



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,

OSS has had many wonderful events this past week, including field trips for all grades, the Turkish students and an exciting lab at UCF for the Science Olympiad students!

OSS students also banded together to raise money for those hit hard by the earthquake in Turkey, as well as collecting canned food for those in need in our own community.

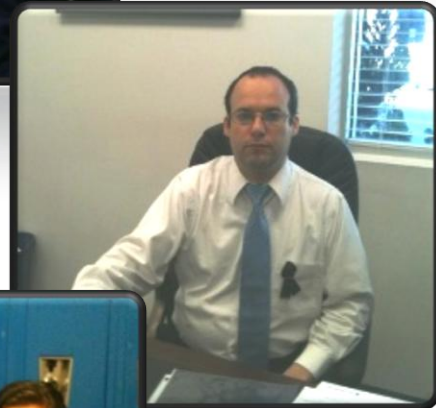
Orlando Science Schools will also have a booth in next weeks Florida School Choice Expo. Tell you friends and families to attend if they are interested in having their children attend OSS! Read more on page 4.

Last but not least, OCPS board has approved the opening of Orlando Science Elementary School, which will open Fall of 2012!!!!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,
Dr. Akin

Marva Collins ~ Once children learn how to learn, nothing is going to narrow their mind. The essence of teaching is to make learning contagious, to have one idea spark another.



TURKEY EARTHQUAKE FUNDRAISER

Mr. Yalcin and the OSS Service Learning Club have been working hard all week selling wristbands and a "Black Ribbon" dress down day to raise money to help benefit the victims of the earthquake that hit Turkey in October.

OSS students and staff banded together to raise \$722.64 for relief to those hit by this disaster.

OSS strives to reach out not only to the communities nearby but to the global community and to help whenever we see the need.

We want to thank the parents for donating additional monies for this effort and for being a shining example of generosity and kindness to our students.



OSS DRESS CODE

Please review the dress code section of the student handbook, on pages 28-30, periodically. Students are not permitted to wear jackets with logos (other than the schools), hoodies, shoes with extreme graphics or loud colors, etc. Our school's uniform is available from *All Uniform Wear*, located at 419 E Michigan St. Please note that conduct points are issued to students who violate the dress code (unless a parental/guardian contact is made).

Congratulations to the following students for winning Character of the Month for October!

6th Grade: Jacquelin Martin
7th Grade: Annelese Mascoe
8th Grade: Brandon Risner
9th Grade: Alissa Khodai
10th Grade: Khalid Ismikhonov

These students will receive a certificate and a dress down day of their choice.



6th Grade Field Trip

On Monday, November 7th, the OSS 6th graders were invited to the Orlando Science Center. The students had an educational and fun experience during the visit. The day started by interacting with interesting exhibits such as Harry's Bug Adventure, Our Planet, Our Universe, Guitars, and Nature Works. Next, the students viewed an IMAX film, *The Living Sea*. Finally, the students participated in the High Voltage show about electricity and circuits. All of the students enjoyed their trip to the Orlando Science Center!

Florida School Choice Expo

An Interactive Carousel of Florida's School Choice Options

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

DoubleTree Hotel at Universal Orlando

Learn more at FloridaSchoolChoiceExpo.com



We would like to invite Orlando Science Schools' Parents to the Florida School Choice Expo

Explore new opportunities to have a voice in your child's education. Receive personal assistance from Parent Resource Center (PRC) staff. Invite your family and friends to join you in discovering Florida's wide variety of school choice options.

- Welcome & Opening Remarks
- Interactive [Carousel Sessions](#)
- School District Choice Experts from Lake, Orange, Osceola & Polk
- Workshops on Parent Advocacy
- Celebrity Guest Appearance
- Door Prizes & More
- Free Admission & Parking

Please Feel Free to Spread the Word

Contact Melissa Palmer at 407-253-7304 ext 108 for more information

Second Harvest FOOD BANK OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

The National Honor and Junior Honor Societies hosted a canned food drive from October 31-November 10. The society wanted to help make sure that families have food for the upcoming holiday season.

All of the homerooms participated and brought in a total of almost 800 cans! The homeroom that brought in the most cans was Mr. Kriebel's with over 500 cans! They were rewarded with a pizza party on Friday during their lunch.

The society would like to thank everyone who participated. The drive was a great success!



THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

November 26, 1941: President [Franklin D. Roosevelt](#) signs a bill officially establishing the fourth Thursday in November as [Thanksgiving](#) Day.

THE TRADITION OF CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAY ON THURSDAY DATES BACK TO THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE PLYMOUTH AND [MASSACHUSETTS](#) BAY COLONIES, WHEN POST-HARVEST HOLIDAYS WERE CELEBRATED ON THE WEEKDAY REGULARLY SET ASIDE AS "LECTURE DAY," A MIDWEEK CHURCH MEETING WHERE TOPICAL SERMONS WERE PRESENTED. A FAMOUS THANKSGIVING OBSERVANCE OCCURRED IN THE AUTUMN OF 1621, WHEN PLYMOUTH GOVERNOR [WILLIAM BRADFORD](#) INVITED LOCAL INDIANS TO JOIN THE [PILGRIMS](#) IN A THREE-DAY FESTIVAL HELD IN GRATITUDE FOR THE BOUNTY OF THE SEASON.

THANKSGIVING BECAME AN ANNUAL CUSTOM THROUGHOUT [NEW ENGLAND](#) IN THE 17TH CENTURY, AND IN 1777 THE [CONTINENTAL CONGRESS](#) DECLARED THE FIRST NATIONAL AMERICAN THANKSGIVING FOLLOWING THE PATRIOT VICTORY AT SARATOGA. IN 1789, PRESIDENT [GEORGE WASHINGTON](#) BECAME THE FIRST PRESIDENT TO PROCLAIM A THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY, WHEN, AT THE REQUEST OF CONGRESS, HE PROCLAIMED NOVEMBER 26, A TUESDAY, AS A DAY OF NATIONAL THANKSGIVING FOR THE [U.S. CONSTITUTION](#). HOWEVER, IT WAS NOT UNTIL 1863, WHEN PRESIDENT [ABRAHAM LINCOLN](#) DECLARED THANKSGIVING TO FALL ON THE LAST THURSDAY OF NOVEMBER, THAT THE MODERN HOLIDAY WAS CELEBRATED NATIONALLY.

WITH A FEW DEVIATIONS, LINCOLN'S PRECEDENT WAS FOLLOWED ANNUALLY BY EVERY SUBSEQUENT PRESIDENT--UNTIL 1939. IN 1939, FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT DEPARTED FROM TRADITION BY DECLARING NOVEMBER 23, THE NEXT TO LAST THURSDAY THAT YEAR, AS THANKSGIVING DAY. CONSIDERABLE CONTROVERSY SURROUNDED THIS DEVIATION, AND SOME AMERICANS REFUSED TO HONOR ROOSEVELT'S DECLARATION. FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS, ROOSEVELT REPEATED THE UNPOPULAR PROCLAMATION, BUT ON NOVEMBER 26, 1941, HE ADMITTED HIS MISTAKE AND SIGNED A BILL INTO LAW OFFICIALLY MAKING THE FOURTH THURSDAY IN NOVEMBER THE NATIONAL HOLIDAY OF THANKSGIVING DAY. WWW.HISTORY.COM

OSS Upcoming Events

Early Dismissal, Wednesday, November 16th

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

