



# 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,

As winter approaches, we think of family, friends, kindness, generosity, activities and of course, **HOT CHOCOLATE!**

OSS has lots of upcoming events, starting with our semester finals, beginning next week. To learn more about our testing schedule, please read page 4.

Don't forget to drop off your can tabs to help The Ronald McDonald House and check out page 7 for more information on how to help out in our community.

Page 6 offers up a wealth of information about OSS Connect, an online tool to help parents and students stay on top of their education.

The OSS Theatre Department is holding their annual Winter Gala on December 20<sup>th</sup>! Slide on down to page 8 to purchase tickets and get into some "Wholiday" cheer!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

**Necati Sahin, OSS Principal**

*"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart.*

*Wishing you happiness." - Helen Keller*

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## OSS Upcoming Events

1. School wide Science Fair- December 6<sup>th</sup>
2. Parent-Teacher Conferences - December 12<sup>th</sup> 4:30-6:30  
**(call for appointment, no walk-ins)**
3. Winter Gala – December 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm
4. Winter Break – December 20<sup>th</sup> –January 5<sup>th</sup>

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

**Dec 7 1941- Pearl Harbor was bombed.**

**At 7:55 a.m. Hawaii time, a Japanese dive bomber bearing the red symbol of the Rising Sun of Japan on its wings appears out of the clouds above the island of Oahu. A swarm of 360 Japanese warplanes followed, descending on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor in a ferocious assault. The surprise attack struck a critical blow against the U.S. Pacific fleet and drew the United States irrevocably into World War II.**

*this week in*  
**HISTORY**

Dear OSS Parent/Guardian,  
Orlando Science Schools will be administering Semester Finals, the dates and the courses are listed below. You may find the details regarding the schedule for students as well as the information regarding the Semester Finals process on the second page of this letter with which you may review with your students. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting Mr. Yalcin at [yalcin@orlandoscience.org](mailto:yalcin@orlandoscience.org).

Department (Grade)	Date
Mathematics(6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> )	Monday, December 9
Spanish(7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> )	Tuesday, December 10
HOPE(9 <sup>th</sup> ONLY)	Wednesday, December 11
ELA (6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> )	Thursday, December 12
Social Studies (6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> )	Tuesday, December 17
Web Design, C# (High School)	Wednesday, December 18
Science (6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> )	Thursday, December 19
Music (8 <sup>th</sup> )	Monday, December 16

### Questions and Answers for Semester Finals

- Q-1) How would Semester Finals affect my student's grade?  
 ➤ It affects 7% of the student's overall Semester Grade.
- Q-2) How long will the Semester Final take  
 ➤ One Class Period- the same length as Chapter Tests
- Q-3) How many questions will be asked in the Finals?  
 ➤ Depends on the Department.  
 30 Questions in Math, Web Design, and Visual Basic. 40 Questions in Other Departments
- Q-4) How would the students take the Semester finals, if they have Accommodations?  
 ➤ Yes, they will receive the accommodations as in written in their IAP or IEP.
- Q-5) What if my student(s) is absent on the Semester Final days?  
 ➤ The student may make up when s/he comes to school.
- Q-6) What type of questions will be on the test?  
 ➤ The test will be a multiple choice test and it will cover all the topics between the first lesson and 4 days before the Finals.
- Q-7) Will there be other classes on the Finals day?  
 ➤ Yes, the students would take only the designated subjects final in one class period. There will not be a different schedule on test days.
- Q-7) Are the Semester Finals created on OSS Connect?  
 ➤ Yes, they are available under the Final weeks.
- Q-8) Who is the best contact person if I have any questions?  
 ➤ You may directly contact your student's course teacher for course related questions. For general questions, please contact Mr. Yalcin at [yalcin@orlandoscience.org](mailto:yalcin@orlandoscience.org)



## 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.

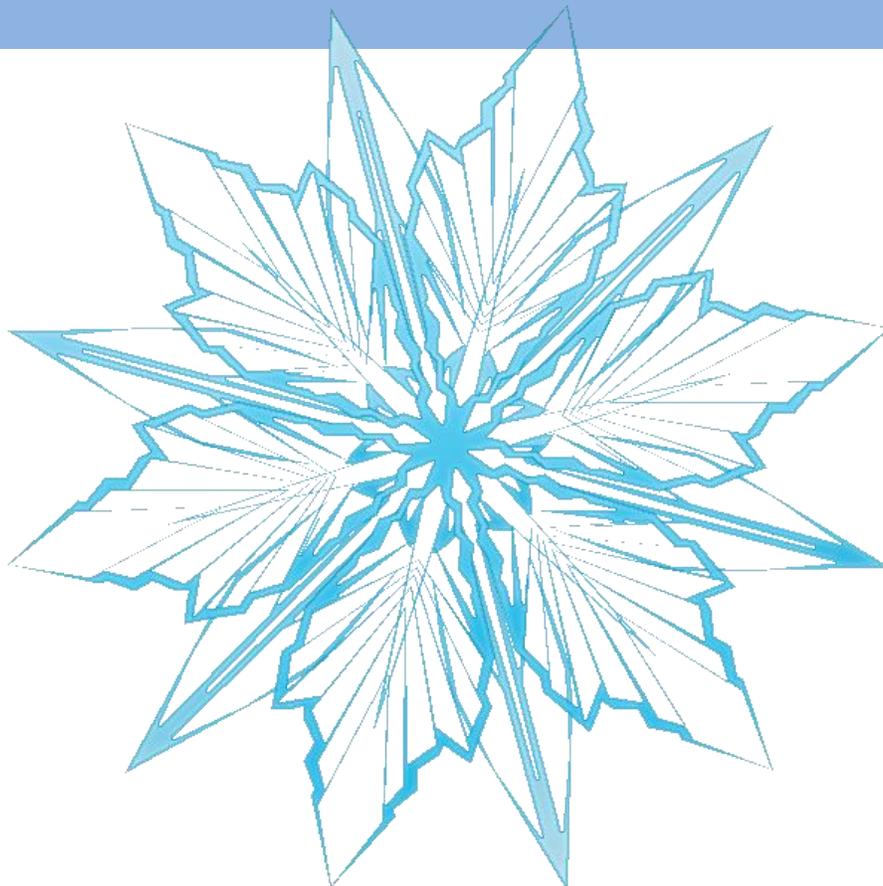
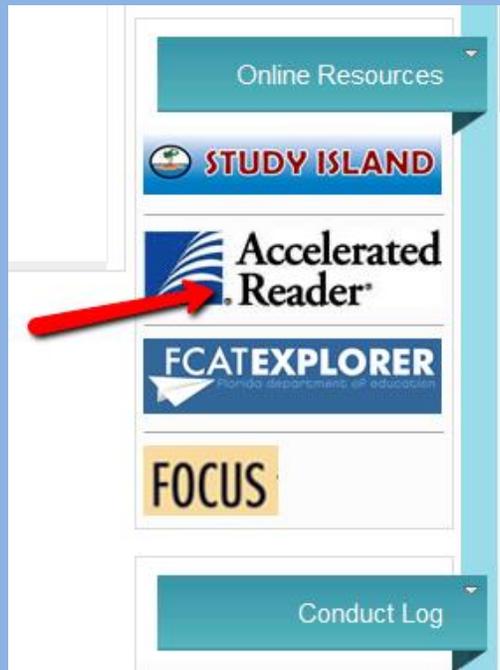
**TAKE A FYLER AND COLLECT AT WORK AND SAVE A LIFE**

## *Free Books, anyone?*

You can help our school earn hundreds of free books. How? Recently, our school won a total of 20 books from Wilbooks. In celebration of National Reading Day on January 23, 2014, Wilbooks will award our school a second round of FREE books. How can you help? Simply like the publisher's Facebook page on December 3, 2013 @ [www.facebook.com/WilbookscelebratesFlorida](http://www.facebook.com/WilbookscelebratesFlorida). For each new like, our school will earn one free book. For an example, 185 new likes on December 3, 2013 would equal 185 free books for our school. The votes can come from anywhere. Tell your friends, family and neighbors to like on Dec. 3, 2013!

## 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



# PUT A LITTLE LOVE IN YOUR HEART

“The Orlando Seignez School Student Government Association and National Junior Honor Society will be hosting a canned food and blanket drive this coming week, December 9 to December 13. Central Florida currently has one of the highest homeless populations in the country. As the holidays near and the weather gets colder, we should think about those less fortunate than ourselves and consider sharing a little of what we have with those in need. Each first period class that collects the same number of cans as there are students in the class will be able to participate in two themed dress-down days. The two themes are “Twin Day” where two or more students will dress alike and “Jersey Day” where students will wear apparel supporting their favorite team.”

National Honor Society will be having a fundraiser called Toys for Tots. For this fundraiser, we would like to ask teachers, parents, and students to participate by donating unopened new toys. Not only are we asking for donations, but there will also be a Teacher vs. Student Basketball game on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. For students to be selected to play in the game, they will need to bring their toy donations to Ms. Beece by Wednesday, December 11, 2013 where they will receive a raffle ticket. On Wednesday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, at the end of the day, tickets will be selected at random and the selected students will be given the choice to play in the basketball game. Students that do not want to participate can choose not to participate in the game and their spot will be given to the next student. The entry fee to watch the game is an unopened, new toy. Please come out and support this great cause. Students may begin bringing in Toy donation Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> 2013 to Ms. Beece.

OSS Theater Department  
Presents

2013

Winter Gala

Date: December 20, 2013

Time: 6:30 PM

Price: \$5.00

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Christmas



# CHARTER SCHOOL MEALS

## December 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Breakfast Selections</b>	<b>Breakfast Breaks</b> Red. Sugar Trix Mini Cinn Animal Crackers 100% Fruit Juice Assorted Milk	<b>Banana Bread</b> Apple Slices Assorted Milk	<b>Very Berry Mini Loaf</b> Cheese Stick Mixed Fruit Cup Assorted Milk	<b>Pillsbury Frudel</b> Orange Wedges Assorted Milk	<b>Ultimate Breakfast Bun</b> Yogurt Strawberry Cup Assorted Milk	<b>Breakfast Selections</b>
1	2 Chicken Tenders WG Dinner Roll Baked Sweet Potato Crinkles (½ c) Green Beans Strawberry Cup Choice of Milk	3 Beef or Turkey Hamburger on WG Bun <b>Potato Smiles</b> Vegetarian Beans Peach Cup Choice of Milk	4 <b>Chicken Chili</b> On <b>WG Bread Bowl</b> Broccoli <b>Lettuce Tomato Cup</b> <b>Banana</b> Choice of Milk	5 Meatballs/ <b>Marinara</b> <b>Sauce</b> Over <b>WG Penne</b> <b>Pasta</b> Cauliflower Cooked Carrots <b>Grapes</b> Choice of Milk	6 Hummus Dipper Cool Pack <b>Garden Side Salad</b> <b>Granny Smith</b> <b>Apple</b> Choice of Milk	7
8	9 Teriyaki Chicken over Brown Rice Broccoli Stir Fry Vegetables Mixed Vegetables Applesauce Choice of Milk	10 Food Truck Sliders <b>Sweet Potato</b> Waffles Cole Slaw Mixed Fruit Choice of Milk	11 Popcorn Chicken Bowl WG Dinner Roll <b>Orange Wedges</b> Choice of Milk	12 Turkey and Gravy Over Brown Rice Peas and Carrots Red Beans <b>Sliced Apples</b> Choice of Milk	13 Turkey Cold Cut Combo <b>Garden</b> <b>Salad</b> <b>Baby Carrots</b> <b>Pear</b> Choice of Milk	14
15	16 Turkey Hot Dogs BBQ Baked Beans Sweet Potato Crinkles Peach Cup Choice of Milk	17 Tangerine Chicken over Brown Rice Stir Fry Vegetable Broccoli <b>Banana</b> Choice of Milk	18 Mini Cheese Ravioli over Marinara Sauce Popeye Salad Steamed Carrots <b>Tangerine</b> Choice of Milk	19 <b>Sliced Turkey w/</b> <b>Gravy, Dressing</b> <b>WG Dinner Roll</b> <b>Mashed Potatoes</b> California Blend <b>Baked Cinnamon</b> <b>Apples</b> Choice of Milk	20 Chicken Caesar Wrap Green Beans <b>Deli Roasters</b> <b>Potatoes</b> Strawberry Cup Choice of Milk	21
22	23	24	25 <b>Christmas</b>	26	27	28
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29	30	31	1 <b>New Year's Day</b>	2	3	4
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### Lunch

\$1.80 elementary  
\$2.50 middle/high

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