



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 special emphasis in mathematics, science, technology, and language arts.

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Principal's Corner

Dear Students & Parents,

The National Honor and Junior Honor Society are having a canned food drive to benefit the Second Harvest Food Bank. Please help support the cause by sending your student to school with canned food! For more details please see page 10.

OSS will be celebrating Veterans' Day with an honorary dinner and by marching in the Veterans Day parade! For more information on how you can be a part of these two special events, please see the articles on page 5, 6 and 7 of the newsletter.

OSS will host a college night for 8th, 9th and 10th graders to on Thursday, November 17, 5:15 PM. There will be guest speakers and RSVP is required by Thursday, November 10th. For more information, check out page 5.

The OSS Service Learning Club is organizing a school wide Fundraiser from Oct. 31st to Nov. 8th to support the victims of the earthquake in Turkey. OSS Students will also be selling Earthquake awareness wristbands. Please see page 3 for more information

Supporting our troops is important OSS wants to say a heart-warming thank-you to the soldiers serving our country around the globe. Please help by sending in approved items from October 31 to November 11. For a list of approved items please see page 8.

Thank and have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,
Dr. Akin

Teachers open the door, but you must enter by yourself."
-- Chinese Proverb

RED RIBBON WEEK

The student government association and the young historians club would like to thank the staff, administration, and the students of OSS for making Red Ribbon week a huge success. Red Ribbon Week is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention program in the reaching millions of Americans during the last week of October every year. By wearing red ribbons and participating in community anti-drug events, young people pledge to live a drug-free life and pay tribute to DEA Special Agent Enriqu e "Kiki" Camarena. The students and staff of Orlando Science Schools participated in a number of events during the week of October 24, 2011. These activities included: a door decorating contest, a poetry contest, wear red day, banner signing, and an anti drug/bully walk. Congratulations to Ms. Killian's homeroom, for winning the homeroom decorating contest. The winners of the anti-drug poetry contest include: Diamond Jeffrey, Jazmyn Padilla, Willie Jones, Courtney Jones and Aicha Esperance.

Reported by: Mr. Kriebel

TITANIC EXPERIENCE

On October 24, 2011, 28 OSS middle and high school students traveled to the Orlando Titanic Experience on International Drive. This one of a kind field trip was sponsored by the young historians club. While at the museum, students learned how the world's most famous and beloved ship was constructed. The students then took part in a one hour interactive tour with an actor who portrayed a Titanic passenger. Students were able to explore various replicas throughout the exhibit. Students also explored various rooms which represented the Titanic's boiler room, the grand staircase, and the deck. Everybody enjoyed learning about this importance moment of history. According to Kalyn Potts a seventh grade student, the best part of the field trip was touching the iceberg at the end of the tour. The iceberg experiment required students to touch ice, which was 28 F, for 15 seconds, this demonstrated showed students how cold the air was on the night of April 15, 1912.

Reported by: Mr. Kriebel





OSS SERVICE LEARNING CLUB IS ORGANIZING A TURKEY EARTHQUAKE FUNDRAISER!

The OSS Service Learning Club is concerned for the people in Turkey after the 7.2 magnitude Earthquake hit Turkey. The Turkish government and many countries have started to send aid, blankets, and shelter tents. OSS Students would like to be part of this charity organization by organizing a School wide Fundraiser. Any money donations will be accepted. Please contact Mr. Yalcin who is in charge of the Fundraising Organization. The fundraiser will be from Oct. 31st to Nov. 8th. OSS Students will also be selling Earthquake awareness wrist bands and students may purchase a dress down by paying \$3 on Oct. 31st to Nov 8th.

The Turkey Earthquake Black Ribbon dress down day will be on Tuesday, November 8th.

OSS is always standing by where help is needed!



THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

NOVEMBER 10, 1969: THE PBS CHILDREN'S PROGRAM *SESAME STREET* DEBUTS.

SESAME STREET IS AN EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION PROGRAM DESIGNED FOR PRESCHOOLERS, AND IS RECOGNIZED AS A PIONEER OF THE CONTEMPORARY STANDARD WHICH COMBINES EDUCATION AND ENTERTAINMENT IN CHILDREN'S TELEVISION SHOWS. *SESAME STREET* ALSO PROVIDED THE FIRST DAILY, NATIONAL TELEVISION SHOWCASE FOR JIM HENSON'S MUPPETS. BECAUSE OF ITS WIDESPREAD INFLUENCE, *SESAME STREET* HAS EARNED THE DISTINCTION OF BEING ONE OF THE WORLD'S FOREMOST AND MOST HIGHLY REGARDED EDUCATORS OF YOUNG PEOPLE. IN 2009, THE SERIES CELEBRATED ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY, MAKING IT ONE OF THE LONGEST-RUNNING SHOWS IN TELEVISION HISTORY. THE SERIES HAS PRODUCED MORE THAN 4,300 EPISODES. ~ [HTTP://MUPPET.WIKIA.COM/WIKI/SESAME_STREET](http://muppet.wikia.com/wiki/Sesame_Street)

OSS Upcoming Events

Veteran's Day Dinner, November 11th, 5:15pm

Veteran's Day Parade, November 12th

College Night, November 17th, 5:15pm

Thanksgiving Break, November 21st-25th



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

Important Events and Dates in Science Olympiad

- 1- 4th Annual Florida Invitational Science Olympiad --- January 21, 2012, Orlando Science Schools – Award Ceremony will be at Orlando Science Center.
- 2- Regional Science Olympiad --- February 11, 2012, Cypress Creek High School
- 3- State Science Olympiad --- March 24, 2012, UCF
- 4- National Science Olympiad --- May 18-19, UCF



College Night

OSS will host a college night for 8th, 9th and 10th graders and their parents to explore some of the opportunities that are available after graduation. Please join us in a night of information and dreams of the future!! Dinner will be provided!!!

When: Thursday, November 17, 5:15 PM
RSVP to Ms. Becc by Thursday, November 10th

Guest Speakers:

Dr. Consuelo Stebbins
Assistant Vice-President at UCF

Annie Richardson
Under Graduate Admission Team
Sr. Assistant Director



OSS Veteran's Day Dinner

Dear Parents and Students,

Orlando Science Schools is hosting a night to honor those men and woman who have given of the lives to serve our great country on Friday, November 11, 2011 at 5:15 pm. We would like to invite students and their families to OSS to enjoy time with teachers and staff for a program with special guest **Florida Senator David Simmons** and **various representatives of our esteemed armed forces** with dinner provided.

Participants need to please RSVP to Ms. Becc **no later than Thursday, November 3, 2011**, by turning in the form found below.

We hope that you will be able to attend the Veteran's Night Dinner. We have celebrated Veteran's Day in the past and we hope that you have enjoyed the presentations and event as much as we have!

Date: Friday, November 11, 2011

Time: 5:15 pm

Where: OSS Cafeteria

Space will be limited to the first 250.

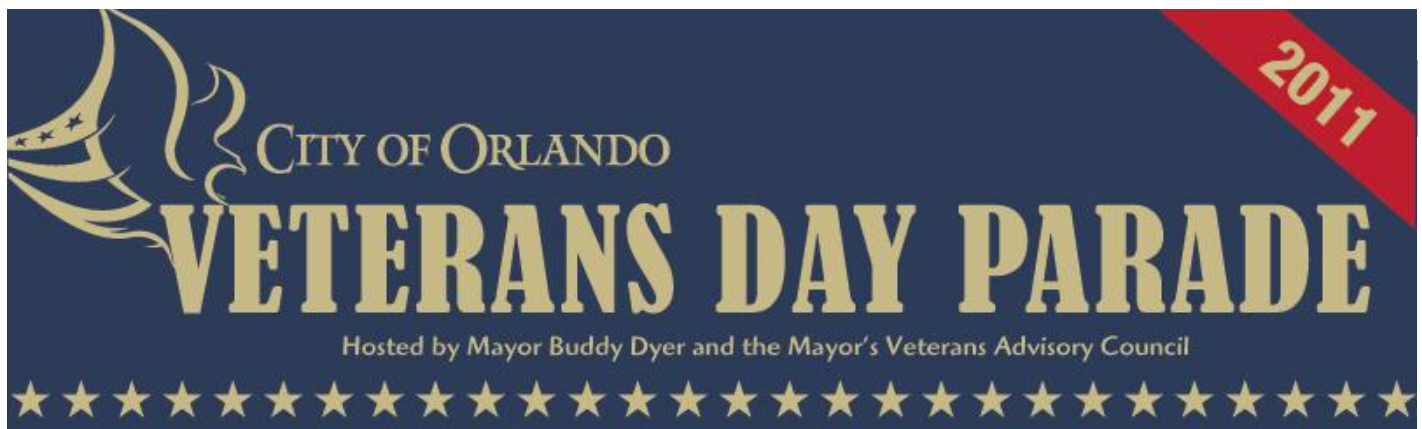
Fill out the bottom portion of this letter.

Please return the form to Ms. Becc by Thursday, November 3, 2011

Parent Name: _____

Student Name: _____

_____ Number to Attend.



The parade begins at the corner of Orange Avenue and Livingston Street.

OSS will join with our community to honor the veterans who have served their country by being party of the City of Orlando's Veteran's Day Parade on Saturday, November 12th, 2011.

Please be part of this momentous occasion and celebrate with our courageous soldiers!!!

We will meet in downtown Orlando at 10am. All students are required to provide their own transportation to and from the parade. Our parade line up starts at 10:00am and the parade is from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Water will be provided to the students.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE TO WEAR THEIR RED OSS SHIRT & KHAKI PANTS.
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE TO WEAR THEIR LIGHT BLUE SHIRTS & KHAKI PANTS.

The permission slips will be available from Mrs. Fallon or the Front Desk and need to be turned in no later than Tuesday, November 8th, 2011 to Mrs. Fallon.

This is limited to the first 30 students!!!!

Student First/Last Name: _____

Grade: _____ Homeroom Teacher: _____

ORLANDO SCIENCE SCHOOLS Veteran's Day Parade, November 12, 2011 Liability Release, Medical, and Consent Form

- **Liability Release:** Should my child sustain or incur any accident or illness while on the OSS Veteran's day parade, 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 OSS Veteran's Day Parade, **including the event being televised**, and I do not hold the Orlando Science Schools liable for my child.

Parent Name: _____ Parent Sign: _____ Date: _____

- **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 Veteran's Day parade. In doing this, I am giving permission for _____ to be in the parade. I understand every effort will be made to contact a parent or guardian.

STUDENT NAME: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK: _____

CELL: _____

PARENT NAME: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____



Support Our Troops!



Friday, November 11 is Veteran's Day in the United States. OSS wants to say a heart-warming thank-you to the soldiers serving our country around the globe. We will be accepting donations to send to our troops. Please help by sending in the following approved items October 31-November 11.

Please bring:

Books, magazines, comic books, puzzle books

Stationery and pens (paper, envelopes, etc)

White socks (new, clean)

Travel-size games, decks of cards

DVDs and video games (new or used)

Toothbrushes and travel-size toiletries

Cash donations (will be used to as postage to send the packages)

Please send only the items on the approved list! Turn any items in to your homeroom teacher. The homeroom that collects the most goods and money will win a doughnut party and a special dedication page in the yearbook. If you have questions ask your social studies teacher.

Thank you for your support!

Saturday Science Olympiad Studies Are Going Fantastic!

This week was “*building week*” and the Science Olympiad team worked on their devices.

OSS middle school teams have developed theories and designs for their events and they tried to apply their ideas on building the Ruberg machine, Bottle rocket, Tower and Mousetrap vehicle.

Our high school team mission was a little bit harder; however, the mission has been accomplished! The Helicopter team worked on building the best helicopter by using their aerodynamic skills.

The Gravity team has tried to find how much more potential energy can be converted from the kinetic energy to run their device faster. The last group’s project was to build their own instruments.

Students worked on the physics of sound and developed ideas of what type of material would be best for building the homemade instrument. Hopefully soon we all will be hearing the nice music



Announcement:

Next Saturday (11/5) “BUILDING WEEK” will continue, so all the team members are invited to the study, and we are going to test some of our projects that will be completed during the study.

Dear parents/coaches,

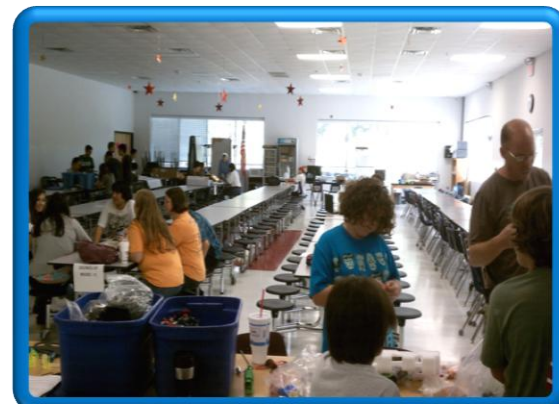
This Saturday we will continue to build our devices, you can check out the pictures to see what we have done so far! We will not have specific academic studies this Saturday, however, all the team members are welcome to join us.

By the way, teachers will not be available this Saturday, so I need more parents to work with their children.

Due to the football game at UCF, the trip to UCF Lab is postponed to Tuesday of next week. For a permission slip, see Ms. Corson.

OSS finalized the Invitational day for Saturday, January 21st. However, the award ceremony will be held at the Orlando Science Center which is about 3.5 miles away from OSS.

Students and parents will enjoy free admission to the Orlando Science Center.





Canned Food Drive!

The National Honor and Junior Honor Society is having a canned food drive to benefit the Second Harvest Food Bank. The goal of the society is to help families in need in the upcoming holiday season. Each homeroom will have a box to fill with canned food. The homeroom with the most cans will win a pizza party!

Cans Only!

**October 31-
November 10**



**Feeding the
Community**

Questions?
Contact Ms. Jensen
Room 135

