



# 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,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a restful Winter Break!

The 4th Annual Florida Invitational Science Olympiad will be held on January 21, 2012, The Orlando Science Schools Award Ceremony will be at the Orlando Science Center.

Congratulations to the OSS Lego League team. They went to competition on December 17th and performed very well and they qualified to move on the regional competition!

OSS is holding Saturday Standards Review sessions for those students who scored a 3 or below on FCAT. Please see page 5 for more information.

The OSS Theatre Club put on an amazing Winter Gala performance on December 15th. With over 25 acts and 200 students and families in attendance, it was holiday fun all around! To see photos of this event check out page 6!

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,  
Necati Sahin

Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.  
John Dewey

# This Week In History

## January 2, 1905 – Port Arthur captured by Japan

The Russo-Japanese war began in 1904 as a result of both the Empire of Japan and the Russian Empire's ambitions to control the areas of Manchuria and Korea. The Russians were confident as was the case of any European power going against an "uncivilized" culture at the time. The resulting battles proved devastating for the Russians.

Port Arthur was a major spot of contention between the two since even before the war. Located in the Liaotung Peninsula in Manchuria, China – the port was an extremely strategic fort heavily fortified by the Russians since 1897. The fort was under command of the often incompetent Anatoly Stoessel who refused to leave command despite being replaced by Tsar Nicholas II. His opponent was General Nogi Maresuke, an honored Japanese officer who not only outnumbered Stoessel almost 3 to 1, but was noted as the man who captured Port Arthur in one day for Japan in 1894 during the First Sino-Japanese War.

The Russians held out surprisingly well from July 30<sup>th</sup> until the following year. It seemed Maresuke's overconfidence gave the Russians a fighting chance. However, in the end, the port was captured on January 2, 1905 and the entire Russian fleet was destroyed by Japanese warships. It was the beginning of the end for Russia's chances of defeating the Japanese empire.

The consequences of the war are groundbreaking in the world political theater. This was the first time in modern history that a European power had been defeated by an Asian country. The loss of the war would further weaken the hold of Tsar Nicholas and ultimately would lead to his downfall in 1917. For the Japanese, it launched them as major players in world affairs and were beginning to be recognized as the one and only major power in Asia.

Suggested reading – The Russo-Japanese War (1904-1905) by Geoffrey Jukes

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## OSS Upcoming Events

No School- Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>

Early Dismissal- January 18<sup>th</sup>

Parent-Teacher Conferences – January 20<sup>th</sup> 8am-12 noon (call Ms. Becc for an appointment, NO WALK-INS)

**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







## OSS FLL

Orlando Science School had four teams in the FLL Qualifying tournament in Lakeland, Florida on December 17, 2011. All team members worked very hard and performed well.

Congratulations to the junior varsity team Robotic Pandas for receiving an honorable mention.

Congratulations to the varsity team Nerdvana. They qualified to move on the regional competition. The next FLL competition is January 7, 2012 in Ocala, Florida.

**\*\*Good Luck to all the teams\*\***

### **Dress Code Reminders**

OSS is a uniform school. Please make sure you are aware of our dress code! All uniform expectations are in the Student Agenda/Handbook.

#### **Miscellaneous Guidelines:**

Shirts must be tucked in.

Logos must be worn on shirts.

No "hoodies" should be worn to class or within the school during classes.

Undergarments must not be exposed.

Hair, face, body paint, and tattoos are inappropriate for school and not permitted.

Athletic outfits are not permitted in the school building, except in P. E. classes and dress down days.

Clothing with rips, tears, holes or frayed edges is considered inappropriate for school.

Extreme hairstyles are not permitted: Mohawk cuts, hair coloring other than standard frosting or natural highlighting, hair art, design or words cut into hair, and should not attract undue attention.

Belts must be solid black or brown.

Shoes cannot have extensive graphics or wild colors.

#### **Winter Guidelines:**

Hats or gloves of any type cannot be worn once the student has entered the building.

Boots are not permitted at school, except on dress down days.

Jackets must be purchased from our uniform company.

Undershirts must be solid red or blue for middle school students and grey or light blue for high school students.

# OSS SERVICE LEARNING CLUB NEWS!!!

## 1. TOYS FOR TOTS



Service Learning Club Organized Toys for Tots this year at OSS. Two full of Box were donated by Generous OSS Parents and Students. The collected Toys were donated to the kids. The purpose of this organization was no children have toys in this season.

## 2. FUNDRAISING FOR RELAY FOR LIFE



Service Learning Club students will be part of the Relay for Life and they started to fundraise. The first activity was selling food at Winter Gala. The Club raised \$108.94 at that night to donate to Relay for Life. The Students are really aware of the importance of this type of activities and they always willingly contribute. Thank you for parents, students and teacher for your support.

## 3. Volunteers Youth Program at Orlando Science Center.

OSS High School Students will be volunteering at OSC in its Youth Program. The Confirmation e-mails were sent to eligible students. There will be a volunteer orientation on January 21st 2012. The orientation is a mandatory requirement for becoming a Youth Volunteer at the Orlando Science Center. You will be contacted soon with more information by OSC. Dear applicants and their parents please keep checking your e-mails and mails for updates or more information from Orlando Science Center. **For any question please do not hesitate to contact to Caroline Wieland (Youth Volunteer Coordinator) Orlando Science Center 407.514.2034 (P) 407.514.2277 (F) [cwieland@osc.org](mailto:cwieland@osc.org)**



Dear Parents,

Standards review studies will be held from January 7th-April 14th. we would like to inform you about an opportunity we are offering at OSS to increase your student's. Students who scored level 3 or below are encouraged to attend these weekend studies. Each week we will focus on a different strand of review and students will solve practice questions that are similar to FCAT testing. Complimentary snacks will be offered to the students between 10:30-10:40 am and pizza will be offered between 12:15-12:45pm to Science Class students only for lunch.

Please check the appropriate days you wish to join and turn in to Mr. Yalcin by Jan 5th Thursday. (FCAT Level 3 or below only)

TIME	9:00AM - 10:30AM				10:45 AM - 12:15 AM					12:45 PM - 2:00 PM	
FCAT.20 SATURDAY STUDIES	6TH MATH	7TH MATH	8TH MATH	ALGEBRA-1	6TH READING	7TH READING	8TH READING	9TH READING	10TH READING	8TH SCIENCE	
Saturday, January 7, 2012	NO MATH STUDY			( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	<p style="text-align: center;">Dear Parents, If your student will participate in the FCAT studies, Please check (✓) the appropriate box at the left.</p>
Saturday, January 14, 2012	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	
Saturday, January 21, 2012	NO FCAT SATURDAY STUDY										
Saturday, January 28, 2012	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	
Saturday, February 04, 2012	NO FCAT SATURDAY STUDY										
Saturday, February 11, 2012	( )	NO MATH STUDY	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	NO SCIENCE STUDY	
Saturday, February 18, 2012	NO FCAT SATURDAY STUDY										
Saturday, February 25, 2012	NO FCAT SATURDAY STUDY										
Saturday, March 03, 2012	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	
Saturday, March 10, 2012	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	
Saturday, March 17, 2012	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	
Saturday, March 24, 2012	NO FCAT SATURDAY STUDY										
Saturday, March 31, 2012	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	
Saturday, April 07, 2012	NO MATH STUDY			( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	
Saturday, April 14, 2012	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	

- ❖ Dismissal time for 6,7,9 and 10 Grade Students is 12:15 pm
- ❖ Dismissal time for 8th Grade Students is 2:00 pm
- ❖ All school rules will apply during the Saturday Standards Review Sessions.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ parent of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_th grade give my full consent for my child to participate in OSS weekend Standards Review Studies. I hereby acknowledge this is an optional event and Orlando Science Schools does not accept liability for the accidents that may occur during Standards Review Studies on the above dates and I will pick up my child within 15 minutes after the course dismissal time.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian      Date

Emergency Number parent can be reached during weekend Standards Review Studies: \_\_\_\_\_



# WINTER GALA

On December 15<sup>th</sup> the OSS Theatre Club led by Ms. G and Ms. Malhiot put on the 2011 Winter Gala. Students were able to choose their own acts, songs, monologues, and costumes. With over 25 performances by students and faculty, the Theatre Club was successful in entertaining 200 students and their families! Congratulations to all the Theatre students both on stage and behind the scenes!



## STUDENT RE-ENROLLMENT AND THEIR SIBLING ENROLLMENT INFORMATION FOR 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR

January 06, 2012

Dear Parent(s),

We hope your child is having a wonderful learning experience at Orlando Science Schools. We are thriving and growing each year. We are hoping that your child will continue this journey with us throughout his/her middle school and high school years. We are also accepting new elementary grade students and have limited space for 6<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2012-2013 school year.

### RE-ENROLLMENT FOR CURRENT STUDENTS

Complete this form and return it to Ms. Becc no later than Tuesday, January 31, 2012. No further action is required for re-enrollment for the 2012-2013 school year. If this form is not returned to Ms. Becc by Tuesday, January 31, 2012, your child may lose his/her spot at OSS for next school year.

- My child \_\_\_\_\_ will be attending OSS for the 2012-2013 school year and will be a rising \_\_\_\_\_ grader.
- My child \_\_\_\_\_ will NOT be attending OSS for the 2012-2013 school year.

### PRE-ENROLLMENT FOR SIBLINGS ONLY

We would also like to extend a pre-enrollment offer for **siblings of current OSS students** that would like to attend OSS elementary, middle and/or high school in 2012-2013. **Please indicate this below as well as filling out an online application for the sibling at [www.orlandoscience.org](http://www.orlandoscience.org) by Tuesday, January 31, 2012.** If this form is not returned to Ms. Becc by Tuesday, January 31, 2012 and an online application has not been completed for the sibling child, they may not be saved a place and may have to go through the lottery process with all other prospective applicants.

- My child has a sibling \_\_\_\_\_ who will be a rising \_\_\_\_\_ grader. We have completed an online application for him/her.
- My child has a sibling \_\_\_\_\_ who will be a rising \_\_\_\_\_ grader. We have completed an online application for him/her.
- My child has a sibling \_\_\_\_\_ who will be a rising \_\_\_\_\_ grader. We have completed an online application for him/her.
- My child has a sibling \_\_\_\_\_ who will be a rising \_\_\_\_\_ grader. We have completed an online application for him/her.

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Parent Name (printed) / Signature / Date / Homeroom Teacher

Sincerely,  
Necati Sahin, Principal