



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 special emphasis in mathematics, science, technology, and language arts.

Date: 09/02/2011
Issue 71

Principal's Corner

Dear Students & Parents,

Grandparents' Night is coming up for the 6th grade, on Thursday, September 8, 2011 and for the 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th grades, on Friday, September 9th. The potluck dinner will begin at 5:15 pm in the OSS Cafeteria.

Picture Day is coming up on October 17th. Make sure to bring your brightest smiles!

Science Fair is right around the corner. Parents of 7th-10th grade students please assist your child in picking out their topics for the Science Fair!

Two new clubs have opened only for High School students SAT Study Club and Service Learning Club! For more information on these unique clubs please see page 5 of the OSS Newsletter.

I hope everyone has a restful three-day weekend!

Sincerely,
Dr. Akin

Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.
William Butler Yeats

Individual Highlights

Principal's Corner	1
Recycling Program	2
OSS Picture Day	2
Upcoming Events	2
Grandparents Potluck Dinner	3
Science Fair News	4
Service Learning and SAT Prep Club/ Application	5/6
Facts You Should Know	7
Home Visits	8



OSS Paper Recycling Program

The OSS Environmental Team has a paper recycling program! Students and their families may bring paper materials from home to help our cause. We are able to accept school and office papers, mail, phone books, newspapers, and magazines. A Green & Yellow Paper Retriever bin is located behind the school. Please put these materials directly in the bin anytime you visit the school. If you are bringing your materials from home please pull your car off to the side of the bin so the flow of dismissal traffic is not blocked. Once again, this is for paper products only. Do not include glass, plastic, tissue products, cardboard boxes, cereal boxes, soda cartons, and/or food wrap/containers. Not only will be helping the environment, but we will also raise money for each ton of paper we recycle!

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Wilcox.

Sarah E. Wilcox
Orlando Science Schools
6th Grade Geography and World History
info@orlandoscience.org

OSS PICTURE DAY

OSS will take school pictures on the following days for school ID's and also for parents to purchase.

Oct 17th - Picture Day
Nov 18th - Picture Retake Day

Students, please wear the following OSS uniform shirts

Red - for the middle school students

Light blue - for the high school students.



OSS Upcoming Events

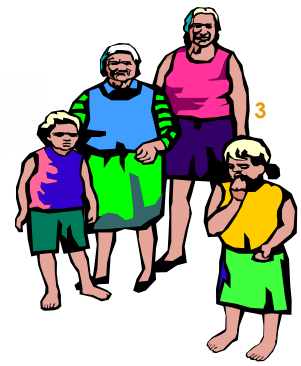
Curriculum Night for 6th and 8th Graders September 13

Curriculum Night for 7, 9, 10th Graders September 15

Oss Welcome Picnic (New Parents Only) September 24

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration with Florida Representative Darren Soto September 27

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



GRANDPARENTS DAY

POTLUCK DINNER INVITATION

Dear Parents and Students,

Orlando Science School is organizing a special event for Grandparents Day on Thursday and Friday, September 8th and 9th. 6th grade will attend the potluck on Thursday, September 8th. 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th grades will attend the potluck on Friday, September 9th. Grandparents and Honorary Grandparents of students in OSS are cordially invited to share in a potluck dinner of inspired student presentations, music, fellowship, food and fun. If you do not have a grandparent able to attend this event, you can bring a special senior, a neighbor, a relative, or your parents.

We hope that you will be able to attend the Grandparents Day Potluck dinner. We have celebrated Grandparents Day with a Potluck Dinner in the past and we hope that you have enjoyed the food and presentations as much as we have. To ensure that we have a sampling of main dishes, salads, and desserts, we have assigned you a category (see below). Also, please bring your own serving utensils for your dish.

Date: 6th grade, Thursday, September 8, 2011
7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th grades, Friday, September 9, 2011
Time: 5:15 pm
Where: OSS Cafeteria

Fill out the bottom portion of this letter and return to Ms. Becc by Tuesday, September 6th.

Parent Name: _____ Student Name: _____

___ Yes, I will attend. Number to attend: ___ and ___ Yes, I will help setup/cleanup

Or

Please RSVP by e-mail to secretary1@orlandoscience.org. ***RSVP due date is Tuesday, September 6th.***

Please see the list of items that we will need for the potluck. The list is sorted by the student's first letter of the last name (for example: Jones = J). Please bring in the items listed for your student(s) last name.

A thru D please bring a dessert that will feed between 8 - 10 people.

E thru L please bring a main dish that will feed at least 10 people if not more.

M thru O please bring dinner & dessert plates, forks, knives, spoons, napkins (need settings to feed 500 people, you do not need to bring everything just one of the items listed would be great).

P thru T please bring salads to feed 8 to 10 people.

U thru Z please bring beverages (such as soda, juices, tea & water).

***** I am bringing (list what you are bringing on line below)**

***** Note:** Please include the name of the dish and a list of ingredients on an index card that we can place near the food. (Allergy reasons)

Science Fair News!

It's that time of year again...SCIENCE FAIR TIME!

Students should be picking topics over the course of the next 2 weeks. 7th -10th graders will all be participating in this year's science fair. Sixth grade students in gifted classes will participate as well. Parents please encourage and assist students in finding a topic that's right for them. There are a lot more experiments that can be done than botany! There is a whole Behavioral and Social Sciences category so research the internet for ideas. The Science fair will be held December 9th in the school gym for qualified students that advance from their class science fair. We will contact parents when it is closer to that time for volunteers and judges. If you are interested in helping out please give Ms. Corson an e-mail or let PVO know you'd like to help with science fair.

Here are some useful websites to help you get started!

Students will receive official information at the end of the week or right after Labor Day weekend.

www.yingexpo.com

www.societyforscience.org/isef

www.school.discoveryeducation.com/sciencefaircentral

www.super-science-fair-projects.com

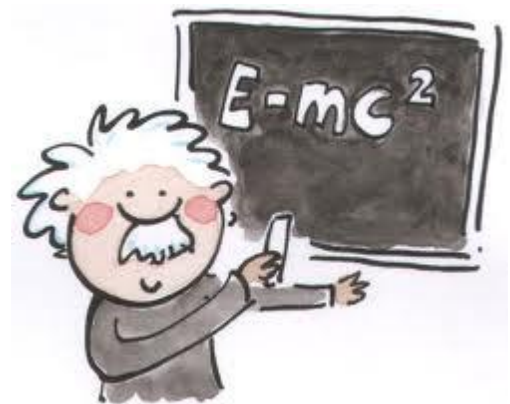
I can't wait to see what all our scientists come up with! There will be more information to come in their science classes.

Sincerely,

Ms. Corson

Corson@orlandoscience.org

OSS Science Fair Representative





Dear Parents

Orlando Science Schools is offering two new clubs to only High School students, Service Learning Club and SAT Study Club. Mr. Yalcin will be running the Service Learning Club on Tuesdays and SAT Study club on Thursdays in club times. It is a great opportunity to your students in order to earn the service learning hours during the high school education and be prepared to SAT. There is no application fee and students need to fill the application forms and turn in to Mr. Yalcin. If you have any question, you can feel free to contact to Mr. Yalcin via e-mail yalcin@orlandoscience.org "

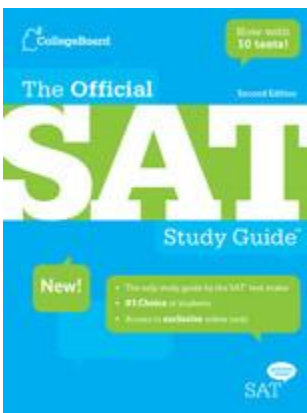
What is Service Learning?

Service Learning is meaningful service to the community with classroom studies in a way that improves student learning and strengthens the community. Service learning is a teaching strategy through which students identifies, research and address real community challenges, using knowledge and skills learned in the classroom. It is a highly engaging and motivating methodology that provides real-life problem solving across all grade levels and content areas. It allows differentiation of instruction aimed at diverse student populations with varying needs, abilities and learning styles. It builds 21st century skills of teamwork, communication, critical thinking and decision-making, among others.

What is SAT?

The SAT is a globally recognized college admission test that lets students show colleges what they know and how well they can apply that knowledge. It tests students' knowledge of reading, writing and math — subjects that are taught every day in high school classrooms. Most students take the SAT during their junior or senior year of high school, and almost all colleges and universities use the SAT to make admission decisions.

Taking the SAT is the first step in finding the right college for most of the students — the place where they can further develop their skills and pursue their passions. But SAT scores are just one of many factors that colleges consider when making their admission decisions. High school grades are also very important. In fact, the combination of high school grades and SAT scores is the best predictor of your academic success in college.



**Orlando Science Schools
Service Learning Club Application Form**

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Have you ever worked voluntarily in any agency or organization before? if so, explain in which organization or agency you worked and what you did _____

I, _____ would like to participate OSS Service Learning club and I will commit the Service Learning Club organizations and activities.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Please turn in this form to Mr. Yalcin no later than September 14th 2011.



OSS Facts That You Should Know

****Changes have been made to start & dismissal times****

1. **6th/ 8th Graders now start at 8:00am and 7th, 9th, 10th graders start at 8:05 am. You may still drop students off as early as 7:30 am.**
2. Parents, if you happen to change your phone numbers, e-mail addresses or move, please update Ms.Becc with the current information. It is very important that we have your current phone numbers and e-mail addresses on file. Please call Ms. Becc at 407-253-7304 ext 100 with any changes or updates.
3. **If your student arrives after 8:30 am you must come in and sign your student in at the front desk.**
4. If your student needs to leave early for an appointment please send a note in the day before or at least the morning of and give to Ms. Becc. Ms. Becc will e-mail the teachers and let them know that your child will be leaving early. If it is an emergency and your child needs to leave early, please call Ms. Becc so she can have your child available. Please leave a message on the voice mail if Ms. Becc is not available to answer the call, she will get the message.
5. If your student is absent please send a note in with them and turn it into Ms. Becc.
On the note please have the date you are writing it as well as the dates that the student was absent.
6. Parents, please make sure that you are checking your e-mails as well as your spam mail. Some of our teachers will start e-mailing you and the e-mails may go to Spam the first time.
7. **OSS uniform will strictly be upheld at all times.**
Your student may dress in regular school appropriate clothes for their birthday. Please notify Ms. Becc the day before.
8. **Parents, if you need to meet with any staff member, you must have an appointment. (Please no walk-ins)**
***To meet with a teacher, you need to email the teacher to set up an appointment.**
***To meet with administration, you need to email or call Ms. Becc for an appointment.**
Please keep in mind that directly before and after school is not a good time due to arrival/dismissal of students.
9. Parents, if you would like to have lunch with your student please notify Ms. Becc 24 hours in advance.
10. Parents, if you would like to sit in your students classes for a day please notify Ms. Becc 48 hours in advance for authorization.
11. **OSS campus speed limit is 5mph. This is strictly enforced for the safety of all.**
12. **Dismissal starts at 2:43 pm until the car line dissipates, at which time the students will be sent to the cafeteria. When there is inclement weather, the dismissal process is slow from cafeteria. We do follow OCPs' 30-30 rule.**
13. **On Club days, dismissal will start at 2:43 pm.**
For students in clubs, dismissal will start again at 3:36 pm until the car line dissipates, at which time the students will be sent to the cafeteria.
14. **Twice a month, OSS will have early dismissals on Wednesdays.**
6th/8th (unless specified) grade dismissal will be at 12:43 pm. 7th/ 9th/10th grade dismissal will be at 12:53 pm.
Students may remain on campus free of charge till 3:45pm, after which time the cost will be \$10 until 5:15pm.
Regular after school care fee applies after 5:15 pm.
15. **After school care (self study) is available after 5:15pm. The cost associated with this is as follows:**
***5:15-6pm \$10**
***6:01-7pm \$15**
16. OSS is listed on the 5% Back to Schools Programs. All the parent has to do is sign-up at Office Depot (no cost is involved for signing up) and a portion of their purchase goes towards OSS. (Our Number is 70218341)

OSS HOME VISITS



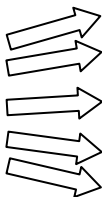
We are very happy with the degree of parent involvement we have in our school. In order to make our student, parent and teacher connection even stronger, OSS teachers researched and came up with the idea of home visits. Experience and research from all over the United States indicates that the interaction with a student's family at their home is a very effective way to help students achieve academic and behavioral progress.

If you would like to schedule a home visit or learn more about it please email your student's homeroom teacher.

Some feedbacks about home visits from our parents.

- When we chose to enroll my daughter at OSS we were very excited as the school seemed like a closer community than the public schools that our daughters have attended. The Home Visit program is a perfect example of this concept, that families and faculty working together can provide a better education for our children by communication and interaction. Please stay in touch and let us know how we can help make OSS an even better place.
- Good Morning Mr. Sahin, I wanted to thank you and Mr. Altintas for taking time out of your schedules to visit my home yesterday. I think the home visit was beneficial and I now better understand what is in store for my daughter this school year and what is expected of her.
- Teachers make a lasting impression on a child's life and this visit showed your love and concern about my son and the next generation; with the help of good parents and good teachers we can make a difference. I have not seen such dedication and care from a school in a long time.
- We know this takes a lot of time from your personal family and this does not go without notice. With the efforts this school has shown it will be a leader in no time. Keep up the good work we look forward to many more years of building a foundation as solid as a rock.
- I wanted to send a note to let you know that we enjoyed our home visit. The home visits are a great idea and facilitate good communication between faculty, students, and parents. We had the opportunity to get to know more about upcoming events and the curriculum

To



Increase student attendance rates.

Increase student test scores.

See school-wide positive behavior

Decrease suspension and expulsion rates.

Decrease vandalism at school.



Support
Home Visits