



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,

Picture Day is coming up on October 17th. Information packets were distributed to your students. Please fill out the forms and have your student return the form to their 1st period teachers. Make sure to bring your brightest smiles to ensure the best pictures

OSS is going pink, beginning on October 17th for Breast Cancer Awareness. Items will be sold with all proceeds going to The American Cancer Society. Information can be found on page 5.

A reminder parents that there is no school this coming Friday October 14. Please plan accordingly.

OSS will be celebrating Veterans' Day with an honorary dinner and by marching in the Veterans Day parade! For more information on how you can be a part of these two special events, please see the articles on page 3 of the newsletter.

OSS 6th grade students have the opportunity to go on a field trip to the **Orlando Science Center on November 7th**. All permission slips need to be turned in to Mrs. Wilcox by **Friday, October 21, 2011**. Information and forms are available on page 4 of the newsletter.

I hope everyone has a great weekend!

Sincerely,
Dr. Akin

Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another.

[Gilbert K. Chesterton](#)

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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



CAN TOPS

Please drop off your can tabs to the jar on Ms. Becc's desk. We are collecting these tabs for an OSS student who will give them to his neighbor for chemotherapy treatment.

For every 300 tabs we receive, a lifesaving chemotherapy treatment can be given for free. This will be an ongoing collection throughout the year.



OSS Upcoming Events

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

School Holiday, October 14th and 28th

Veteran's Day Dinner, November 11th

Veteran's Day Parade, November 12th

Thanksgiving Break, November 21st-25th

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



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 7th on your calendar!

Visit boxtops4education.com for more great ideas to earn cash for your school!

Veteran's Day Dinner, November 11th

Please join OSS for a night of remembrance, joy and celebration for all those who have given of themselves to serve in the United States Military to honor and protect the country we love!!!

Senator David Simmons will share in this evening with inspirational words and tidings to all those who attend this event.

Veteran's Day Parade, November 12th

On Saturday, November 12th, after we have heard the motivating words of Senator Simmons, the students of OSS will proudly march in the City of Orlando's Veterans' Day Parade in Downtown Orlando!!!!!!

Orlando Science Center Field Trip for 6th Graders
Permission Form

OSS 6th grade students are invited to join in on a field trip to the **Orlando Science Center** where they will have a chance to experience the ultimate school field trip with interactive exhibits, live shows and a giant screen film "*The Living Sea*". Students who have received an In/Out of School Suspension are not eligible for this trip. All applications need to be turned in to Mrs. Wilcox. The permission slip deadline is **Friday, October 21, 2011. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Date of Trip: Monday, November 7, 2011

Application Due: Friday, October 21.

Cost: \$16 (Lunch not included-STUDENTS MUST PACK A LUNCH!)

Please return your checks (made payable to Orlando Science Schools) or cash along with this permission slip to Mrs. Wilcox (info@orlandoscience.org).

I give permission for my child to attend the Orlando Science Center field trip with OSS faculty and adult chaperones on Monday, November 7, 2011. My child will bring a packed lunch and will not be tardy to school that day.

Liability Release: Should my child sustain or incur any accident or illness while on the OSMS Orlando Science Center Field Trip, I hereby authorize the director/administrator, or his/her agent, to execute any and all documents, including any necessary releases, which might be required at any medical facility to perform any emergency care on my behalf. In the event that my child has an illness or accident during the program, and it requires a visit to the doctor or hospital, the existing family policies will solely represent the insurance coverage. I do not hold the Orlando Science Schools liable for my child.

Child's Name (print) _____

Parent signature _____ Date _____

I can be reached by phone at (____) _____ during the hours of the field trip.

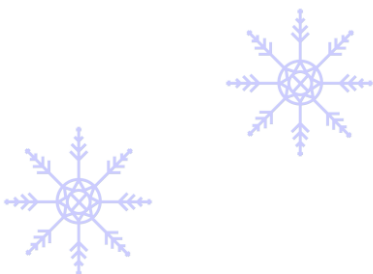
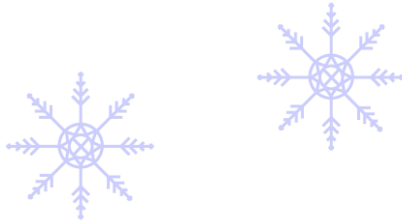
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

OSS is going pink, beginning on October 17th Breast Cancer Awareness Bands will be sold for two dollars and silly bands for 50 cents. The items will be sold in the morning and at lunch. Proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. On October 21st students can bring a dollar and dress down, however they must wear at least one pink article of clothing. Please see the flyer in the hallway for details.



OSS is proud to organize a Spring Break Turkey trip this year.

The Spring Break Turkey Trip presentation will be held at 4:00 pm on Thursday, October 20th in the Computer lab room #125. Students, parents and OSS staff who are interested in the Spring Break Turkey Trip are welcome to attend this presentation. Please contact with Mr. Kaya for additional information.



COOL WEATHER ATTIRE

****The cooler weather is here****

Please note that all jackets must be red or blue and should be purchased from the school uniform store.

(Examples are hanging in the front lobby of OSS and in picture on left)

No jackets may have any graphics other than the school's logo. Students are not permitted to wear hoodies except on dress down days.

Please refer to the schools handbook for further questions. At this point in the year, students should be familiar with the dress code, students coming to school in violation of the dress code, are subject to sitting in the ISS room until proper clothing can be brought to school.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

OCTOBER 18, 1867: U.S. TAKES POSSESSION OF ALASKA.

On this day in 1867, the U.S. formally takes possession of [Alaska](#) after purchasing the territory from Russia for \$7.2 million, or less than two cents an acre. The Alaska purchase comprised 586,412 square miles, about twice the size of [Texas](#), and was championed by William Henry Seward, the enthusiastically expansionist secretary of state under President [Andrew Johnson](#).

Russia wanted to sell its Alaska territory, which was remote, sparsely populated and difficult to defend, to the U.S. rather than risk losing it in battle with a rival such as Great Britain. However, the American public believed the land to be barren and worthless. Some animosity toward the project may have been a byproduct of President Johnson's own unpopularity. He was impeached in 1868 and later acquitted by a single vote. Nevertheless, Congress eventually ratified the Alaska deal. Public opinion of the purchase turned more favorable when gold was discovered in a tributary of Alaska's Klondike River in 1896, sparking a gold rush. Alaska became the 49th state on January 3, 1959, and is now recognized for its vast natural resources. Today, 25 percent of America's oil and over 50 percent of its seafood come from Alaska. It is also the largest state in area, about one-fifth the size of the lower 48 states combined, though it remains sparsely populated. Alaska Day, observed every October 18, marks the anniversary of the formal land transfer.

FTC AND FLL

FLL has been busy!!!

On September 3, 2011 First Lego League teams and parents met at school to go over the 2011-2012 competition challenge. Teams and parents had the opportunity to to design, build their robots!

On 09/17/2011, Students from Orlando Science teams FLL attended an off-season FIRST Robotics event featuring the 2011 FRC game challenge, LOGO MOTION at the Bob Martinez Sports Center at the University of Tampa!

They had an opportunity to observe the very best FRC, VEX, FTC, and FLL teams from Florida and across the country.



TURKISH LOCK-IN WAS GREAT LAST WEEK AT OSS

Mr. Koc's 6th graders stayed at school on Friday last week to enjoy the Turkish Lock-in. The night started with a great dinner in the cafeteria. The night continued with Turkish Jeopardy and Turkish Language Skill practice games with their Turkish teachers. Students earned points and received tickets for gift drawings. They all received small gifts from Mr. Koc and the night continued with dancing chair. Students played sports in the Gymnasium. The Lock -in was great and this was a fun experience for each of the students!!!!



Red Ribbon Week 2011

October 25-28

Red Ribbon Week is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention program in the reaching millions of Americans during the last week of October every year. By wearing red ribbons and participating in community anti-drug events, young people pledge to live a drug-free life and pay tribute to DEA Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena.

Orlando Science School is showing support for Red Ribbon week by having a week of events. These events are sponsored by The Student Government Association and The Young Historians Club. Below is the schedule as well as a description of the events. Every student is strongly encouraged to participate to help this national and our local organizations in drug prevention. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Kriebel.

Monday	Homeroom Door Decorating Contest / Student Poster Contest	Winners will be announced on Tuesday. A special prize will be awarded to the winning homeroom and the top three posters.
Tuesday	Essay/Poem Contest The theme of Red Ribbon Week is "It's up to me, to be drug free."	Prizes will be awarded.
Wednesday	Red Shirt	Students and teachers are encouraged to wear red. Students are still required to be in uniform. High school students will receive a special "Red Ribbon" sticker.
Thursday	Anti Bully Walk/ Banner Signing/ Guest Speaker	During homeroom, each grade will walk around the school. This walk will show that OSS is united against bullies and drugs.