



# 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,

The Fall Book Fair is here! Books will be available for purchase starting Monday. For more information, please see page 2 of the newsletter!

The OSS Service Learning club students performed another great community service on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. The 26<sup>th</sup> was National Public Lands Day and OSS Service Learning club students went to Bill Frederick Park at Turkey Lake to join the activities and guide the kids in the Nature Connect and Children Farm. For more information on the Service Learning Club's activities, take a look at page 4!

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

The Hispanic Heritage month celebration at Orlando Science Schools on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 was amazing. Students and their families came to OSS to enjoy time with their teachers and were able to meet with special guest, Florida Representative, Darren Soto. Look for upcoming articles about this event in next week's newsletter!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Akin

*Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.*  
**Malcolm Forbes**

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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 17<sup>th</sup> - Picture Day  
Nov 18<sup>th</sup> - 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

Fall Book Fair, October 3-7<sup>th</sup>, with "preview only" on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

Early Release Day, Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> !!!!!!!

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

Veteran's Day Dinner, November 11<sup>th</sup>

Veteran's Day Parade, November 12<sup>th</sup>

Thanksgiving Break, November 21st-25th

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

# OSS Fall Book Fair



**October 3rd-7th 9am-5pm**

Student Preview, Thursday & Friday during L.A. classes 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>

Parent Preview, Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> 3pm-5pm

(On preview days, there will be no sales)



## BOX TOP/SOUP LABEL CHALLENGE

**Do you want a dress down day?**

**Do you want your entire class to have a dress down day  
and a gift card for their teacher?**

**If so, then this is for you!**

The Box Top/Soup Label Challenge has begun!

The classes that turn in the highest number of Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Soup Labels will earn a dress down day and a gift card for their teacher.

The funds earned with Box Tops for Education will go to the school so that everyone can benefit. The points earned thru Campbell's Soup Labels can be used for many items including P.E. equipment, microwaves, computers, games and books.

Get collecting, turn them in to your homeroom teacher and pencil in "dress down", November 7<sup>th</sup> on your calendar!

Visit [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com) for more great ideas to earn cash for your school!



# GREAT PERFORMANCE FROM OSS SERVICE LEARNING CLUB STUDENTS!

Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, was National Public Lands Day. OSS Service Learning club students went to Bill Frederick Park at Turkey Lake to join the activities and guide the kids in the Nature Connect and Children Farm. Last year OSS Students also cleaned the trail and pulled the invasive plants and picked up the trash around the trail in the park. Today the trail is clean and serving the people and children with disabilities. OSS students built and taught the kids how to build bird cages. Our National Science Olympiad Team member Raquel Guerrero caught butterflies and gave unique information to the children. On the other side, our high school students helped the children paint the plant pots, color the wood slices and pictures. In the wooden musical instruments area, kids learned how to play instruments from OSS Students. One group of students pulled the invasive plants and cleaned the trail during the day. They helped non-stop during the day.

At the end of the day, students walked through the Children's Farm and petted the farm animals; such as pigs, chickens, horses, peacocks, turkeys, and goats.

It was both fun and an academic day for OSS students. The event coordinator, Janice Rayhill, thanked our students for their great performance during the day. She is looking forward to seeing us at the next event. All students said that serving the community was priceless and fun.



# THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

October 2, 1967: Thurgood Marshall, the first African-American Supreme Court justice, is sworn in.

In 1967 President Johnson nominated Marshall as associate justice to the U.S. Supreme Court. Marshall's nomination was strongly opposed by several southern senators on the Judiciary Committee, but in the end he was confirmed by a vote of sixty-nine to eleven. He took his seat on October 2, 1967, becoming the first African American justice to sit on the Supreme Court. During his time on the Supreme Court, he remained a strong believer in individual rights and never wavered in his devotion to end discrimination. He was a key part of the Court's progressive majority that voted to uphold women's rights. His majority opinions covered such areas as the environment, the right of appeal of persons convicted of drug charges, failure to report for and submit to service in the U.S. armed forces, and the rights of Native Americans. Marshall vowed to serve until he was 110; however, he was finally forced by illness to give up his seat in 1991.

-[www.notablebiographies.com](http://www.notablebiographies.com)



## **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. 6<sup>th</sup>/ 8<sup>th</sup> Graders now start at 8:00am and 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> 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.**  
**6<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> (unless specified) grade dismissal will be at 12:43 pm. 7<sup>th</sup>/ 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> 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



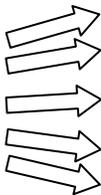
We are very happy with the degree of parent involvement we have in our school. In order to make our student, parent and teacher connection even stronger, OSS teachers researched and came up with the idea of home visits. Experience and research from all over the United States indicates that the interaction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

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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