



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,

Our first week of FCAT was a great success!

The students were enthusiastic and felt confident in their test taking!

Check out page 2 to learn about OSS' upcoming events then scroll down to page 3 to learn what happened this week in history!

The yearbooks have gone to print!!! So order yours now so you don't miss out on all those memories for years to come!

Page 4 offers up our graduation dates, so commence on down for those important dates!

OSS' International Night is on the horizon, so make your way to pages 7-9 to learn more about how to be a part of this wonderful evening.

Pages 10 & 11 hold important information concerning FCAT dates and processes, so please read thoroughly. Lastly, our yummy lunch menu is located on page 12.

Sincerely,

Necati Sahin, Principal
Orlando Science Middle/High

The teacher who is indeed wise does not bid you to enter the house of his wisdom but rather leads you to the threshold of your mind. ~ Khalil Gibran

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OSS Upcoming Events

1. 4th Quarter Parent Teacher Conference Night- Friday, May 9, 2014 4:30PM - 6:30PM
2. Drama Department production "Wizard of Oz" May 16th –OSS cafeteria-6:30pm
3. 12th grade graduation –May 28th -6pm –Orlando Science Center
4. 8th grade graduation-June 3rd – 5:30pm –Majestic Event Theatre

2013-2014 Report Card Dates	
1st Quarter Progress Report Card	Tuesday, September 24, 2013
1st Quarter Report Card	Tuesday, October 22, 2013
2nd Quarter Progress Report Card	Friday, December 6, 2013
2nd Quarter Report Card	Tuesday, January 14, 2014
3rd Quarter Progress Report Card	Tuesday, February 18, 2014
3rd Quarter Report Card	Tuesday, March 18, 2014
4th Quarter Progress Report Card	Tuesday, April 29, 2014
4th Quarter Report Card	Tuesday, June 3, 2014

****Always check the OSS website/calendar for updates
Make sure you check your emails****

Dear parents,

You must complete your additions volunteer application in order to visit or volunteer on campus.

It takes only a few minutes and it is free and it's mandatory!!

<https://www.ocps.net/es/cr/resources/pages/additions.aspx>



This Week in History

This Week in History, Apr 16 - Apr 22

Apr 16, 1943 [Hallucinogenic effects of LSD discovered](#)

Apr 17, 1970 [Apollo 13 returns to Earth](#)

Apr 18, 1906 [The Great San Francisco Earthquake](#)

Apr 19, 1897 [First Boston Marathon held](#)

Apr 20, 1980 [Castro announces Mariel Boatlift](#)

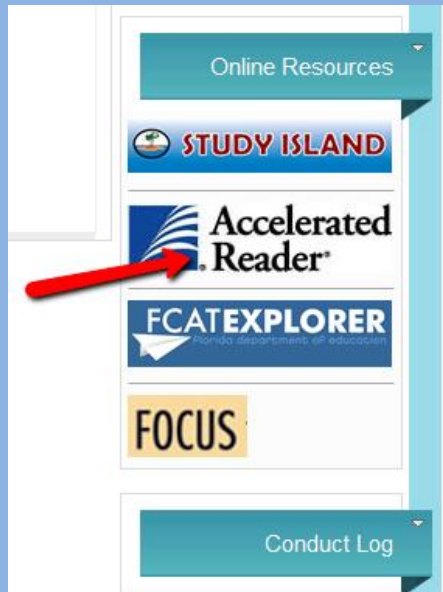
Apr 21, 753 B.C. [Rome founded](#)

Apr 22, 1970 [The first Earth Day](#)

this week in
HISTORY

OSS Connect Information

Please remind your students that they can access Online Resources through their OSS Connect page. Below is a snapshot of the student page. Please encourage them to use these online resources.



GRADUATION DATES

12TH GRADE MAY 28TH

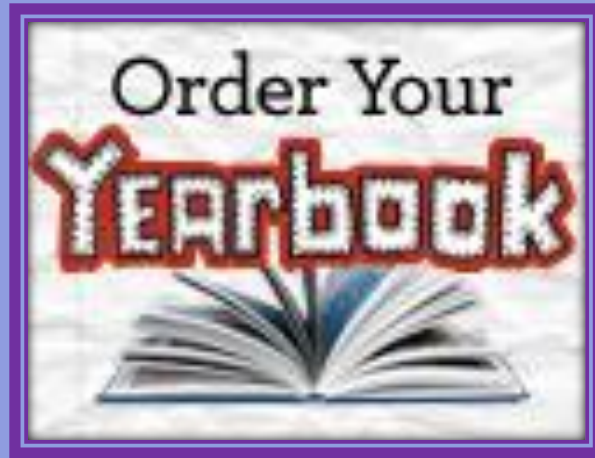
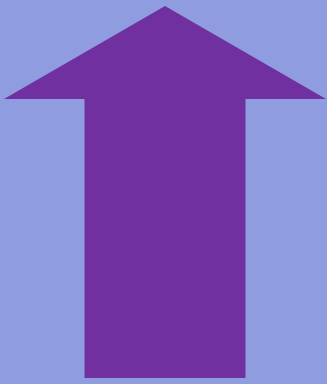
5TH GRADE JUNE 2ND

8TH GRADE JUNE 3RD

KINDERGARTEN JUNE 4TH

Attention OSS Parents! Here is a sneak peek of the 2013-2014 OSS Yearbook. We have been working hard to have the book finished before the end of the year. We are ahead of schedule and plan on submitting it to the publisher within the next few weeks. We can't wait to share all of this years' memories with everyone! Yearbooks are on sale for \$30 and can be purchased in the gym before the first bell, from your child's first period teacher, or through Ms. Schwartz in room 129. Get yours before they sell out!





Attention Parents,

This years' yearbook is now on sale! If your child would like to purchase a yearbook, please send in \$30 to give to their homeroom teacher!



IT'S HERE!!!!



The 2014 OSS International Night



May 21st, 2014

5pm – 7pm

Music! Food! Art!
Special Guests!
Performances!

Please contact Mr. Parrella for more information
at Parrella@orlandoscience.org





OSS International Night Information Form

OSS International Night will be hosted on Wednesday, May 21nd from 5-7pm. Our school will be opened up to all families of OSS and OSES to showcase dozens of countries in various teachers' classrooms. Experience art, history, music, film and food from all over the world!

For further information and questions, please contact Mr. Parrella at parrella@orlandoscience.org

How Can I Help Out?

The more input into this project, the better experience we will all have! Our teachers are openly welcoming any parents or students that wish to help with our countries for International Night. To volunteer, please have a look at the countries represented and contact that teacher/sponsor on how to get more involved! We hope to hear from you!

Are These the Only Countries Represented?

Not at all! More countries are being added gradually as parents volunteer to sponsor them. We will be updating the country list on our world map in the hallway near room 131. If you wish to sponsor a country, we have a limited amount of open classrooms for you and a group to set up. We are looking forward to increasing our country population this year!

Country Info and Sponsors

<u>Country</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Room</u>
Australia	Ms. Kish	P168
Bosnia	Mr. Duman	139
Canada	Ms. Chardavoyne	P170
China	Mr. & Mrs. Akyalcin	135
Cuba	Ms. Santos	147
Djibouti	Ms. Krause	144
Egypt	Ms. Balci	121

France	Ms. Addam	P160
Germany	Mr. Kriebel	136
Georgia	Mr. Gajievi	140
Greece	Ms. Leiter	Gym
India	Ms. Trujillo	P171
Ireland	Mr. Murphy	131
Mali	Ms. Marcucci/Branly	128
Pakistan	Ms. Bolat	123
Peru	Ms. White	P161
Polynesian Islands	Ms. Rourke	P165
Puerto Rico	Ms. Lugo	145
Russia	Ms. Frunker	148
Spain	Ms. Killian	150
Syria, Jordan & Palestine	Mr. Parrella	138
Turkey	Mr. Koc	142
United Kingdom	Ms. Schwartz	129



Dear Parents/ Guardians,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will take the following computer-based assessment(s):

- **Grade 6 FCAT 2.0 Mathematics**
- **Grade 6/Grade 7/Grade 8/Grade 9/ Grade 10 FCAT 2.0 Reading**
- **FCAT 2.0 Reading Retake**

and the following paper-based assessment(s):

- **Grade 7/Grade 8/ FCAT 2.0 Mathematics**
- **Grade 8 FCAT2.0 Science**

Please find your student's 2013-2014 Type of Assessment and Dates below

Assessment Date	Gr. Level	Assessment Name	Type of Assessment
Monday, April 14th- Tuesday April 15th	9 - 11	FCAT 2.0 Reading Retakes	Computer Based
Monday, April 14th	7 - 8	FCAT Math	Paper Based
Thursday, April 17th	8	FCAT Science	Paper Based
Monday, April 21st through Thursday, April 24th	6	FCAT Reading	Computer Based
Wednesday, April 23rd through Friday, April 25th	7	FCAT Reading	Computer Based
Thursday, April 24th - Tuesday, April 29th	9	FCAT Reading	Computer Based
Wednesday, April 30th- Thursday, May 1st	8	FCAT Reading	Computer Based
Friday, May 2nd- Tuesday, May 6th	6	FCAT Math	Computer Based
Tuesday, May 6th through Thursday May 8th	7	EOC Civics	Computer Based
Friday, May 9th	10	EOC US History	Computer Based
Monday, May 12th	8	EOC Biology	Computer Based
Tuesday, May 13th through Friday, May 16th	6-7-8-9- Retakes	EOC Algebra-I	Computer Based

Your student's test(s) are scheduled for Monday, April 14th through Tuesday, May 7th and your student will have an opportunity to participate in a computer-based practice test to become familiar with the software, item types, and online tools he or she will encounter and use during testing.

If you or your student would like to review the CBT practice test at home, you can download instructions and a practice test (called an "ePAT") at www.FLAssessments.com/ePAT. Your student may practice as often as necessary prior to testing. You may also view Student Tutorials at www.FLAssessments.com/StudentTutorials.

Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

- **Electronic Devices**—If your student is found with ANY electronic devices, including but not limited to cell phones and smartphones, at any time during testing, including breaks (e.g., restroom), his or her test will be
- invalidated, which means it will not be scored. The best practice is for students to leave devices at home or in their lockers on the day of testing.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All FCAT/FCAT 2.0 tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment that reads, "I understand the testing rules that were just read to me. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated." Prior to testing, test administrators will read the rules to students, and students must acknowledge that they understand the testing rules by clicking a box or circle next to the statement.
- **Discussing Test Content after Testing**—The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they affirm the acknowledgment states, "After the test, you may not discuss the test items with anyone. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting online, for example, on websites like Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram." If students are found sharing information about test items, even without the intent to cheat, their tests will be invalidated.
- **Test Invalidations**—Students are responsible for working on their own during the test and for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated. 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 to have extremely similar answer patterns will be invalidated.
- **Leaving Campus**—If your student leaves campus before completing a test session (for lunch, an appointment, or illness, etc.), he or she WILL NOT be allowed to complete the test session. 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 remember not to schedule appointments on testing days.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Mr. Yalcin at yalcin@orlandoscience.org.

For more information about the statewide assessment program, visit the FDOE website at <http://fcat.fldoe.org/>.

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

Sincerely,

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Charter School Hot Lunch April 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Breakfast Selections	Breakfast Breaks Fruity Cheerios 100% Fruit Juice Assorted Milk	Yogurt Parfait w/ Cinnamon Toast Crunch Peach Cup Assorted Milk	Ultimate Breakfast Round Apple Slices Assorted Milk	Very Berry Mini Loaf Cheese Stick Diced Pears Assorted Milk	Banana Bread Strawberry Cup Assorted Milk	Breakfast Selections 9 – 12 th Grade Daily – 2 fruits
	3/31 Chicken Sandwich Carrots Stir Fry Vegetables Strawberry Cup Choice of Milk	1 Meatballs with Rotini Pasta and Marinara Sauce California Medley Broccoli Mixed Fruit Choice of Milk	2 Fish Sticks WG Dinner Roll Sweet Potato Crinkles Vegetarian Beans Nectarine Choice of Milk	3 Turkey Pot Roast WG Dinner Roll Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Banana Choice of Milk	4 Italian Deli Wrap Garden Salad Peas and Carrots Apple Slices Choice of Milk	5 K-8 – Offer menu as is 9 – 12 th Grades *4/1 – 1c. Pasta *4/3 – 2 Dinner Rolls Give 4oz Pot Roast *Daily – 2 fruits
6	7 Chicken Nuggets WG Dinner Roll Tomato Soup Spinach Diced Pears Choice of Milk	8 Hamburger or Cheeseburger on WG Bun Potato Smiles Black Bean and Corn Salsa Watermelon Choice of Milk	9 Chicken Alfredo with Penne Pasta Italian Vegetable Blend Steamed Carrots Orange Wedges Choice of Milk	10 Macaroni and Cheese WG Garlic Breadstick Veggie Dippers Broccoli Pineapple Spears Choice of Milk	11 Turkey Ham & Swiss on WG Bun Lettuce & Tomato Cup Garden Salad w/ Garbanzo Beans Peach Cup Choice of Milk	12 K-8 – Offer menu as is 9 – 12 th Grades *4/9 – 1c. Pasta *Daily – 2 fruits
13	14 Sloppy Nachos Goldfish Crackers Mexican Corn Red Beans Applesauce Choice of Milk	15 Turkey Hot Dogs Cole Slaw Sweet Potato Crinkles Nectarine Choice of Milk	16 Roasted BBQ Chicken Brown Rice Veggie Dippers Broccoli Watermelon Choice of Milk	17 Mac & Beef casserole WG Garlic Breadstick Popeye Salad Cauliflower Fresh Grapes Choice of Milk	18 Turkey & Provolone Sub Lettuce & Tomato Cup Baby Carrots Diced Pears Choice of Milk	9 – 12 th Grades *4/14 – Use Recipe for HS; omit roll & give Goldfish *4/16 – 1 c. Rice *4/17 – 2 Breadsticks *Daily – 2 fruits
20	21 Hamburger or Cheeseburger on WG Bun California Vegetables Steamed carrots Strawberry Applesauce Choice of Milk	22 Popcorn Chicken WG Dinner Roll Corn Mashed Potatoes Pear Choice of Milk	23 BBQ Riblet on WG Bun Sweet Potato Waffles BBQ Beans Banana Choice of Milk	24 Turkey Lasagna Spinach Italian Blend Vegetable Pineapple Spears Choice of Milk	25 Italian and American on WG Bun Lettuce & Tomato Cup Veggie Dippers Peach Cup Choice of Milk	26 K-8 – Offer menu as is 9 – 12 th Grades *4/22 – 2 Dinner Rolls *4/24 – Give Breadstick *Daily – 2 fruits

Lunch

\$1.80 elementary
\$2.50 middle/high

breakfast
\$1.25 elementary and 6th grade only