



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.

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Principal's Corner

Dear Students & Parents,

Reminder, next Wednesday, the 21st, is a half-day for students. Please make sure to pick up your student at the correct time.

During school hours, please do not drive around the back of the school. P.E. classes may be outside in the back. We ask that you come in and leave through the front parking lot only. We do not want to risk the lives of our children for our convenience. Also, please park in a parking spot if you are coming into the school for any reason. Do not park in the lane in front of the school that is for the Fire Department only.

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

Come celebrate Hispanic Heritage month at Orlando Science Schools on Tuesday, September 27, 2011. Students and their families are invited to OSS to enjoy time with teachers and staff for a program with special guest, Florida Representative, Darren Soto. For more information please see article on page 4 of the newsletter.

Sincerely,
Dr. Akin

Les Brown ~ 'Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss it you will land amongst the stars.'

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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

PVO Meeting, Tuesday, September 20th, Dinner at 5, meeting at 6pm

Early Dismissal Day, Wednesday, September 21st

Oss Welcome Picnic (New Parents Only) September 24th, 11 am-1pm (read more on page 3)

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration with Florida Representative Darren Soto September 27th
(read more on page 4)

Fall Book Fair, October 3-7th, "preview only" on Friday, September 30th

OSS Rummage Sale, October 22~ Start saving your items to donate!!!!!!!!!!!!

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

OSS E-Waste Recycling Drive

Did you know that 70% of the world's toxic waste is electronic waste? Reusing and recycling electronics conserves our natural resources and avoids air and water pollution, as well as greenhouse gas emissions that are caused by mining and processing new materials.

The OSS Environmental Club is holding an E-Waste Drive to collect all of your unused electronic devices. Please bring any VCRs, cell phones, chargers, cords and wires to Mrs. Wilcox in room 147. The deadline is Friday, September 30.

Do your part to help our environment!

OSS Welcome Picnic For New Students and Families

September 24th

11am - 1pm

We invite all of our New students and families to the OSS Welcome Picnic on Saturday, September 24th!!



Bring your own drinks (non-alcoholic) and a side dish or dessert!!!
OSS will provide hot dogs, chicken, and hamburgers!!!

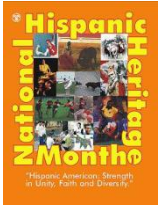
Please bring bottom portion to Ms. Becc no later than Tuesday, September 20th

Parent Name: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade _____

_____ Number to Attend

Name of side dish/dessert I will be bringing _____



Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

Dear Parents and Students,

Orlando Science Schools and students in Spanish Class are organizing a special event called Celebración de la Hispanidad to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month on Tuesday, September 27, 2011, at 5:15 pm. We would like to invite students and their families to OSS to enjoy time with teachers and staff for a program with special guest **Florida Representative Darren Soto** and a catered dinner by Pollo Tropical.

The cost is \$7 per person which will include a chicken dinner, dessert and beverages.

Participants need to please RSVP to Ms. Becc no later than Thursday, September 22, 2011, by turning in the form found below with the money attached. **(CASH ONLY)**

We hope that you will be able to attend the Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration. We have celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month in the past and we hope that you have enjoyed the presentations and event as much as we have!

Date: Tuesday, September 27, 2011

Time: 5:15 pm

Where: OSS Cafeteria

Fill out the bottom portion of this letter. Please return the form with the money attached to Ms. Becc by Thursday September 22nd.

Name: _____

Student Name: _____

_____ Yes, I will attend.

_____ Number to Attend x \$7.00 per person = \$ _____ which is enclosed.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

September 18-September 24

September 18, 1793: George Washington lays the foundation stone for the U.S. Capitol.

September 18, 1851: The first edition of The New York Daily Times, which later became The New York Times, was published.

September 18, 1947: The National Security Act, which unified the Army, Navy and newly formed Air Force, went into effect.

September 19, 1783: The first hot-air balloon is sent aloft in Versailles, France with animal passengers including a sheep, rooster and a duck.

September 19, 1881: President James Garfield died of a gunshot wound inflicted by a disappointed office seeker the previous July 2.

September 19 1893: New Zealand becomes the first nation to grant women the right to vote.

September 20, 1952: Scientists confirm that DNA holds hereditary data.

September 22, 1862: President Abraham Lincoln issued the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation, proposing to free all slaves of rebel states as of Jan. 1, 1863.

September 24, 1956: The first transatlantic telephone cable system begins operation.

September 24, 1996: The United States and the world's other major nuclear powers signed a treaty to end all testing and development of nuclear weapons.



STUDENT/PARKING LOT SAFETY

****During school hours, PLEASE do not drive
around the back of the school.****

P.E. classes may be outside in the back.

We asked that you come in and leave through the front parking lot only.

We do not want to risk the lives of our children for our convenience.

Also, Please park in a parking spot if you are coming into the school for any reason.

Do not park in the lane in front of the school, that is for the Fire Department.

****Thank you for your cooperation****

(OSS Speed limit is 5mph)

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 can 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. When your child is absent, they will have the opportunity to make up the work when they return.
If you want your child's homework for them the day of their absence, you must email your child's teachers and they will let you know what the work is and when you may pick it up.
Keep in mind, the teachers cannot stop teaching the class to get the papers together; it will most likely be at the end of the school day. Also, once OSS Connect is running, you will be able to access their work 24/7.
Please do not email/call the front desk for your child's assignments.
7. 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.
8. **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.
9. **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.
10. Parents, if you would like to have lunch with your student please notify Ms. Becc 24 hours in advance.
11. Parents, if you would like to sit in your students classes for a day please notify Ms. Becc 48 hours in advance for authorization.
12. **OSS campus speed limit is 5mph. This is strictly enforced for the safety of all.**
13. **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.**
14. **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.
15. **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.
16. **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**
17. 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



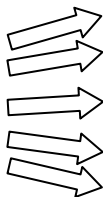
We are very happy with the degree of parent involvement we have in our school. In order to make our student, parent and teacher connection even stronger, OSS teachers researched and came up with the idea of home visits. Experience and research from all over the United States indicates that the interaction 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