



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 14th – May 18th OSS will celebrate; turn to page 4 and find out how you can participate! GO OSS!

OSS Theater Club is putting on their spring production, Snow White and the Seven Robbers, on May 25th at 6:30pm. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased from Ms. G for \$5!

The student government is sponsoring an end of the year school dance on June 1st for 6th and 7th grade and 8th, 9th and 10th grade dance will be held on June 2 in the OSS cafeteria. The theme of the dance is: Masquerade Night. For more information, including volunteer chaperone information, please see page 9.

Don't forget to check the Science Olympiad sponsorship opportunities on page 8. 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!

Happy Mother's Day!!!!

Sincerely,
Necati Sahin

Mother love is the fuel that enables a normal human being to do the impossible. ~Marion C.



OSS Upcoming Events

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

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

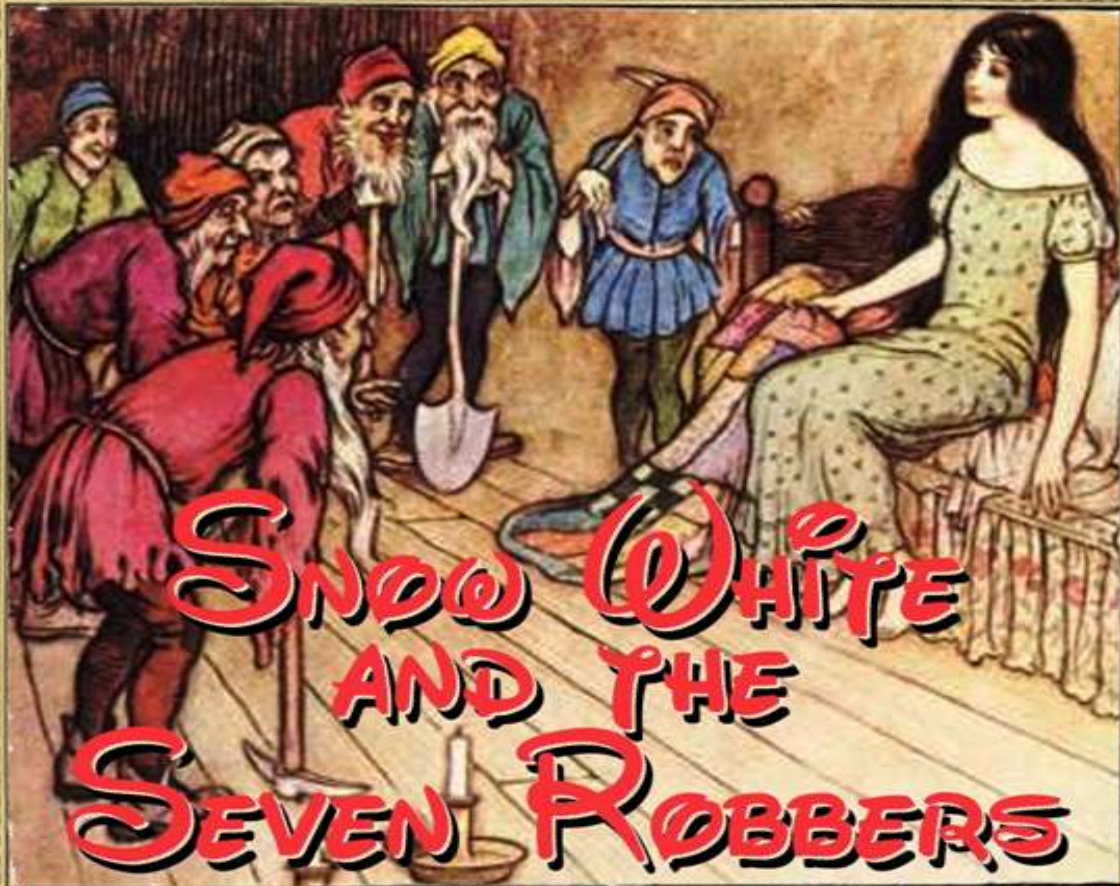
May 7th, 1429 □ The City of Orleans is retaken by French forces

The famous Hundred Years War had been battering the French countryside for decades. By the closing score of the war, it seemed as though English victory was assured. Henry V's victory at Agincourt in 1415 had devastated the French and deprived them of a majority of their knights, the strongest part of the French Army. The crowned prince of France, Charles VIII, was deeply considering surrendering to spare his people any further torment. With almost a hundred years of warfare and the Black Plague rolling across Europe, the French people had no hope left.

All that changed one day as Charles received a visitor. A group of soldiers visited his majesty with a poor maid in common clothes. The maid was a seventeen year old girl name Joan dressed as a boy to escape capture in the kingdom of Burgundy. Upon meeting the prince, Joan talked about a message she had received in a dream to unite the French and save the old kingdom of Charlemagne. Charles was not only impressed with this girl's descriptions of her heavenly vision; he was also desperate to find a cause to rally his men behind. To the men of France she was Joan of Arc, and a symbol of French purity and willingness to fight. Under the banner of Joan, the French morale soared and pushed bravely through the English forces. The turning point of the war came at the Battle of Orleans where, despite injured by an arrow, Joan rallied the men to victory.

Though later caught by the English and burned for witchcraft, Joan became a rallying cry for the French. They finally pushed the English out of their country after more than a hundred years of occupation. Still to this day, they honor St. Joan the Maid of Orleans.

**Orlando Science Schools
Theatre Club
Presents**



**Date: Friday, May 25, 2012
Time: 6:30 PM
Tickets: \$5.00**

OSS School Spirit Shirts are on sale at the Front Desk!!



(S-M-L \$12 OR 2 FOR \$20, XL-2XL \$14 OR 2 FOR \$24)

They will be available in Blue and Heather Grey
There is a limited number, so don't wait!!
First come, First Serve (no holds please)

****Students may wear them on Fridays with their uniform bottoms****



SCHOOL SPIRIT WEEK IS COMING

May 14th – May 18th

\$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

6th Grade – Yellow

9th Grade - Blue

7th Grade – Red

10th Grade - Black

8th Grade – Green



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 11TH**

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

2012 Character Development Week (April 30th-May 5th)



Special points of interest:

- Anti-Bullying Pledge
- Informative Safety Literature
- Art Contest
- Locker Competition
- Cleanest Classroom Competition
- Guest Speakers
- Character of the Month



Clean, Cooperative, and Courteous

May 5th, 2012

Events

During the week of April 30th to May 4th, Orlando Science Schools had his second annual Character Development Week. As part of the Clean, Cooperative, and Courteous program, students and staff were encouraged to demonstrate respect, courage, fairness, caring, and responsibility.

On Monday, every student had the opportunity to sign the "Anti-Bullying" Pledge at OSS. Over 200 students signed the pledge. Students also were given safety literature, anti-bullying silicon bands, five pillars of character key chains, and two students won a gift pack that included books, supplies, and positive promotions.

During the week, the 6th grade students participated in an art contest and were encouraged to create art based upon the theme clean, cooperative, and

courteous. Two students, Trudy Lin and Valeria VonPfister won first place and received two passes to the Orlando Science Center.

7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th grade students competed in a locker competition. Students had to maintain clean and organized lockers, that were grouped by sections. Section 8 prevailed and all 25 students will have the opportunity to dress down in May.

Teachers competed in a cleanest classroom competition. The top three were Ms. Wilcox (1st), Ms. Jensen (2nd), and Ms. Bladow/Mr. Yalcin (3rd). Winning teachers received free yoga classes from College Park Yoga.



Guest Speakers

Two guest speakers visited OSS on Thursday, May 3rd. Sarah Van Arsdel, the Director of the Orange County Regional History Center, came and spoke to the 6th grade class about historical figures with good character (and some with bad). Two students received family packs to visit the center.

Mitch Bloomer, a Resource Teacher, from the Holocaust Memorial Center in Maitland, spoke to a group of 50 students, regarding the associations of bullying and the holocaust.

Both speakers did a wonderful job relaying to our students the importance of good character.

Character of the Month

Congratulations to Cienna James-Anderson, Juliana Velasquez, Danh Pham, Jarod Clark, and Michael Anderson. These students were selected to represent their grade as the Character of the Month. These students received a certificate and can dress down on a day of their choosing. Student are recognized as based upon our commendation system that rewards good character.

Thank you to our sponsors of Character Wee at OSS !

College Park Yoga

Publix

Orange County Regional History Center

Catherine P. King, D.D.S.

Orlando Science Center

Credo Coffee

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Past Character Developments Projects

The school years are a time of significant emotional, intellectual, social and physical change. Orlando Science Schools is committed to the encouragement of intellectual, emotional, physical, and social growth of our student population. Character development is implemented daily in our classrooms and there a number of programs and events that promote a positive school environment. There are direct links between improved academic performance and participation in student activities, in addition to a decrease in deviant behaviors, and an increased likelihood of college graduation.

During the 2010-2011 school year, student participated in a variety of events that promoted character development.

One project included creating an "Anti-Bullying Tower." Students were asked to bring in a box of any size and decorate it with positive messages. All boxes were then stacked together to form an anti-bullying tower. The tower reached over 10 foot high and had a circumference of over 7 feet.

Students also had the opportunity to have their photo taken with a positive message. The photos were hung throughout the school.

OSS had the opportunity last year to have the GREAT program come to our school. The GREAT program has developed partnerships with nationally recognized organizations, such as the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and the National Association of Police Athletic Leagues. These partnerships encourage positive relationships among the community, parents, schools, and law enforcement officers.





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.

Masquerade Night

June 1st and 2nd, 2012 @5:30 PM

(6th and 7th grade)

(8th, 9th and 10th)

The student government is sponsoring an end of the year school dance. The dance will be held on June 1st for 6th and 7th grade and 8th, 9th and 10th grade dance will be held on June 2 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@orlandoscience.org

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