



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,

Progress reports went home this week along with lots of smiling faces!

OSS prides itself on its diversity and was able to share in a wonderful night of music, poems and inspirational speeches with our annual Black History Month Dinner.

FCAT writes begins next week for our 8th and 10th grade students. Please read page 5 for important information regarding the rules for the test.

It's that time of year to preorder your OSS yearbook for a life time of memories, so scroll down to page 7 for more information. While you are there, make sure you read about our can tab drive to help those in need at the Ronald McDonald House.

OSS' International Night caps off the school year with food, fun and education. To learn how to be a part of this amazing event, voyage over to pages 8-10.

And as always, our gummy lunch menu is located on page 11.

Sincerely,

Necati Sahin, Principal
Orlando Science Middle/High

"Knowledge will bring you the opportunity to make a difference."
~ Claire Fagin

OSS Upcoming Events

1. OCMT-February 22nd –OSS cafeteria, 8:30 AM -3:00PM
2. Math Counts – February 22nd Olympia High School 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM
3. FCAT 8th /10th grade Writes-Tuesday, February 25th
4. Advanced Placement Parent Night- OSS Cafeteria, Monday, March 3rd – 5:30pm
5. State Science Olympiad – UCF, March 15th
6. Spring Break- March 21-28- No School
7. 4th Quarter Parent Teacher Conference Night- Friday, May 9, 2014 4:30PM - 6:30PM

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/calendar for updates
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

February 16-February 22

This week in History, the Peace Symbol was designed.

We see the peace symbol everywhere—on flags, on T-shirts, and even on necklaces. It often has many colors and fun shapes within it. As cool as the design is, it was actually created with a specific purpose.

On February 21, 1958, Gerald Holtom created the symbol as part of the effort for disarming nuclear bombs in Britain. He designed it after a system called Semaphore Flags, which is a system of conveying messages across a distance using flags. He used the signals for N and D, which stand for nuclear disarmament.

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament adopted the symbol, which spread to other areas of public life, particularly the anti-Vietnam War movement in the United States.



this week in
HISTORY

OSS Connect Information

Please remind your students that they can access Online Resources through their OSS Connect page. Below is a snapshot of the student page. Please encourage them to use these online resources.



ADVANCED PLACEMENT PARENT NIGHT

Save the Date!

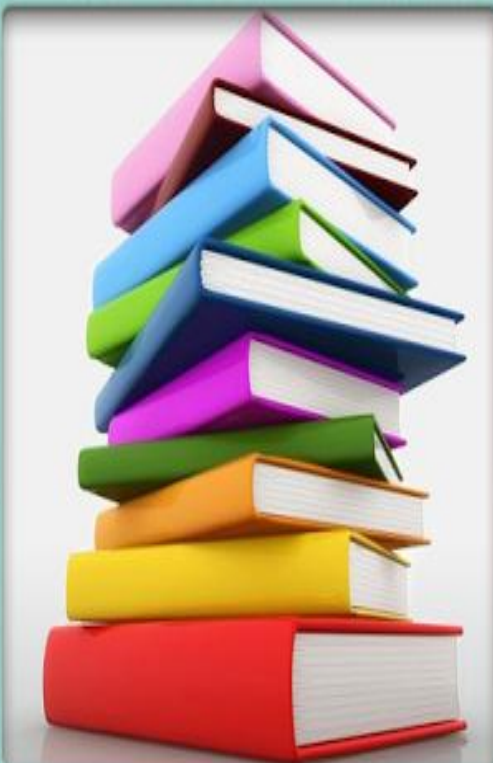
ORLANDO SCIENCE SCHOOLS

WHEN:

Monday, March 3 at 5:30 PM

WHERE:

2427 Lynx Lane, FL 32804



Wednesday, February 5th 2014

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will be taking the Grade 8/10 **FCAT 2.0 Writing Test** on **Tuesday, February 25, 2014**. The make up test day is on **Wednesday, February 26, 2014**. The FCAT 2.0 Writing Test is administered in one 60-minute session in which students write an essay in response to a prompt. Later this spring, your student will receive a score for his/her writing on a scale from 1-6 score points. You may visit <http://fcat.fldoe.org/writing-prompts.asp> to access writing prompt descriptions and scoring guides with sample essays.

Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

- **Electronic Devices**—If your student is found with ANY electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones and smart phones, at any time during testing OR during breaks, his or her test will be invalidated, which means it will not be scored. The best practice is for students to leave devices at home or in their lockers on the day of testing.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—The Writing test includes a Testing Rules Acknowledgment that reads, “I understand the testing rules that were just read to me. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated.” Prior to testing, test administrators will read the rules to students, and students must acknowledge that they understand the testing rules by signing their names under the statement.
- **Discussing Test Content after Testing**—The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they sign the acknowledgment reads, “After the test, you may not discuss the Writing prompt with anyone. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting online, for example, on websites like Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.” If students are found sharing information about test items, even without the intent to cheat, their tests will be invalidated.
- **Leaving Campus**—If your student leaves campus before completing the test (for an appointment, illness, etc.), he or she WILL NOT be allowed to complete the test. If your student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for him or her to wait and be tested on the make-up day.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Mr. Yalcin at yalcin@orlandoscience.org. For more information about the statewide assessment program, visit the FDOE website at <http://fcat.fldoe.org/>.

Thank you for supporting your student as he or she prepares for the test.

Sincerely,
Mr. Necati Sahin
Principal – Middle / High School
2427 Lynx Lane Orlando, FL 32804
Phone: (407) 253-7304

OSS Black History Month Dinner

The annual Black History Month celebration was held at Orlando Science Schools on February 18, 2014. The attendees were greeted with food, music, speeches and student performances. Mr. Parrella was on hand to MC the event. According to Mr. Parrella, the African slaves were the only immigrant group that had no trace of their beginnings. However, they came to America to find culture and to create a new culture. The event had a clear message of hope. Students Yinka Summoni and Julia Condes asked the question, “What is Black History?” The answer is simple: from the cotton field to Obama. Latorial Faison explained that black history has a troubling truth but along the way that troubling past was greeted with courage, will and strength. The keynote speaker was Chief Val Demings. Chief Demings is currently a mayoral candidate for Orange County and is the former police chief of the Orlando Police Department. Chief Demings continued the evening’s message of hope. When offered the position of police chief she asked herself, “Why me?” Then she changed the question into, “Why not, me. I’m a part of African American history.” Chief Demings encouraged each student to live up to his/her potential. “Every young person has the potential to make history. It’s never too late to dream big.” The night concluded with an astonishing performance by Orisirsi. The group provided the audience with information about African folklore and the story of how music came to live in our hearts. The group encouraged participation from the audience. Who knew we had so many talented musicians at OSS!





CAN TABS

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

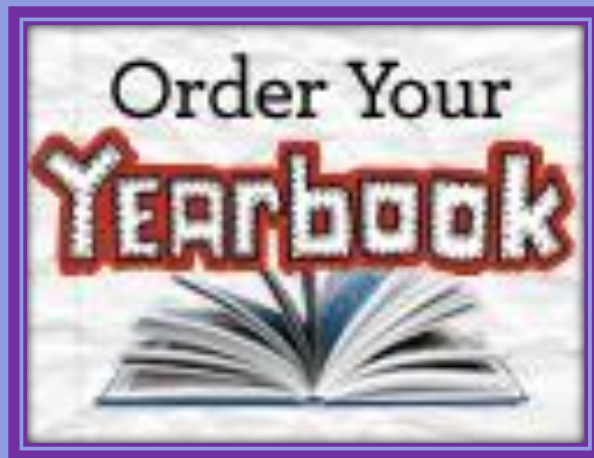
We are collecting these tabs for Ronald McDonald House.

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 21st, 2014

5pm – 7pm

Music! Food! Art!
Special Guests!
Performances!

Please contact Mr. Parrella for more information
at Parrella@orlandoscience.org





OSS International Night Information Form

OSS International Night will be hosted on Wednesday, May 21nd from 5-7pm. Our school will be opened up to all families of OSS and OSES to showcase dozens of countries in various teachers' classrooms. Experience art, history, music, film and food from all over the world!

For further information and questions, please contact Mr. Parrella at parrella@orlandoscience.org

How Can I Help Out?

The more input into this project, the better experience we will all have! Our teachers are openly welcoming any parents or students that wish to help with our countries for International Night. To volunteer, please have a look at the countries represented and contact that teacher/sponsor on how to get more involved! We hope to hear from you!

Are These the Only Countries Represented?

Not at all! More countries are being added gradually as parents volunteer to sponsor them. We will be updating the country list on our world map in the hallway near room 131. If you wish to sponsor a country, we have a limited amount of open classrooms for you and a group to set up. We are looking forward to increasing our country population this year!

Country Info and Sponsors

<u>Country</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Room</u>
Australia	Ms. Kish	P168
Bosnia	Mr. Duman	139
Canada	Ms. Chardavoine	P170
China	Mr. & Mrs. Akyalcin	135
Cuba	Ms. Santos	147
Djibouti	Ms. Krause	144
Egypt	Ms. Balci	121

France	Ms. Addam	P160
Germany	Mr. Kriebel	136
Georgia	Mr. Gajievi	140
Greece	Ms. Leiter	Gym
India	Ms. Trujillo	P171
Ireland	Mr. Murphy	131
Mali	Ms. Marcucci/Branly	128
Pakistan	Ms. Bolat	123
Peru	Ms. White	P161
Polynesian Islands	Ms. Rourke	P165
Puerto Rico	Ms. Lugo	145
Russia	Ms. Frunker	148
Spain	Ms. Killian	150
Syria, Jordan & Palestine	Mr. Parrella	138
Turkey	Mr. Koc	142
United Kingdom	Ms. Schwartz	129



CHARTER SCHOOL MEALS

February 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Breakfast Selections	Breakfast Breaks Fruity Cheerios Shortbread Bites 100% Fruit Juice Assorted Milk	Banana Bread Peach Cup Assorted Milk	Team Cheerios Bar Strawberry Yogurt Cup Banana Assorted Milk	Very Berry Mini Loaf Cheese Stick Mixed Fruit Cup Assorted Milk	Pillsbury Frudel Strawberry Cup Assorted Milk	Breakfast Selections
2	3 Tangerine Chicken Lo Mein Noodles Carrots Stir Fry Vegetables Strawberry Cup Choice of Milk	4 Meatballs with Rotini Pasta and Marinara Sauce California Medley Popeye Salad Mixed Fruit Cup Choice of Milk	5 Fish Sticks Sweet Potato Crinkles Vegetarian Beans Tangerine Fresh from Florida Choice of Milk	6 Shepherd's Pie WG Breadstick Banana Choice of Milk	7 Southwest Veggie Wrap Garden Salad Granny Smith Apple Choice of Milk	8
9	10 Chicken Nuggets WG Dinner Roll Tomato Soup Spinach Applesauce Choice of Milk	11 Beef or Turkey Burger on WG Bun Potato Smiles Black Bean and Corn Salsa Peach Cup Choice of Milk	12 Chicken Alfredo with Penne Pasta WG Garlic Breadstick Italian Vegetable Blend Steamed Carrots Orange Wedges Choice of Milk	13 WG Macaroni and Cheese WG Breadstick Veggie Dippers Broccoli Pineapple Spears Choice of Milk	14 Yogurt/Cheese/Cool Pack Cheddar and Smart Cookies Garden Salad w/ Garbanzo Beans Mixed Vegetables Fresh From Florida Strawberries	15
16	17 President's Day Holiday	18 Chicken Chili Tortilla Chips Mexican Corn Red Beans Applesauce Choice of Milk	19 Turkey Hot Dogs Cole Slaw Sweet Potato Crinkles Strawberry Cup Choice of Milk	20 Mac & Beef Casserole WG Dinner Roll Popeye Salad Cauliflower Grapes Choice of Milk	21 Turkey Ham and Swiss on WG Bun Baby Carrots Garden Side Salad Tangerine Choice of Milk	22
23	24 Teriyaki Chicken Vegetable Fried Brown Rice Broccoli Stir Fry Steamed Carrots Strawberry Applesauce Choice of Milk	25 Popcorn Chicken Bowl with Mashed Potatoes and Corn WG Dinner Roll Peach Cup Choice of Milk	26 BBQ Riblet Sandwich Sweet Potato Waffles BBQ Beans Banana Choice of Milk	27 WG Turkey Lasagna Broccoli Italian Vegetable Blend Strawberries Fresh from Florida Choice of Milk	28 Italian and Provolone on WG Bun Garden Salad Pear Choice of Milk	1

Lunch

\$1.80 elementary
\$2.50 middle/high

Breakfast
\$1.25 elementary and 6th grade only