



# 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 hope everyone had a wonderful week! We would like to extend our congratulations to OSS' Science Olympiad Team for taking 1<sup>st</sup> place in the regional competition! They will be heading to the state competition in March, so let's cheer them on! Orlando Science Center is hosting a free School Choice event; check out page 4 for more information!

It's that time of year to reenroll your student to attend OSS Fall 2014-15! Please read page 5 for more information!

OSS' soccer team is on a roll! To learn about our incredible team, kick on down to page 7.

Don't forget to drop off your can tabs to the front desk in an effort to help those families at the Ronald McDonald House while you're there; gather up some information on ordering the yearbook.

OSS International Night will be coming in the Spring semester with new foods to try, interesting facts to learn and an opportunity to learn more about so many different cultures here at OSS. Stay tuned for more details.

Sincerely,

**Necati Sahin, OSS Principal**

*Music is the movement of sound to reach the soul for the education of its virtue. ~ Plato*

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## OSS Upcoming Events

1. Jan 25<sup>th</sup> School Wide Math Counts
2. Award Ceremony -Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students
3. Award Ceremony - Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM for 8<sup>th</sup> ,9<sup>th</sup> ,10<sup>th</sup> ,11<sup>th</sup> ,12<sup>th</sup> students
4. March 15<sup>th</sup> State Science Olympiad

2013-2014 Report Card Dates	
1st Quarter Progress Report Card	Tuesday, September 24, 2013
1st Quarter Report Card	Tuesday, October 22, 2013
2nd Quarter Progress Report Card	Friday, December 6, 2013
2nd Quarter Report Card	Tuesday, January 14, 2014
3rd Quarter Progress Report Card	Tuesday, February 18, 2014
3rd Quarter Report Card	Tuesday, March 18, 2014
4th Quarter Progress Report Card	Tuesday, April 29, 2014
4th Quarter Report Card	Tuesday, June 3, 2014

**\*\*Always check the OSS website and Make sure you check your emails\*\***

Dear parents,

You must complete your additions volunteer application in order to visit or volunteer on campus.

It takes only a few minutes and it is free and it's mandatory!!

<https://www.ocps.net/es/cr/resources/pages/additions.aspx>

## This Week in History

*Jan 23, 1957: Toy company Wham-O produces first Frisbees*

On this day in 1957, machines at the Wham-O toy company roll out the first batch of their aerodynamic plastic discs--now known to millions of fans all over the world as Frisbees.

The story of the Frisbee began in Bridgeport, [Connecticut](#), where William Frisbie opened the Frisbie Pie Company in 1871. Students from nearby universities would throw the empty pie tins to each other, yelling "Frisbie!" as they let go. In 1948, Walter Frederick Morrison and his partner Warren Franscioni invented a plastic version of the disc called the "Flying Saucer" that could fly further and more accurately than the tin pie plates. After splitting with Franscioni, Morrison made an improved model in 1955 and sold it to the new toy company Wham-O as the "Pluto Platter"--an attempt to cash in on the public craze over space and Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs).

*Jan 25, 1905: World's largest diamond found*

On January 25, 1905, at the Premier Mine in Pretoria, South Africa, a 3,106-carat diamond is discovered during a routine inspection by the mine's superintendent. Weighing 1.33 pounds, and christened the "Cullinan," it was the largest diamond ever found.

*this week in*  
**HISTORY**

Celebrate with us!

NATIONAL

**School Choice**  
WEEK



## Education: Why Parents Need Lots of Options

**A National School Choice Week**

**"Showcase" Event – Free with RSVP**

*Watch a short film & join in the discussion!*

When: Tuesday, January 28 at 7 p.m.

Where: Orlando Science Center  
777 E. Princeton St., Orlando, FL 32803

FREE W/ RSVP! Call (850) 386-3131 or online:  
<https://jmi-schoolchoice-jan28.eventbrite.com>

Showcase Event Sponsored By:



[www.schoolchoiceweek.com](http://www.schoolchoiceweek.com)  
@schoolchoicewk



[www.jamesmadison.org](http://www.jamesmadison.org)  
@JmsMadisonInst

**Social Share: #JMI #SCW 2014**

### PANELISTS:



**Matt Ladner, a nationally-renowned education researcher with the Foundation for Excellence in Education and co-author of ALEC's annual Report Card on American Education.**



**Willow Tufano, a Florida Virtual School student who earned and saved enough from her used goods business to buy a home and become a landlord. Willow has appeared on The Ellen Degeneres Show and been recognized by the Florida Governor.**



**Freddi Wood, an Orlando-area mother whose children attend an innovative half-and-half school that blends classroom instruction with home learning activities.**

## STUDENT RE-ENROLLMENT AND THEIR NEW SIBLING ENROLLMENT INFORMATION FOR 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

January 23, 2014

Dear Parent(s),

We hope your child is having a wonderful learning experience at Orlando Science Schools. We are thriving and growing each year. We are hoping that your child will continue this journey with us throughout his/her elementary, middle school and high school years. We have limited space for K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2014-2015 school year.

### **RE-ENROLLMENT FOR CURRENT STUDENTS (One application per student)**

Complete this form and return it to your child's homeroom teacher no later than Friday, February 21, 2014. No further action is required for re-enrollment for the 2014-2015 school year. If this form is not returned to your child's homeroom teacher by Friday, February 21, 2014, your child may lose his/her spot at OSS for next school year.

- My child \_\_\_\_\_ will be attending OSS/OSES for the 2014-2015 school year and will be a rising \_\_\_\_\_ grader.
- My child \_\_\_\_\_ will **NOT** be attending OSS/OSES for the 2014-2015 school year.

### **PRE-ENROLLMENT FOR NEW (NOT CURRENT) SIBLINGS ONLY**

We would also like to extend a pre-enrollment offer for **siblings of current OSS/OSES students** that would like to attend OSS elementary, middle and/or high school in 2014-2015. **Please indicate this below as well as filling out an online application for the sibling at [www.orlandoscience.org](http://www.orlandoscience.org) by Friday, February 21, 2014.** If this form is not returned to your child's homeroom teacher by Friday, February 21, 2014 and an online application has not been completed for the sibling child, they may not be saved a place and may have to go through the lottery process with all other prospective applicants. If the number of siblings exceeds the number of available seats, a special sibling lottery may be held.

- My child has a sibling \_\_\_\_\_ who will be a rising \_\_\_\_\_ grader. We have completed an online application for him/her.
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Parent Name (printed)	Signature	Date	Homeroom Teacher

Sincerely,  
Necati Sahin, Principal for Middle/High



## Our Science Olympiad Team Won 1<sup>st</sup> Place at Regional's

Regional competition for Science Olympiad was held at Lake Nona Middle School on Saturday, January 18th. We would like to congratulate the Orlando Science Schools Science Olympiad Team and their head coach, Mr. Demir, for winning first place overall among 20 other teams. There were 23 events and we received 10 first place medals, 4 second place medals and 4 third place medals. This is an amazing accomplishment – placing in the top 3 for 18 of the 23 events. Our teams work very hard to prepare for this competition. There were 32 middle school students who participated. Some of the events include Anatomy, Boomilever, Heredity, Meteorology, Road Scholar, Robo Cross, Simple Machines, Solar System and Water Quality. Now, the team will begin to prepare for the State Competition on March 15<sup>th</sup> which will be held at UCF. We would like to thank the teachers and parent volunteers who are part of this success as well.

Orlando Science Mustangs (U14 Boys) Soccer team is planning to participate in the Local Spring Season League in Association of Christian Youth Sports, Orlando Florida.

If we succeed in becoming affiliated with ACYS, then we will be able to practice twice a week and will be provided a game schedule.

Currently, our team holds practice every week in Emery Hamilton Soccer Field.

Our priority as a team is to become eligible to participate in the Greater Central Florida Youth Soccer League which will enable our students the opportunity to apply for scholarships.

Our team needs the support from parents as we are very committed in participating and competing in the State Cup/ Region Cup tournaments.

When: Every Wednesday 2:00PM- 4:00PM

Where: Emery Hamilton Soccer Field

<http://www.cityoforlando.net/fpr/html/Parks/EmeryHamilton.htm>



# ORLANDO SCIENCE SCHOOLS AWARD CEREMONY

Thanks for a Great Semester!

Orlando Science Schools is proud of all of its students' performances, and their insightful and intelligent contributions during the first semester of 2013-2014 education year.

The OSS Award Ceremony will take place on Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students, and Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM for 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Students who will receive an award will be notified with an award letter by Friday January 31<sup>st</sup>.

## Awards

Achievement Gold Medal

Honor Roll Gold Medal

Citizenship Gold Medal

Principal's Award Gold Medal

Perfect Attendance Gold Medal





## CAN TABS

Please drop off your can tabs to the black can in front of Ms. Becc's desk.

We are collecting these tabs for Ronald McDonald House.

In April, along with many other Orange County schools, we will join the Ronald McDonald House in the "2013-14 School Pop Tab Recycling Contest".

The tabs collected will help families with sick children.

This will be an ongoing collection throughout the year.

**TAKE A FYLER AND COLLECT AT WORK AND SAVE A LIFE**

Attention Parents,

This years' yearbook is now on sale! If your child would like to purchase a yearbook, please send in \$30 to give to their homeroom teacher!

F.A.Q.

“When will we receive the book?”

The answer is “Before the end of the school year!”

I can't wait to show you the yearbook and have your child actually enjoy the perks of having their yearbook early enough to trade yearbooks for end of the year messages. Have a wonderful holiday season!! 😊



# The 2014 OSS International Night



May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014

5pm – 7pm

Music! Food! Art!  
Special Guests!  
Performances!

Please contact Mr. Parrella for more information  
at [Parrella@orlandoscience.org](mailto:Parrella@orlandoscience.org)



# CHARTER SCHOOL MEALS

## January 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Breakfast Selections</b>	<b>Breakfast Breaks</b> <b>Cinnamon Toast Crunch</b> <b>Goldfish Grahams</b> 100% Apple Juice Assorted Milk	<b>Team Cheerios Bar</b> <b>Cherry Yogurt Cup</b> Peach Cup Assorted Milk	<b>Blueberry Mini Loaf</b> Cheese Stick Mixed Fruit Cup Assorted Milk	<b>Pillsbury Frudel</b> Banana Assorted Milk	<b>Banana Bread</b> Strawberry Cup Assorted Milk	<b>Breakfast Selections</b>
5	6 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup California Blend Strawberry Cup Choice of Milk	7 Beef or Turkey Burger on <b>WG Bun</b> <b>Potato Smiles</b> Vegetarian Beans Peach Cup Choice of Milk	8 Chicken Chili Brown Rice and Tortilla Chips Broccoli <b>Lettuce Tomato Cup</b> <b>Tangerine</b> Choice of Milk	9 Turkey Lasagna Rolls WG Garlic Breadsticks Glazed Carrots Italian Blend Vegetables <b>Banana</b> Choice of Milk	10 Hummus Dipper Cool Pack Garden Salad Peas and Carrots <b>Granny Smith Apple</b> Choice of Milk	11
12	13 Teriyaki Chicken over Brown Rice Mixed Vegetables Broccoli Stir Fry Vegetables Cool Rips Choice of Milk	14 Fiesta and Beef Casserole Banana Mini Loaf Carrots Cole Slaw Mixed Fruit Choice of Milk	15 Popcorn Chicken Bowl WG Dinner Roll Sweet Potato Waffles <b>Orange Wedges</b> Choice of Milk	16 Turkey and Gravy Over Brown Rice Veggie Dippers Red Beans <b>Sliced Apples</b> Choice of Milk	17 Student Holiday	18
19	20 Martin Luther King Holiday	21 Turkey Hot Dogs <b>BBQ Baked Beans</b> Sweet Potato Crinkles Applesauce Choice of Milk	22 Mini Cheese Ravioli over Marinara Sauce WG Breadsticks Steamed Carrots Popeye Salad Strawberry Cup Choice of Milk	23 <b>Sloppy Beef Nachos</b> <b>WG Tortilla Chips</b> Broccoli <b>Deli Rosters Potatoes</b> <b>Grapes</b> Choice of Milk	24 Italian and Provolone on WG Bun <b>Veggie Dippers</b> Green Beans <b>Tangerine</b> Choice of Milk	25
26	27 Chicken Nuggets WG Dinner Roll Sweet Potato Waffles Vegetarian Beans Peach Cup Choice of Milk	28 Tangerine Chicken over Brown Rice Stir Fry Vegetable Spinach Mixed Fruit Cup Choice of Milk	29 Fish Stick and Macaroni and Cheese WG Dinner Roll Veggie Dippers Peas and Carrots <b>Banana</b> Choice of Milk	30 Seasoned Beef and Gravy over WG Penne Pasta Cauliflower Cooked Carrots <b>Strawberries Fresh From Florida</b> Choice of Milk	31 Turkey and American on WG Bun Garden Salad <b>Crinkle Cut Potatoes</b> <b>Pear</b> Choice of Milk	1

### Lunch

**\$1.80 elementary**  
**\$2.50 middle/high**

**Breakfast**  
**\$1.25 elementary and 6<sup>th</sup> grade only**