



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,

A reminder that during the week of FCAT testing, Monday April 16th – Thursday April 19th, OSS will have early dismissal days.

Congratulations to all the OSS students who won awards at Nile Foundation Essay & Art Contest on April 6th. Please see page 3 for more information!

OSS will be participating in College Park's 2nd annual Relay for Life event. To help raise money for the school team the clubs will be sponsoring a dress down day. Support the team and buy a dress down day starting Monday April 23rd for \$2.00. For more information on how to take part in this great cause please see page 7.

Congratulations to Cory Ruehlin, who competed in the 24th annual National Geographic Bee at Jacksonville University; and for more amazing students, jump to page 4 to read about the awesome job OSS Mathletes did in the 2012 Math League and help out OSS' Science Club to help save an endangered species.

Make sure to enjoy the warm weather and rest up for FCAT! See 5 for important information concerning times and dates.

Don't forget to check the Science Olympiad sponsorship opportunities on page 7. They have worked so to get to Nationals, let's make sure they have what they need to succeed!

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,
Necati Sahin

A man is but the product of his thoughts what he thinks, he becomes.
Mahatma Gandhi

OSS Upcoming Events

1. During the week of FCAT testing, Monday, April 16th -Thursday 19th (not Friday), OSS will have early dismissal days.
2. Earth Day, April 22, 2012
3. Take Your Sons and Daughters to Work Day, Thursday, April 26th (Make sure you send Ms. Becc a note)
4. The eligible 8th grade students will be attending Grad Night on May 11. Permission slips and money were due before Spring Break. We are looking forward to a fun time at Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure!

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

Important Events and Dates in Science Olympiad



1- National Science Olympiad --- May 18-19, UCF

Nile Foundation Essay & Art Contest

On Friday, April 6, several OSS students won awards for their essays and art projects. The theme of the contest this year was “One Billion Hungry in the World: What’s Your Role?” There were over 400 entries overall. In the middle school essay contest the winners were: Safia Boustique, 2nd place, Cole Garrison, 3rd place, Julia Condes, 9th place, and Austin Huff, 10th place. The high school essay contest winners were: Jarod Clark, 1st place and Arnel Pynas, 10th place. The middle school art contest winners were: Nadya Rodriguez, 7th place and Isha Gupta, 8th place. The winners won a variety of prizes including trips to Turkey, cash, and theme park tickets. Teachers who were recognized include: Mrs. Millers, Ms. Killian, Mrs. Bladow and Mrs. Wilcox.

Congratulations to all the students and teachers!



CONGRATVLATIONS TO CORY RVCHLIN FOR HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE-LEVEL COMPETITION OF THE 24TH ANNUAL NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BEE AT JACKSONVILLE VNIVERSITY! OVT OF THE 100 FOVRTH- TO EIGHTH- GRADE STVDENTS THAT PARTICIPATED, CORY MADE IT TO THE FINAL ROVND AND PLACED IN THE TOP 30!

WELL DONE, CORY!!

April 10, 1925

The Great Gatsby is published

The 1920's is generally considered by most historians as the Golden Age of the twentieth century in America. At the height of an economic and cultural boom, two authors were applauded with capturing the spirit of the Roaring Twenties in way no other writer could. One of them was F. Scott Fitzgerald and his arguably most famous book, The Great Gatsby.

Still to this day, Gatsby is an influential book that reflects the upper class society and the decisions they make. Perfectly written by Fitzgerald, the book is an examination of culture and counter-culture of the 1920's and masterfully creates a hero in an otherwise roguish character. What makes this book so compelling and influential are the messages that can be found within the book. With each passing decade new discussions have been brought up concerning class struggle, modernism and even feminism.

Despite its acclaim today as one of the most influential books of the 20th century, The Great Gatsby was actually a financial failure until its re-emergence in the 1950's.



Help an Endangered Species this Earth Day!

The OSS Environmental Club will be collecting donations to adopt at least one endangered animal. The animal(s) we adopt will be decided by a vote. Each coin counts for one vote! The choices of animals are: Penguin, Giant Panda, Sea Turtle, Bald Eagle and Manatee. If you would like to donate any funds, please see Mrs. Wilcox by Friday, May 4. No donation is too small! Also, if you have a coin counting machine, the Environmental Club would greatly appreciate it!

Happy Earth Day!

OSS Mathletes did an amazing job in Math League!

OSS Middle School Mathletes participated in the Florida Math League Contest and received many placements!

- 6th Grade Team (Annabel Zinn, Tommy Shea, Wally Vargas-Rios, Zachary McClure, and Karan Desai)
 - ❖ 2nd Best School in The Central Florida Region
 - ❖ 4th Best School in the State of Florida (146 points)
 - ❖ Annabel Zinn 6th Place in the State of Florida
 - ❖ Tommy Shea 9th Place in the State of Florida
 - ❖ Annabel Zinn 2nd Place in Central Florida Region
 - ❖ Tommy Shea 3rd Place in Central Florida Region
 - 7th Grade Team (Dominic Canora, Elizabeth Rivera, Ramya Saldanha, Brandon Grandison, Zhi Wang)
 - ❖ 3rd Best School in the Central Florida Region
 - ❖ Dominic Canora 3rd Place in the Central Florida Region
 - 8th Grade Team (Reynardo Jittan, Quinn Belnap, Dilan Patel, Carlos Carlos Barea, Chau- Ha Phan)
 - ❖ 1st Place in Central Florida Region.
 - ❖ 8th Best School in State of Florida(131 Points)
 - ❖ Reynardo Jittan 4th Place in the State of Florida.
 - ❖ Reynardo Jittan 1st Place in Central Florida Region
- For more information:
<http://www.themathleague.com/downloads/gsl112/fl-678-1112.pdf>

GREAT SUCCESS FROM OSS IN AMC-8



- 1st place in Orlando
- Tommy Shea earned 1st place in Orlando- 3rd Best Score in the State of Florida.
- Annabel Zinn earned 2nd place in Orlando- 5th Best Score in the State of Florida!
- Wally Vargas –Rios earned 3rd place in Orlando- 6th Place in the State of Florida.
- Reynardo Jittan and Matthew Ansa earned 4th Best Score in the State of Florida
- OSS is Top 10 School in the State of Florida in AMC-8.

Achievement Rolls in AMC-8

- Tommy Shea 6th grade- 19 points
- Annabel Zinn 6th grade- 17 points
- Wally Vargas 6th grade- 16 points

Honor Rolls in AMC-8

- Tommy Shea 6th grade- 19 points
- Matthew Ansa 8th Grade- 18points
- Reynardo Jittan 8th Grade- 18points
- Dominic Canora 7th Grade- 17 points
- Xiangruo Dai 7th Grade-17 points
- Annabel Zinn 6th Grade- 17points



Spring 2012 FCAT 2.0 Reading/Math/Science Daily Administration Schedule - Middle&High		
Day 1 - Monday April 16		Time
Grade 6	Mathematics Session 1	70
Grade 6	Mathematics Session 2	70
Grades 7, 8	Reading Session 1	70
Grade 9	Reading Session 1 Paper/Pencil	70
Grade 10	Reading Session 1 CBT	70
Grade 10	Reading Session 1 Paper/Pencil Accommodations	70
Day 2 - Tuesday April 17		
Grades 7, 8	Reading Session 2	70
Grade 6	Reading Session 1 Paper Based Accommodation	70
Grade 9	Reading Session 2 Paper/Pencil	70
Grade 10	Reading Session 2 CBT	70
Grade 10	Reading Session 2 Paper/Pencil Accommodations	70
Day 3- Wednesday April 18		
Grades 7, 8	Mathematics Session 1	70
Grades 7, 8	Mathematics Session 2	70
Grade 6	Reading Session 2 Paper Based Accommodation	70
Grade 10	Reading Session 1 or 2 CBT	70
Day 4 - Thursday April 19		
Grade 8	Science Session 1	80
Grade 8	Science Session 2	80
Grade 10	Reading Session 1 or 2 CBT	70
Day 5 - Friday April 20		
Grade 10	Reading Session 1 or 2 CBT	70

It is important for you and your student to understand the following policies before testing:

- **Electronic Devices**—If your student is found with ANY electronic devices during testing, his or her test will be invalidated, meaning it will not be scored. We encourage students to leave devices at home or in their lockers on the day of testing.
- **Academic Honesty**—Your student will be asked to sign a pledge prior to testing that says *I agree that I will not give or receive unauthorized help during this test. I understand that giving or receiving such help during the test is cheating and will result in the invalidation of my test results.* In addition, students are responsible for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated.
- **Invalidations After Testing**—The FDOE employs a test security company, Caveon Test Security, to analyze student test results to detect unusually similar answer patterns. Student results within a school that are found by Caveon to have extremely similar answer patterns will be invalidated.
- **Leaving Campus**—If your student leaves campus before completing the test (for lunch, an appointment, or illness, etc.), he or she WILL NOT be allowed to complete the test. If your student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for him or her to wait and be tested on a make-up day. Please also be mindful to not schedule appointments on testing days.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Ms. Becc at 407-253-7304. For more information about the statewide assessment program, visit the FDOE website at <http://fcats.fldoe.org/>.

Thank you for supporting your student as he/she prepares for testing.

Sincerely,
Principal
Necati Sahin

The American Cancer Society

RELAY FOR LIFE®

Dress-down Day

Make a fashion statement

donate to the team
and dress casual on:
Friday April 27th

Orlando Science Schools National Honor Societies and Service Learning Club are participating in College Park's 2nd annual Relay or Life event. To help raise money for the school team the clubs will be sponsoring a dress down day. Help support our team and buy a dress down day!

Sales start Monday April 23rd for \$2.00

Make a donation to remember or honor a loved one. All proceeds go directly to the American Cancer Society to help fund cancer research, patient programs and services, education, and advocacy.

Relay gives us an opportunity to honor cancer survivors and to remember those who have lost their fight with the disease.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is an overnight event that raises funds and awareness to fight cancer. Dedicated teams of friends, families, and coworkers commit to keeping at least one member walking around a track or path...because cancer never sleeps.



For more information on volunteering, becoming a sponsor, or forming a team for the American Cancer Society Relay For Life, call **1.800.ACS.2345** or log onto relayforlife.org



Relay For Life Dress-down Day Sticker

Be sure to wear Purple and your relay sticker when you dress down!

Questions?
Contact Ms. Jensen
or Mr. Yalcin

Join us in the
fight
against
cancer.



ORLANDO SCIENCE SCHOOLS SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Our Science Olympiad Team won 1st and 3rd place in the recent state competition.

This means that we are going to be competing at the National Science Olympiad on May 18th. With about one month to prepare, we are seeking donations to support our teams' efforts to win a National Championship. Our students and coaches are working very hard. Let's do our part to help.

What is Science Olympiad?

Science Olympiad competitions are like academic track meets, consisting of a series of 23 team events in each division. Each year, a portion of the events are rotated to reflect the ever-changing nature of genetics, earth science, chemistry, anatomy, physics, geology, mechanical engineering and technology. By combining events from all disciplines, Science Olympiad encourages a wide cross-section of students to get involved. Emphasis is placed on active, hands-on group participation. Through Science Olympiad, students, teachers, parents, principals and business leaders bond together and work toward a shared goal. To find out more about Science Olympiad, please visit their website at www.soinc.org

The following is a detailed list of the areas that are in need of financial donations:

- Team Shirts (\$450.00)
- Team Lunch (\$450.00)
- Team Gift Exchange (\$500.00)
- Saturday Team Dinner (\$600.00)
- Building Event Supplies (\$750.00)
- Science Olympiad Study Books (\$1,000.00)
- Hotel Rooms (5 @ \$150 each)
- Friday Competitor Dinner (32 @ \$17.50 each)
- Kennedy Space Center Tickets (17 @ \$27.00 each)
- Team Costumes for Opening Ceremony and Parade (\$500.00)

Your Name _____ Amount _____

Please choose an event you'd like to sponsor. All donations are tax deductible. Cash and checks are accepted. Checks can be made out to OSS. Please send in by May 6th. As always, your support is greatly appreciated.

Deadline: 4/27/12

Entries must be submitted directly to Mr. Singleton

Prizes include dress down days, gift certificates, and medals

**6th
Grade**

Orlando Science Schools Sixth Grade Art Contest



Clean, Cooperative, and Courteous Art Contest

Paint, Clay, Charcoal, Mixed Media, and Photography

ART CONTEST RULES:

Artwork must be submitted in one of the following subcategories:

- o Drawing (on drawing paper, no notebook/ construction paper)
- o Painting o Mixed Media
- o Photography o Clay

Students may only submit one (1) piece of artwork (in any medium)

Each submission must include a completed Submission Form. Artwork must be original, unpublished, and done by one person.

Submissions must be received no later than **April 27, 2012 (Friday)**

General guidelines for Photography submissions:

- o Photography work – includes color and black & white: approximately 8.5" by 11" photo paper.
- o Please do NOT frame and do NOT mount photography submissions.

- Entries cannot have the student's name on them
- Projects on standard notebook paper/ construction paper will not be accepted
- Entries will be judged by staff and the top ten entries will be displayed at the school and on school Facebook site.

