



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,

FCAT is here!! We are ready and excited for next week and know that the students are too! Pages 2 and 3 share some important news concerning test procedures and schedules and don't forget, Monday through Thursday will be early days.

Scroll on down to page 4 to learn upcoming news and a little bit of history then jump on down to page 5 to see the latest installment of "Movie Night".

OSS will be hosting an International Night to share the world with our students and parents, get your passport and fly on over to page 6 for more information. Page 7 gears up our robotics news and shows off one of OSS' cool students.

Get out your particle separator and atomize your way to page 8 to help out OSS' Science Olympiad team and don't forget to check out page 9 for the yummy lunch menu!

Get some rest this weekend and make sure your students eat a good breakfast (free at McDonald's on Monday) everyday in preparation for FCAT!

Sincerely,

Necati Sahin, OSS Principal

*Education is the foundation upon which we build our future.
~ Christine Gregoire*

Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test[®]

Spring 2013 FCAT/FCAT 2.0 Reading/Mathematics/Science

Daily Test Administration Schedule

FCAT 2.0 PAPER-BASED TEST ADMINISTRATIONS

WEEK ONE		
Day 1 – Monday, April 15		
Grades 3, 4, 5, 10*	Reading – Session 1	70 minutes
Grades 6, 7, 8	Mathematics – Session 1	70 minutes
Grades 6, 7, 8	Mathematics – Session 2	70 minutes
Day 2 – Tuesday, April 16		
Grades 3, 4, 5, 10*	Reading – Session 2	70 minutes
Grades 7*, 8	Reading – Session 1	70 minutes
Day 3 – Wednesday, April 17		
Grades 3, 4	Mathematics – Session 1	70 minutes
Grade 5	Science – Session 1	80 minutes
Grades 7*, 8	Reading – Session 2	70 minutes
Day 4 – Thursday, April 18		
Grades 3, 4	Mathematics – Session 2	70 minutes
Grade 5	Science – Session 2	80 minutes
Grade 8	Science – Session 1	80 minutes
Grade 8	Science – Session 2	80 minutes
Day 5 – Friday, April 19		
Make-up testing		
WEEK TWO		
Day 6 – Monday, April 22		
Grade 5*	Mathematics – Session 1	70 minutes
Grades 6*, 9*	Reading – Session 1	70 minutes
Day 7 – Tuesday, April 23		
Grade 5*	Mathematics – Session 2	70 minutes
Grades 6*, 9*	Reading – Session 2	70 minutes
Days 8, 9, and 10 – Wednesday, April 24 – Friday, April 26		
Make-up testing		
* Schedule applies to administration of paper-based accommodations for computer-based tests		

MAKE-UP TESTING

- Week One: Make-up testing may continue through Wednesday, April 24.
- Week Two: Make-up testing may continue through Tuesday, April 30.
- For initial OR make-up test administrations, Session 1 MUST be administered before Session 2.

FCAT POLICIES



Please be sure to review the following policies before the day of the test:

- **Electronic Devices**—Students may not have ANY electronic devices during testing, including, but not limited to, cell phones and smart phones, even if they are turned off. 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 states 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. If any student is caught cheating during the assessment, his or her test will not be scored.
- **Leaving Campus**—If your student leaves campus before completing the test (for lunch, an appointment, 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. Wednesday , February 27, is reserved as make-up day for the FCAT Writing Test.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Mr. Yalcin at 407 253 7304 Ext: 118 and Ms. Jensen at 407 253 7304 Ext:170. 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/she prepares for the test.

OSS Administration

CAN TABS

OSS/OSES STUDENTS HAVE BEEN
COLLECTING CAN TABS ALL YEAR LONG
TO HELP THOSE IN NEED AT THE
RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE.
WE DROPPED THEM OFF AT THE
RECYCLING PLANT AND WEIGHED
IN AT 61 LBS!!!!
WE WILL CONTINUE TO COLLECT THEM
AND DONATE TO THIS WONDERFUL CHARITY!



OSS Upcoming Events

1. **April 19th – Movie Night- “Who Framed Roger Rabbit?”-OSS Cafeteria, 6-8pm
(Free raffle for all attendees for Limited edition movie posters and collectible Terminator Statues)**
2. **FTC World Championships- April 24-27, St. Louis, Missouri**
3. **OSS/OSES Skate Night-April 26th**

FCAT DATES

April 15- 26, 2013

****Always check the OSS website and Make sure you check your emails****

Science Olympiad Competition Dates

March 23rd State
May 17-18 National



Week in History

In 1859, a 23-year-old Missouri youth named Samuel Langhorne Clemens receives his steamboat pilot's license.

Clemens had signed on as a pilot's apprentice in 1857 while on his way to Mississippi. He had been commissioned to write a series of comic travel letters for the *Keokuk Daily Post*, but after writing five, decided he'd rather be a pilot than a writer. He piloted his own boats for two years, until the Civil War halted steamboat traffic. During his time as a pilot, he picked up the term "Mark Twain," a boatman's call noting that the river was only two fathoms deep, the minimum depth for safe navigation. When Clemens returned to writing in 1861, working for the Virginia City Territorial Enterprise, he wrote a humorous travel letter signed by "Mark Twain" and continued to use the pseudonym for nearly 50 years.

Clemens was born in Hannibal, Missouri, and was apprenticed to a printer at age 13. He later worked for his older brother, who established the Hannibal Journal. In 1864, he moved to San Francisco to work as a reporter. There he wrote the story that made him famous, The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County.

In 1866, he traveled to Hawaii as a correspondent for the Sacramento Union. Next, he traveled the world writing accounts for papers in California and New York, which he later published as the popular book *The Innocents Abroad* (1869). In 1870, Clemens married the daughter of a wealthy New York coal merchant and settled in Hartford, Connecticut, where he continued to write travel accounts and lectures. In 1875, his novel *Tom Sawyer* was published followed by *Life on the Mississippi* (1883) and his masterpiece *Huckleberry Finn* (1885). Bad investments left Clemens bankrupt after the publication of *Huckleberry Finn*, but he won back his financial standing with his next three books. In 1903, he and his family moved to Italy, where his wife died. Her death left him sad and bitter, and his work, while still humorous, grew distinctly darker. He died in 1910.

TOUCHSTONE PICTURES AND STEVEN SPIELBERG PRESENT
A ROBERT ZEMECKIS FILM

Who framed
ROGER RABBIT



MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY

(Free raffle for all attendees for limited edition movie posters and collectible Terminator Statues)

OSS International Night

OSS and OSES are proud to bring back International Night on Wednesday, May 22nd from 5-7pm. We invite everyone to come and explore a variety of cultures. Each participating teacher's room has been transformed into an embassy and parents and students are invited to walk freely through the school to experience the vast culture that each of our 24 countries have to offer.

Volunteers to help design and provide cultural items, foods, music or clothing are welcomed to help us represent these cultures to the fullest. A full list of countries, teachers and contact info will be emailed to parents or you may contact Mr. Parrella for more information at parrella@orlandoscience.org We look forward to seeing you there!



OSS and OSES
International Night!

Wednesday, May 22nd
5 - 7 pm

Explore 24 Unique and Fascinating Cultures!

Food! Music! Dance! Art!

A Global Experience for the Whole Family!

Robotics Donations

As some of you may know; OSS participates in various robotics competitions. Our team won an invitation to the *FIRST* Tech Challenge World Championship in Saint Louis, Missouri. Unfortunately most team members do not have the financial means to cover the trip expenses from Orlando, Florida. Please email, copy, like, share, etc. the link below in LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, or Google+, where donations can be made. If you can donate, great, every little bit counts; but most importantly some of your friends' friends may be able to help, so please post the link. Thanks.

<http://www.gofundme.com/29v0pg>

Yours in Robotics,

OSS

Sumaiyah Mustaphalli, a sixth grader known for her Science Olympiad contributions, won the **national** writing contest by Yes! Magazine. Her work and short biography will be published in the magazine and online for the Spring 2013 competition. The prompt was: What can change when we learn to see others that we would not normally see? It was a challenging topic to respond to a written article and this is a huge accomplishment as there were over 10,000 entries and she beat out students from all over the nation in 6th-8th grades as a 6th grader!





ORLANDO SCIENCE SCHOOLS SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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

This means that we are going to be competing at the National Science Olympiad in Ohio on May 17th and 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
- Team Transportation – Airfare and Van Rental
- Team Hotel Rooms and Meals
- Building Event Supplies
- Science Olympiad Study Books
- Team Costumes for Opening Ceremony and Parade and Team Gift Exchange
- Team Sponsorship - Gold Level Includes Your Large Size Company Logo on Team Shirts - \$1,000
Silver Level Includes Your Medium Size Company Logo on Team Shirts - \$500
Bronze Level Includes Your Small Company Logo on Team Shirts - \$250

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 1st.

As always, your support is greatly appreciated.

CHARTER SCHOOL MEALS

April 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Breakfast Selections	Breakfast Breaks (Kix) Assorted Milk	Whole Grain Pop tarts (1pkg) Cheese Stick 100% Fruit Juice	Apple Frudel Cheese Stick Diced Fruit Cup Assorted Milk	Breakfast Breaks (Fruity Cheerios) Assorted Milk	Banana Muffin Yogurt Diced Peach Cup Assorted Milk	Breakfast Selections
	1 Chicken Nuggets Dinner Roll Potato Smiles Mandarin Oranges California Blend	2 Beef Teriyaki Brown Rice Stir Fry Vegetables Diced Pears Choice of Milk	3 Turkey and Cheese Sub Sandwich Breadstick Garden Side Salad w/ 1/4c Garbanzo	4 BBQ Shredded Turkey on WG Bun Baked Sweet Potato Crinkles Fresh Grapes	5 Fish Taco Side salad w/1/4c Garbanzo Beans Sliced Apples Choice of Milk	6
7	8 Philly Steak/Cheese Hot Pocket Sweet Potato Waffles Fresh Orange Wedges Choice of Milk	9 Fish Sticks Dinner Roll Cole Slaw Sliced Apples Choice of Milk	10 Turkey Hot Dog on WG Bun Popeye Salad Fresh Blueberries Choice of Milk	11 Shredded Turkey and Gravy on a Bread Bowl Steamed Broccoli Pears Choice of Milk	12 SW Burrito Bites (4ea) 1/4c Red Beans Brown Rice Veggie Dippers Peaches Choice of Milk	13
14	15 Cheese Quesadilla Red Beans 1/2 c Fresh Grapes Choice of Milk	16 Beef or Turkey Burgers Baked Sweet Potato Wedges Baked Cinnamon Apples Choice of Milk	17 Roasted Chicken Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes Veggie Dippers Fresh Cantaloupe Choice of Milk	18 Turkey Lasagna Rolls Dinner Roll Green Beans Peaches Choice of Milk	19 Chicken Patty on Honey Goldfish Bread Garden Side Salad w/ 1/4 c Garbanzo Beans Tangerine Choice of Milk	20
21	22 Mozzarella Max Sticks/Marinara Sauce Baked Sweet Potato Crinkles Diced Pears Choice of Milk	23 Macaroni and Cheese Dinner Roll Spinach Fresh Watermelon Choice of Milk	24 PBJ Uncrustables Veggie Dippers Pineapple Tidbits Choice of Milk	25 Turkey Burrito Bowl Corn Fresh Grapes Choice of Milk	26 BBQ Pork Wrap on Loco Bread Veggie Dippers BBQ Baked Beans Granny Smith Apple Choice of Milk	27
			May			
28	29 Tangerine Chicken Lo Mein Noodles Stir Fry Vegetables Peaches Choice of Milk	30 Sloppy Nachos Grande Corn Cobbette Seasoned Black Beans Cantaloupe Spears Choice of Milk	1 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Sweet Potato Waffles Lettuce and Tomato Cup Diced Pears Choice of Milk	2 Hot Turkey and Swiss in WG Bun Potato Smiles Orange Wedges Choice of Milk	3 Turkey Cold Cut Combo Garden Side Salad Baby Carrots Sliced Apples Choice of Milk	4

Lunch

**\$1.80 elementary
\$2.50 middle/high**

**Breakfast
\$1.25 elementary and 6th grade only**