



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,

Another fantastic week at OSS!

We have lots of events coming up such as History Fair, Advanced Placement Night and the State Science Olympiad competition.

Our athletes continue to impress us with their outstanding placement during competitions. For more information, check out page 5.

It's important to study the past so we can change and grow in the future; the History Fair is just the place to do this! To learn more about this educational event, scroll down to page 4.

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

If you become a teacher, by your pupils you'll be taught.
~ Oscar Hammerstein II

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OSS Upcoming Events

1. Advanced Placement Parent Night- OSS Cafeteria, Monday, March 3rd – 5:30pm
2. State Science Olympiad – UCF, March 15th
3. Spring Break- March 21-28- No School
4. 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 23-February 28

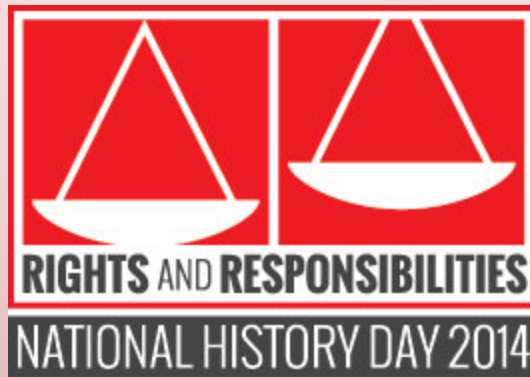
This week in History, Mardi Gras celebrations began in New Orleans. On this day in 1827, a group of masked and costumed students dance through the streets of [New Orleans, Louisiana](#), marking the beginning of the city's famous Mardi Gras celebrations.

Over time, hundreds of krewes formed, building elaborate and colorful floats for parades held over the two weeks leading up to Fat Tuesday. Riders on the floats are usually local citizens who toss "throws" at passersby, including metal coins, stuffed toys or those now-infamous strands of beads. Though many tourists mistakenly believe Bourbon Street and the historic French Quarter are the heart of Mardi Gras festivities, none of the major parades have been allowed to enter the area since 1979 because of its narrow streets. In February 2006, New Orleans held its Mardi Gras celebrations despite the fact that [Hurricane Katrina](#) had devastated much of the city with massive flooding the previous August. Attendance was at only 60-70 percent of the 300,000-400,000 visitors who usually attend Mardi Gras, but the celebration marked an important step in the recovery of the city, which counts on hospitality and tourism as its single largest industry.



this week in

HISTORY



"The National History Day Fair will be held on Thursday, March 6, 2014.

The History Fair will include student exhibits, documentaries, research papers, websites and performances focused around this year's theme:

"Rights and Responsibilities in History".

Parents are invited to attend and meet the student-historians.

The theme is selected annually by the National History Day Contest, students in grades 6 to 12 use primary and secondary sources to research a topic relating to local, national, or world history. After analyzing and interpreting the information they have gathered, students express their findings in a paper, exhibit, performance, documentary, or web site. They may work individually or in groups.

Students' entries are judged in two divisions junior (grades 6-8) and senior (grades 9-12) during the various levels of competition. First- and second-place school winners in each category and division advance to the county contest. The county contest will be held at Lake Highlands Preparatory School on March 14 - March 15, 2014. The first and second place county winners in each category and division advance to the state contest in Tallahassee held on May 4 - May 6, 2014. Similarly, first- and second-place state winners in each category and division earn the right to represent Florida at the National History Day competition in College Park, Maryland, held on June 15 - 19, 2014.

For more information you may contact Ms. Santos.

History Fair links:

<http://www.floridahistoryfair.com> <<http://www.floridahistoryfair.com/>>

<http://www.nhd.org> <<http://www.nhd.org/>>"

Thank you,

Ms. Santos

American History Instructor

Social Studies Department Head

FBLA - Club Adviser

Orlando Science School

OSS MathCounts

Orlando Science Schools placed 2nd out of a total of 40 middle school teams across the region during the annual Central Florida Regional MathCounts competition, held at Olympia High School on Saturday, February 22nd. The OSS team, composed of Alexandria Bias, Lance Jittan, Wally Vargas, Thomas Shea, and Esha Renade qualified to compete in the State MathCounts competition hosted by the Florida Engineering Society at the Orlando Doubletree Hotel by Hilton, on Thursday, March 20th. After 3 challenging rounds, (Sprint, Target, and Team round) Thomas Shea, Lance Jittan, Wally Vargas, and Alexandria Bias received trophies for their individual rankings; 6th, 7th, 11th, and 14th place respectively out of approximately 300 students. Congratulations to all of our students that competed and we wish them good luck at the upcoming state competition.

A special thanks to all of our OSS Math teachers!!

MATHCOUNTS Competition Program

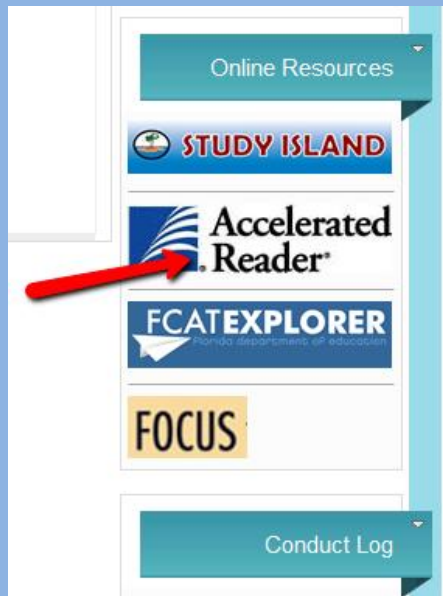
The MATHCOUNTS Competition Program is a national middle school coaching and competitive mathematics program that promotes mathematics achievement through a series of fun and engaging "bee" style contests. The program exists in all 50 states plus U.S. territories and the Department of Defense and State Department schools

Mathcerely,
Mr. Akyalcin
Mathematics Department Head
Mu Alpha Theta Sponsor
MathCounts Head Coach
Orlando Science Schools



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!

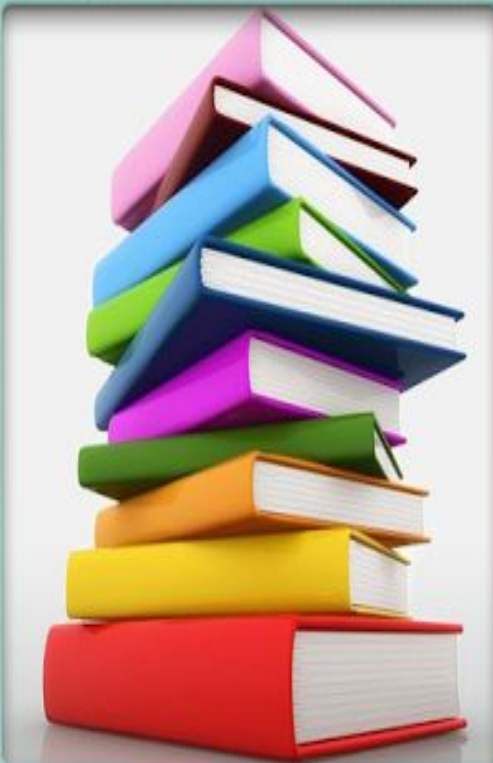
ORLANDO SCIENCE SCHOOLS

WHEN:

Monday, March 3 at 5:30 PM

WHERE:

2427 Lynx Lane, FL 32804





CAN TABS

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

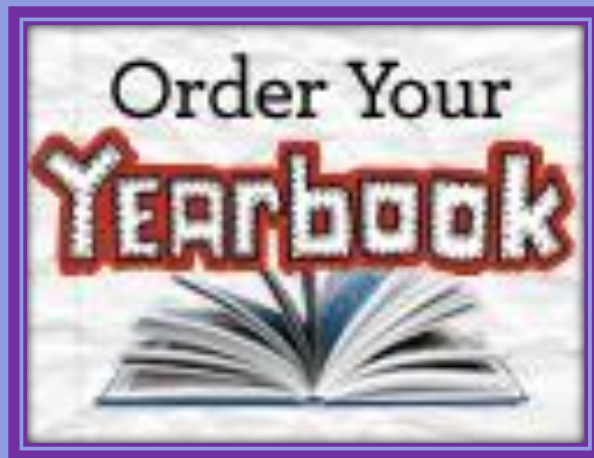
We are collecting these tabs for Ronald McDonald House.

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