



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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Dear Students & Parents,

A reminder to parents, there will be early dismissal day on March 21st.

State Science Olympiad will be held March 24, 2012 at UCF! Good luck to all our students and teachers as they prepare to represent Orlando Science Schools in the competition!

OSS Yearbooks are now on sale for only \$50! Make sure to reserve your copy!

Orlando Science Schools first ever Robotics Competition (FRC) Team 4013 Clockwork Mania won the Rookie All-Star Award at the Orlando Regional tournament held at the University of Central Florida from March 8 to March 10, 2012. Please see page 5 for more information about the challenge, the team, and the win!

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on March 23rd from 8am-12noon. Please contact Ms. Beece to make an appointment (No walk-ins)

Spring Break will be from March 23rd – April 1st! Make sure to enjoy the warm weather and rest up for FCATs!

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,
Nzeati Sahin



May your blessings outnumber
The shamrocks that grow,
And may trouble avoid you
Wherever you go.
~Irish Blessing

OSS Upcoming Events

Early Dismissal day March 21st

Parent-Teacher Conferences March 23rd 8am-12noon **(NO WALK-INS)**

Spring Break March 23rd – April 1st

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

Important Events and Dates in Science Olympiad

- 1- State Science Olympiad --- March 24, 2012, UCF
- 2- National Science Olympiad --- May 18-19, UCF



Clean, Cooperative, Courteous Competition

The week of March 19th to March 23rd, will be the Clean, Cooperative, Courteous Competition. This is a lunch based competition. One class will be chosen from Lunch A and one from Lunch B. The winning class will be announced on April 2nd and will get a dress down on Tuesday, April 3rd. Lunch Monitors, Mr. Omay, and Mr. Singleton, will monitor which class has the cleanest tables (CLEAN), follows lunch rules (including going to and from the cafeteria) (COOPERATIVE), and demonstrates proper table manners (COURTEOUS). The high school students have several tables and will count as one class.

Good luck!

OSS Yearbooks are on Sale!!!

Only \$30!!!

Don't forget to purchase one from your homeroom teacher or in the front hallway in the morning!!!

You may also purchase ads for the following prices:

Whole page- \$50

Half page- \$25

Quarter page- \$15

Business card- \$5

High School News!

a) Service Learning/ Community Service



OSS High School Volunteers helped out at the Central Regional MathCounts. OSS Service Learning Club students were involved in one of the most prestigious Math Competition, MathCounts. Students greeted and guided the coaches and parents at the registration desk. Students also helped the committee members to prepare giveaways, guide students where to go, and helped lunch service for all 362 of the young mathletes and their coaches. Central Florida MathCounts committee delivered special thanks to all the volunteers at the competition!

b) Orlando Science Center

OSS High School Students are continuing with the OSC Youth Volunteer Program. Each Volunteer has his or her own schedule and they are explaining scientific demonstrations, experiments to the young scientists, and visitors. After volunteering several times at the OSC, Gorkem, who is one of OSS' volunteers, said that "Being a volunteer at the OSC is both fun and educational. You can be involved in science and help guide visitors at the same time. Especially young students are so curious."

c) Volunteering at State MathCounts competition



The 2012 FLORIDA MathCounts will be on March 29th and 30th 2012. 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 located at the front desk and let Mr. Yalcin know once you are registered. The Best Math Teams in Florida will be in the Competition. For any questions, please contact Mr. Yalcin.

OSS is looking for great volunteering opportunities for its students. The National Raytheon MathCounts will be in Orlando this year. The detail information is coming upcoming weeks.



You may pick up your form at the front desk!!!

This Week in History

March 17, 640 – The Death of St. Patrick

Born in Briton at a time of chaos and instability, the patron saint of Ireland was given a hard life. When he was 16, he was captured by Welsh raiders and served as a slave in Ireland for six years. After his release, he turned to the Roman Catholic Church and began a life as a missionary. He returned to Ireland, now a bishop, and began spreading his message to the island. Legend states that many Irish staples come from the teachings of Patrick. He was said to use the sides of the clover to represent the cross to the Irish people. The reasoning for the lack of snakes in the island is also claimed to have been because the saint banished them from Ireland as servants of the devil.

Today, Patrick's death is memorializing on March 17, as St. Patrick's Day. Millions around the world celebrate this figure as a symbol of struggle and victory in the face of adversity. It is this that has resulted in Irish resistance from centuries of English dominance and change. It's always an ironic twist to think that most of Ireland remains Catholic and free from English influence even to this day, thanks to the message from a British native.



OSS Clockwork Mania Stopped Time at the FRC Orlando Regional

Orlando Science Schools FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) Team 4013 Clockwork Mania won the Rookie All-Star Award at the Orlando Regional tournament held at the University of Central Florida from March 8 to March 10, 2012 (<http://www2.usfirst.org/2012comp/Events/FL/awards.html>). The Rookie All-Star Award celebrates the rookie team exemplifying a young but strong partnership effort, as well as implementing the mission of FIRST to inspire students to learn more about science and technology. This is the highest award a rookie team can earn. By winning this award, the team earned the right to compete at the FIRST world championship; the premier robotics competition in the world, to be held in St. Louis Missouri in April. FIRST stands for "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology" (www.usfirst.org). Clockwork Mania has another regional tournament in March at the Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton Florida. This elite team is composed of Carlos Barea, Sebastian Orellana, Edwin Cruz, Anthony Faraday, Camila Berrios, Mashnun Munir, Brandon Delfosse, Daniel Stetzing, Andrew Lin, Nikhil Mahalonobis, and their robot Mr. Cogsworth. The team is mentored by Mr. and Mrs. Barea, Mr. Orellana (parents) Mr. Mahalanobis, and Mr. Kaya (teacher). Now the team has to raise the funds to cover the world championship tournament and travel expenses. Stay tune for upcoming announcements on how you can support Clockwork Mania represent OSS at the world championship. If your family would like to make a donation, you know local business or know a corporate contact which could be interested in making a donation, please contact Maribel Barea (mbarea@earthlink.net).

