



# 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,

SCHOOL SPIRIT WEEK IS COMING!!! From May 14<sup>th</sup> – May 18<sup>th</sup> OSS will celebrate; turn to page 4 and find out how you can participate! GO OSS!

A reminder that Progress Reports for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter will be distributed on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Use your spare change and save an Endangered Species this Earth Day! Turn to page 3 to see how you can help!

Thursday April 26<sup>th</sup> was "Take Your Sons and Daughters to Work" Day! If your student was out for this day, please make sure to send Ms. Beece a note so the absence will be excused.

Parents please make sure to check out the Spring 2012 EOC Test sessions and dates on page 2.

Eligible 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be having a fun time at Gradventure on May 11<sup>th</sup> at Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure!

Don't forget to check the Science Olympiad sponsorship opportunities on page 7. They have worked so hard 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

*The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows.*  
Sydney J. Harris

## OSS Upcoming Events

1. Progress Reports, May 2<sup>nd</sup>
2. **Early Release Days, Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 16<sup>th</sup>, Mon-Thurs, June 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>**
3. The eligible 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be attending Grad Night on May 11<sup>th</sup> at Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure!
4. No school on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day
5. Last day of School, Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

**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

## **SPRING 2012 EOC TESTS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Test Sessions</b>
4.30.2012 - Monday	Geometry	2 test sessions
5.1.2012 - Tuesday	Geometry	2 test sessions
5.2.2012 - Wednesday	Biology	2 test sessions
5.3.2012 - Thursday	Geometry/Biology	Make-ups
5.4.2012 - Friday	Geometry/Biology	Make-ups
5.7.2012 - Monday	Algebra I	2 test sessions
5.8.2012 - Tuesday	Algebra I	2 test sessions
5.9.2012 - Wednesday	Algebra I	1 test session/Make-ups
5.10.2012 - Thursday	Algebra I	Make-ups
5.11.2012 - Friday	AP US History	AP Exam



April 25, 1939 - Bob Kane publishes *Batman* for *Detective Comics*



Born Robert Kahn to a Jewish-American family in New York City on 1915, Bob Kane began drawing in high school with his friend, Will Eisner, another soon-to-be comic book legend. By 1936 he was working for such up and coming comic book companies such as *More Fun Comics*, *Adventure Comics* and finally at *Detective Comics*, later to become the comic juggernaut, *DC*.

Here, Kane was instructed to create a superhero that was just as popular as Superman, a character created by DC's other company Action Comics. Kane decided to go the complete reverse of the alien demi-god and made his superhero human with no superpowers what so ever except for his cunning and skill. Fellow writer Bill Finger suggested going totally opposite of the bright Superman costume and adopt a black and grey design for the costume. The result was an instant success for DC comics. Kane than added the sidekick, Robin, to further increase his young fan base for the comic. By 1940, Batman had its own title with *Batman #1*, introducing Batman's archnemesis, The Joker, a rivalry that still exists today. Kane retired in 1943 on the huge wave of success with Batman.

Today, Batman has become the most successful comic book character in history - generating not only multiple comic book titles, but a radio series, seven television shows, nine movies and countless other spin offs and merchandise. The story of the lone warrior with an outside demeanor of darkness fighting for the cause of light has captivated audience all over the world. In 2011 Batman had sold his 713<sup>th</sup> issue since *Batman #1* in 1940.



## 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!



## SCHOOL SPIRIT WEEK IS COMING

May 14<sup>th</sup> – May 18<sup>th</sup>

\$10 to Participate for the Week

**School Spirit Shirts will go on sale this Wednesday  
(S-M-L \$ 12 OR 2 FOR \$20, XL–2XL \$ 14 OR 2 FOR \$24)**

MONDAY – Twin Day/ Sports Team Shirt Day - Dress alike or wear their favorite team shirt with uniform bottoms

TUESDAY – Tacky Day - Wear mismatched or tacky clothes

WEDNESDAY – Sunglasses and Hat Day - Wear sunglasses and or hats with their uniforms

THURSDAY – School Spirit Shirt Day - Wear current or past School Spirit Shirts with uniform bottoms

FRIDAY - Color War Day – Wear clothes according to their grades, color listed below

6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Yellow

7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Red

8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Green

9<sup>th</sup> Grade - Blue

10<sup>th</sup> Grade - Black



As always, students must adhere to school dress code. No holes in pants, bare shoulders or midriff and no skirts more than 4 fingers above the knees. These are not dress down days. Students must be wearing the spirit day items on the specified days listed above.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Student First Period Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE FOR PERMISSION SLIP AND PAYMENT IS FRIDAY,  
MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**TURN PERMISSION SLIP AND \$10 FEE IN TO MISS BECC**





## ORLANDO SCIENCE SCHOOLS SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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

This means that we are going to be competing at the National Science Olympiad on May 18<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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 6<sup>th</sup>. As always, your support is greatly appreciated.



# Masquerade Night

## June 1, 2012 @5:30 PM

The student government is sponsoring an end of the year school dance. The dance will be held on June 1<sup>st</sup> for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the OSS cafeteria. The theme of the dance is: Masquerade Night (see Mr. Kriebel for details- masks are not required.) The dress code is semi-formal. Tickets are currently being sold in the mornings before school. Students must have a signed permission slip in order to purchase a ticket. For tickets, please see Mr. Kriebel or buy your tickets in the morning from the student government representatives. We need parent volunteers to help with decorations. If you are interesting in chaperoning the dance, please contact Mr. Kriebel via e-mail at [Kriebel@lapdoscience.org](mailto:Kriebel@lapdoscience.org)

The deadline to purchase a ticket is May 25, 2012.

# Woolly Pocket Project

Our Science classes will be collaborating on a project in conjunction with Earth day and Global Youth Service Day by planting a "Woolly Pocket " garden to help with the beautification of our campus as well as teaching the students about the process of how plants grow and how to nurture them. Our 7<sup>th</sup> grade president Akylah Cox has been hard at work to get the Woolly Pocket grant, the plants, the soil and the help to make this happen.

Go Akylah! ↓

We are expecting Congressman Daniel Webster's community events secretary, Cindy Brown to be here to give a helping hand and to support the Earth day endeavors of our students!

To learn more about Woolly Pocket, go to

<http://www.woollypocket.com/>