



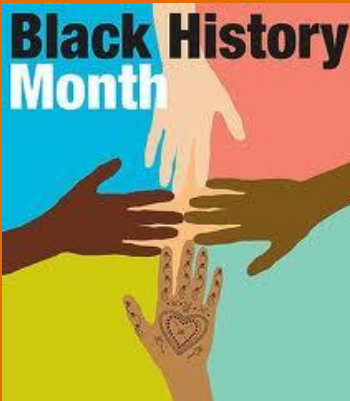
ORLANDO SCIENCE SCHOOLS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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,

I am very excited about all of the wonderful goings on here at OSS! Please check out page 2 for our upcoming events and the EnergyWhiz.

It's Box Tops Time again, so make your way to page 3 for all the details; and while you're there, commend our Characters of the month and expand your minds with our new yoga class.

On page 4, our high school students will be embarking on a fun filled educational day touring the campus of UCF.

As the month of February progresses, we will feature pioneers of African -American history and have a celebration dinner to follow. Please read pages 5 & 6 for more information.

OSS is proud to add two more awesome afterschool activities to our student lineup. Check out pages 7 & 8 to get the scoop!

Last but definitely not least, we are proud to share in the achievements of our students with an awards ceremony marking the 1st semester's students' accomplishments!

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,
Necati Sahin

I had no idea that history was being made. I was just tired of giving up.
~ Rosa Parks

OSS Upcoming Events

"There will be NO FCAT Saturday study for 7th and 8th grade students this Saturday February 11th due to Science Olympiad and History Fair Events. We will still have 6th/9th and 10th grade FCAT study as scheduled."

Seminole County History Fair, February 11

UCF field trip for 9th & 10^h grade February 14th

Early dismissal Wednesday, February 15th

Black History Month Celebration with special guest, Sheriff Demings, February 17th

Regional MathCounts, February 18th

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

Important Events and Dates in Science Olympiad

- 1- Regional Science Olympiad --- February 11, 2012, Cypress Creek High School
- 2- State Science Olympiad --- March 24, 2012, UCF
- 3- National Science Olympiad --- May 18-19, UCF

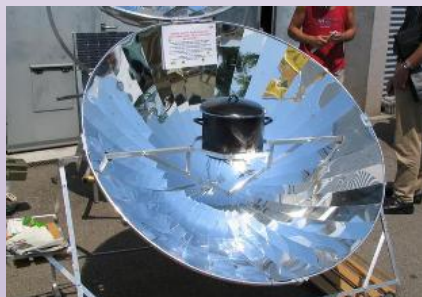


This year's EnergyWhiz Olympics Team needs your help!

Within the next month Ms. Longo will be putting middle and high school teams together to compete in the EnergyWhiz Olympics at Brevard Community College in Cocoa Beach. She needs parent support in gathering materials and advising/assisting students with building. If you have an engineering background, are good at building things, and/or have access to materials and tools needed for building, please contact Ms. Longo for more information.

This year's events include: Solar Energy Cook-off, Junior Solar Sprint, Hydrogen Challenge and Battery Mobile Challenge. Please visit the following website for more information about this year's events: http://www.fsec.ucf.edu/en/education/k-12/energywhiz_olympics/index.htm. Thank you in advance for your help!

For more info, there are packets located at the front desk



BOX TOPS TIME

It's that time again to bring in your box tops to your homeroom teacher!!!

The top three classes will receive a dress down day!!

The collection ends on February 28th



Congratulations to the following students for winning Character of the Month for January!

6th Grade: Justin Yunn

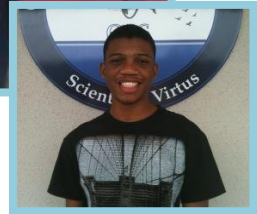
7th Grade: Dominic Canora

8th Grade: Alexis Ryder-Gabisch

9th Grade: Chantile Swain

10th Grade: Max Marcellus

These students will receive a framed certificate, medal, and a dress down day of their choice!!



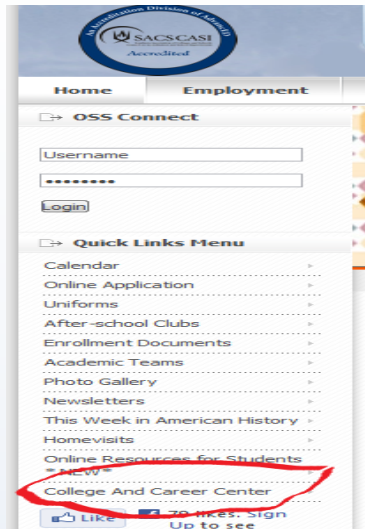
OSS YOGA CLASS

OSS students are learning how to focus their minds and relax their bodies in our new club offering.

Pamela Perez-Ocana is teaching the students yoga techniques that will help them expand their minds and strengthen their bodies.

High School News!

a) Updates at our schools website.



Dear Parents and High School Students. On the OSS Website Menu there is a new section named 'College and Career Center' You can click on it and find the amazing helpful websites and unique resources for you and your students.



b) Volunteering at MathCounts



The 2012 Regional MathCounts will be on Feb 18th 2012 Saturday. In this great organization, Math Counts Committee needs volunteers. This is a great opportunity to be involved in math and be a volunteer at the same time. If you would like to be a volunteer, please fill the form in at the website below and let Mr. Yalcin know once you have registered. Our Middle School Math Team will be competing in this Competition as well. For any questions, please contact Mr. Yalcin.

The website to be registered:

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?llr=tjt9qthab&oeidk=a07e5cidw6j13919ff5&oseq=a003gsrhyknd>

c) Field Trip to UCF



The 9th and 10th grade students at Orlando Science School will be attending UCF for an exciting FREE college campus tour on February 14, 2012! Students will have a chance to tour the university and learn about the collegiate programs available at the school. They will get the opportunity to check out campus life and all the cool times that will be had as a collegian!!!! It is a unique experience to get an inside look at college life on campus at UCF while gathering important information about the school and academic requirements. They will have so much fun being "knighted"; they may never want to cross the moat into the "swamp"! HA HA!!! GO KNIGHTS!!

CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Harriet Greene Tubman

Araminta Harriet Greene Tubman (1820 - 1913) devoted her life to fighting slavery, helping slaves and ex-slaves, and championing the rights of women. An incredibly brave woman, she was known as the "Moses of her people."

Araminta Harriet Greene was born a slave in Maryland. In 1844, Harriet married John Tubman, who was a free man. She escaped slavery in 1849 and traveled north. She then became a conductor for the Underground Railroad and helped slaves flee to freedom in the North (both to Northern US states and to Canada). The Underground Railroad was a secret system of people of all races who helped slaves escape to the North - it was not an actual railroad. Harriet Tubman made 19 dangerous rescue trips over 10 years, rescuing over 300 slaves from Southern states. Among the people she saved were many members of her family.

Mrs. Tubman helped John Brown recruit soldiers for his raid on Harpers Ferry (1859). She worked as a nurse, scout, and a spy for the Union during the US Civil War (in South Carolina). She continued to help rescue Southern slaves during the war.

After the war, she lived in Auburn, New York, where she founded the Harriet Tubman Home for Aged Negroes and worked for the voting rights of blacks. Harriet Tubman died on March 10, 1913.



This Week in History

February 9, 1995 – Bernard A. Harris, Jr. becomes the first African American to walk in space.

Born in Temple, Texas, Bernard Harris, Jr. always had an interest in science and medicine. He excelled in school where he competed in science fairs and other academic competitions. By 1982 he had earned his MD degree from Texas Tech University and began residency at the Mayo Clinic in 1985. Continuing his career brought him to work with the Air Force where he was being trained as a flight surgeon.

Harris had always had an interest in space since watching Apollo 11 in 1969. After getting in contact with NASA, Harris became a full astronaut by 1991. His first flight was on the famed Columbia spaceship in 1993. He made it into the history books though, on his flight on STS-63 in February of 1995. Where he and British astronaut Michael Foale to rendezvous with Space Station Mir. Here Harris became the first African American to walk in space.

Today Harris is involved in multiple charities and even has a school named after him. His newest focus has been on the development of education.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION DINNER



Dear Parents and Students,

Orlando Science Schools is organizing a special event to celebrate Black History Month on Friday, February 17, 2012, at 5:15 pm. We would like to invite students and their families to OSS to enjoy time with teachers and staff for a special program with Sheriff Demings being the keynote speaker and a potluck dinner. If you are unable to attend the dinner portion, please feel free to attend the program.

We hope that you will be able to attend the Black History Month Celebration Program. We have celebrated Black History Month with a Potluck Dinner in the past and we hope that you have enjoyed the food and presentations as much as we have.

Participants need to please RSVP to Ms. Becc, becc@orlandoscience.org , by Wednesday, February 15, 2012.

Date: Friday, February 17, 2012

Time: Dinner at 5:15 pm
Program at 6pm

Where: OSS Cafeteria

Fill out the bottom portion of this letter and return to Ms. Becc by Wednesday, February 15.

Parent Name: _____ Student Name: _____

___ Yes, I will attend. Number to attend: ____

___ I will be attending the program only.

___ No, I am unable to attend.

*** I am bringing: _____

*** 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)



Who wants to join OSS' High School Athletic Team??!!



9th and 10th grade males who would like to play basketball and improve their skills, join the High School Athletic Team!

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Must maintain all A's, B's and C's
2. Cannot have any Office Referrals from the previous month
3. Must currently be a male in the 9th or 10th grade

If you are eligible and would like to play competitive basketball, please register with Mr. Moore by Thursday, February 16th.

What: High School Athletic Team

When: Every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:45pm-4:30pm

Where: OSS Gym

I, _____ give my permission for _____ grade _____ to join the OSS High School Athletic Team and will pick him up after 4:40pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays from OSS. I give my full consent for my child to participate in the OSS Athletic Team. I hereby acknowledge this is an optional event and Orlando Science Schools does not accept liability for any accident that may occur during practice and game times.

Signature of Parent/ Guardian

Date

I, _____, grade _____ hereby acknowledge this is an optional event of Orlando Science Schools and I will maintain good academic and discipline records to be able to continue as part of the OSS Team.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____



Who wants to learn discipline?
Who wants to learn to control your body and your mind?
Who wants to learn ancient Korean fighting techniques?
If you said yes, then you want to learn Taekwondo!!!!



OSS is offering a new and exciting club for our **female students** to learn the ancient Korean fighting technique of Taekwondo.

The students will learn how to calm their minds and their bodies to be able to focus on any challenge they may come their way!!

The class will be taught by a certified instructor and will be on a first come basis, limited to 15 students.

Students may come to the club with their PE uniforms the first 2 days only; after that, they must come with Taekwondo uniforms and any other supplies that are required which will be discussed on the first day of the club.

Time: 3:40 – 4:20

When: Monday and Friday

I, parent name _____ give my permission for my child, student name _____ to participate in the OSS Taekwondo club and I do not hold the Orlando Science Schools liable for my child.

Parent Signature

OSS AWARDS CEREMONY

Oss had its 1st semester awards ceremony last week to honor the accomplishments of our amazing students. The evening started out with a family potluck dinner and continued with a joyous celebration of awards!

A big thank you everyone for coming out to support OSS' wonderful students!!

