help those in need so "gobble" on down to page 9 to learn more.

Last but definitely not least, page 10 wants OSS students to share their talents, page 11 has some online learning tools and page 12 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,

Nzeati Sahin, OSS principal

*Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom.
George Washington Carver*

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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

OSS PVO Meeting

Our second general PVO meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14th at 5:00 and you are invited. Please mark your calendar.

Everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend as we will continue to share exciting and current information about our school. Please join us.



OSS Upcoming Events

1. College nights 8th grade Night at 4:30 pm on Thursday, November 15th
2. Thanksgiving Break, November 19th -23rd
 1. Always check the OSS website and PVO tab for all events!!!!!!!
Make sure you check your emails

Week In History

In 1969, "Sesame Street," a pioneering TV show that would teach generations of young children the alphabet and how to count, makes its broadcast debut. "Sesame Street," with its memorable theme song ("Can you tell me how to get/How to get to Sesame Street"), went on to become the most widely viewed children's program in the world. It has aired in more than 120 countries.

The show was the brainchild of Joan Ganz Cooney, a former documentary producer for public television. Cooney's goal was to create programming for preschoolers that was both entertaining and educational. She also wanted to use TV as a way to help underprivileged 3- to 5- year-olds prepare for kindergarten. "Sesame Street" was set in a fictional New York neighborhood and included ethnically diverse characters and positive social messages.

Taking a cue from "Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In," a popular 1960s variety show, "Sesame Street" was built around short, often funny segments featuring puppets, animation and live actors. This format was hugely successful, although over the years some critics have blamed the show and its use of brief segments for shrinking children's attention spans.

From the show's inception, one of its most-loved aspects has been a family of puppets known as Muppets. Joan Ganz Cooney hired puppeteer Jim Henson (1936-1990) to create a cast of characters that became Sesame Street institutions, including Bert and Ernie, Cookie Monster, Oscar the Grouch, Grover and Big Bird.

The subjects tackled by "Sesame Street" have evolved with the times. In 2002, the South African version of the program, "Takalani Sesame," introduced a 5-year-old Muppet character named Kami who is HIV-positive, in order to help children living with the stigma of a disease that has reached epidemic proportions. In 2006, a new Muppet, Abby Cadabby, made her debut and was positioned as the show's first female star character, in an effort to encourage diversity and provide a strong role model for girls.

Since its inception, over 74 million Americans have watched "Sesame Street." Today, an estimated 8 million people tune in to the show each week in the U.S. alone.

OSS MOCK ELECTION

On Tuesday, October 30th students at OSS participated in a school wide mock election for President of the United States.

Facts from the election:

- Student used www.youthleadership.net
- Over 500 students participated in the voting
- Tiffany Rolon (Apopka, 11th Grade) (Picture 0031 Right), Chimisha Chery (Orlando, 10th Grade), and Britney Grandison (Ocoee) (Pictures 0023 Right, 0026 Right), organized and managed the event
- All students received an "I Voted" sticker

Quotes from students regarding the election:

Kennedy Castellanos (7th Grade, Ocoee) "I voted for my candidate because I think they will run the country efficiently and keep it safe."

Erin Martin (7th Grade, Apopka) " I believe even a mock election is important, even if you know you vote doesn't count, it still provides me with a sense of purpose."

Willie Jones (8th Grade, Apopka) " I like his beliefs and trust in his policies...this opportunity gives me a taste of what voting will be like in the future."

Blake Hollis (8th, Windermere) " I believe it is important because it will prepare children for the responsibly of choosing a future leader of America."

Nadya Rodriguez (7th, Apopka) (Picture 0032, Left) " It prepares us for when we vote in the future, when we are adults."



Please congratulate the following students for winning Student of the Month for October. Great choices!

HIGH SCHOOL

9TH GRADER: REYNARDO JITTAN

10TH GRADER: THADDEUS CORNELL

11TH GRADER: TIFFANY ROLON

MIDDLE SCHOOL

6TH GRADER: SYDNEY KNIGHT

7TH GRADER: BEYZA AKALIN

8TH GRADER: JARED LEWIS



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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CHARTER SCHOOL MEALS

November 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

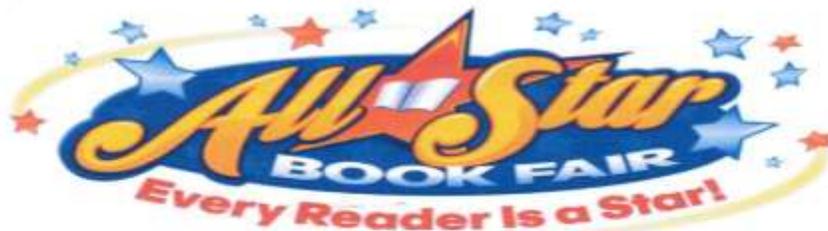
November Menu Lunch 2012 (All Grades)

Monday 11/5	Tuesday 11/6	Wednesday 11/7	Thursday 11/8	Friday 11/9
Chicken Tender Sliders Green Beans Sweet potato wedges Granny smith apple Assorted milk	Beef Teriyaki Nuggets (4ea) Brown Rice w/Teriyaki sauce (4oz) Baby carrots (1/2 c) (2pk) Mandarin Oranges Assorted milk	Hot Dog on Bun Potato smiles Cinnamon apples Assorted milk	Chicken Patty Goldfish Bread Broccoli Fresh Peaches Assorted milk	Turkey and Cheese Sub Sandwich Garden Side Salad (1c)=1/2 c Mixed fruit cup Assorted milk
Monday 11/12	Tuesday 11/13	Wednesday 11/14	Thursday 11/15	Friday 11/16
Beef or Turkey Burger on a Bun Deli Roasted potato Fresh pears Assorted milk	Tangerine Chicken (4oz) Grain Brown rice Steamed carrots coins Fresh grapes or 4oz juice Assorted milk	Turkey Cuban Sandwich Garden side salad/Garbanzo bean Plums (2ea) Assorted milk	<u>Holiday Dinner</u> Turkey/Gravy (2M) Glazed sweet potato Mashed potato Frozen fruit sidekicks Dinner roll Assorted milk	Grilled cheese sandwich Green beans Pineapple Tidbits Assorted milk
Monday 11/26	Tuesday 11/27	Wednesday 11/28	Thursday 11/29	Friday 11/30
WG Southwest Burrito Lil Bites (4bits) Peas and Carrots Blue Raspberry applesauce Assorted milk	Chicken Nuggets (4oz) Mashed Potato (4oz) California vegetables Fresh orange Assorted milk	Italian Deli wraps Side Salad(1c) (w / Garbanzo beans Apple slices Assorted milk	(1 thigh- 1 breast- 2 legs- 2 wings) Montego Bay Chicken Yellow brown rice Green beans Frozen fruit sidekicks Assorted milk	Fajita chicken (4oz) Shredded cheese (1oz) On loco bread Popeye Salad (Spinach- state bid) Fresh banana Assorted milk

Lunch

\$1.80 elementary
\$2.50 middle/high

Breakfast
\$1.25 elementary and 6th grade only



Shine Bright as an All-Star Book Fair Volunteer

Dates: **Fri. 11/9 (set up), Sat. 11/10, (10-3), Mon.11/12 and Tues. 11/13 (7:30- 4:00)**

Be an all-star volunteer to help celebrate reading at our fall Book Fair! We need your help to make our All-Star Book Fair a memorable reading celebration. Join our volunteer team to:

- Bring creative flair to signs and decorations
- Secure community sponsorships
- Help serve food and refreshments
- Organize and put things in place
- Offer a helping hand, set up, or pack up
- Help shoppers of all ages find the perfect book

We appreciate your support in whatever form it takes.

Contact: **Rebecca Indorato** at beccapier@gmail.com



Winter Dress Code Guidelines

The cool weather is right around the corner. Any jacket that is worn to school should be purchased from the uniform company and have the school's logo. Under no circumstances are hoodies permitted during regular school hours, except on dress down days. Please refer to the school dress code guidelines in your student code of conduct, in the front of the agenda.

Additional weather winter clothing, including jackets that violate the school dress code, winter hats, gloves, etc. must be removed upon entering the building and stored in the student's locker or book bag.

Sincerely,
Michael Neil Singleton
Assistant Principal of Discipline

NEWS FLASH!!!!

All Uniform Wear will be at OSS for parents to purchase outerwear on Saturday, November 10th from 10am-1pm

WINTER SALE WINTER UNIFORMS Stack up Winter Fest at

\$5 off \$30 minimum purchase
\$10 off \$50 minimum purchase
\$20 off \$100 minimum purchase

305-722-2188 www.alluniformwear.com

HOMESTEAD 27495 South Dixie Hwy	NORTH MIAMI 8100 NW 27 Ave.	STUART 3239 NW Federal Highway
CUTLER RIDGE 20505 S. Dixie Hwy 4835	LITTLE HAVANA 290 NW 27 Ave.	PL. MYERS 7128 S. Cleveland Ave.
RENDILL 7246 SW 717 Ave.	PEMBROKE PINES-EAST 8350 Pines Blvd.	TAMPA 6211 E. Millborough Avenue
MIAMI 9456 SW 8 St.	PEMBROKE PINES-WEST 71495 Sheridan St.	MELBOURNE 2501 W. New Haven Ave.
DORAL 1202 NW 93 St.	SUNRISE 18720 W. Oakland Park Blvd.	ORLANDO 4204 Crystal Deer Lane #300
WALDEAN 2401 W. 89th Ave.	PLANTATION 4379 W. Sunrise Blvd.	TALLAHASSEE 1949 - 3 B-4 Capital Circle NE
WALDEAN GARDENS 3130 W. 76TH St.	WEST PALM BEACH 4833 Dixiechase Blvd	JACKSONVILLE 660 Commemorative Center Drive #100



Join Million Meal Challenge Orlando

Are you looking for a meaningful and fun service opportunity close to Thanksgiving?

Join 4,000 neighbors for the Million Meal Challenge Orlando event from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 18, 2012.

At the **Million Meal Challenge Orlando** event, you'll find:

- 4,000 people packaging 1 million meals in three 2-hour shifts over the course of the day.
- **Local hunger agencies onsite to collect grocery items, new volunteers and clothing for your neighbors in need.**
- Fun! This event is an exciting way for the Orlando community to take action together, show your team spirit and get involved in the fight against hunger.
- If you can't join us for the meal packaging (we provide all of the ingredients), drop by to bring your Thanksgiving donations for your local hunger agencies. Learn how you can help them help others throughout the year.

Orlando Science Schools encourages all of its students (K-12) and their families to attend this community service event. Please go to www.mmorlando.org to find more details about event and registration. OSS have created a team, so you can register under the team name of "OSS". Please note that our shift is between 3pm-6pm. A volunteer staff member will be there to organize our team. Since we will represent OSS in this community service event, please wear your school shirts during the event.



SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, November 18, 2012
Rosen Shingle Creek
9939 Universal Blvd.
Orlando, FL 32819

Got Talent, OSS?

WANT TO SHOW IT OFF IN FRONT OF EVERYONE?

Now's Your Chance!

The First OSS Talent Show will be held on December 15th, 2012!

Auditions in Room 138 on November 15th After School!

ALL ACTS WELCOME!

Dancing!

Singing!

Magic Tricks!

Stunts!

Bands!

Plate Spinning!

Dancing Bears!

Hosts!

WE WANT YOU!

PRIZES FOR THE BEST ACTS!

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Sign Ups are in Mr. Parrella's room # 138!

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Below you will find the access and detail information for our online FCAT resources. These websites will help your student achieve better FCAT scores!



Study Island is an online resource that reinforces what is being taught in your student's class, but it approaches it in a different way. As students answer questions in Study Island, they're learning, engaging in peer tutoring and they feel like they're playing a video game! This promotes students' acquisition of skills while making learning interactive and fun.

The web address is: www.studyisland.com



FCAT Explorer is an online practice program made for Florida's public school students by the Florida Department of Education. It features four practice programs created especially for middle school students: Reading Island, Reading Boardwalk, Math Navigator, and Science Voyager.

The web address is: www.fcatexplorer.com



Florida Focus Achieves is a Florida Department of Education website offering online mini-assessments for reading, math, and science. For each "Focus" in reading and each "Benchmark" in math and science, Focus offers a 5-item test and a 5-item retest. Currently mini-assessments are available for 5th, 7th, 8th, and 11th grade science and for all math benchmarks (grades 3 through 9, Algebra I, and Geometry) and reading (gr.3 -10)

The Web address is: <http://focus.florida-achieves.com>

Your student has the same password and username for all these three online resources. If you lose your username and password, please contact the front office phone extension 100. Should you have any questions or problems accessing these sites, please contact Mr. Yalcin at Yalcin@orlandoscience.org

Please remember that your student's password and username were sent e-mail and the hard copies of letters were handed in to your students.

In addition, all the usernames and passwords of Online Resources are as same OSS Connect Username and Password.

Sincerely,
OSS Administration

OSS HOME VISITS

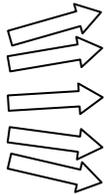
We are very happy with the degree of parent involvement we have in our school. In order to make our student, parent and teacher connection even stronger, OSS teachers researched and came up with the idea of home visits. Experience and research from all over the United States indicates that the interaction 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
