



# ORLANDO SCIENCE SCHOOLS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

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Dear Students & Parents,

Thank you for all you do, for all the time you spend in and out of OSS, the energy you give so freely, the constant support and of course, the love you give to your children so they may accomplish their goals. This is a time of thanks and a time of hope and we are grateful for each and every one of you.

As we enjoy next week off with your loved ones, don't forget to rest up and prepare for the busy semester ahead of us with field trips, dinners and of course, finals. Check out page 4 for more information on how you and your student may be more prepared on semester finals.

Make sure you are dropping off your can tabs to the front desk so we may help out the Ronald McDonald House!

Have a wonderful week filled with blessings!!

Sincerely,

Nzcati Sahin, Principal  
"Orlando Science Middle/High

*"The roots of all goodness lie in the soil of appreciation for goodness." -- Dalai Lama*



**While we move  
the portables  
located in the  
back of OSS.  
Thank you for  
your  
cooperation**

## OSS Upcoming Events

1. Thanksgiving Break- November 24-28
2. Atlanta Field Trip –December 4-6

<b>2014-2015 Report Card Dates for Parents</b>	
<b>1st Quarter Progress Report Card</b>	<b>Friday, September 19, 2014</b>
<b>1st Quarter Report Card</b>	<b>Wednesday, October 22, 2014</b>
<b>2nd Quarter Progress Report Card</b>	<b>Friday, November 21, 2014</b>
<b>2nd Quarter Report Card</b>	<b>Friday, January 15, 2015</b>
<b>3rd Quarter Progress Report Card</b>	<b>Friday, February 20, 2015</b>
<b>3rd Quarter Report Card</b>	<b>Friday, March 19, 2015</b>
<b>4th Quarter Progress Report Card</b>	<b>Friday, May 1, 2015</b>
<b>4th Quarter Report Card</b>	<b>Wednesday, June 3, 2015</b>

<b>2014-2015 Parent Teacher Conference (PTC) Days</b>		
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter</b>	Wednesday, October 1, 2014	4:00PM - 6:00 PM
	Friday, October 3, 2014	4:30PM - 6:30 PM
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</b>	Wednesday, December 17, 2014	4:00PM - 6:00 PM
	Friday, December 19, 2014	4:30PM - 6:30 PM
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</b>	Wednesday, March 4, 2015	4:00PM - 6:00 PM
	Friday, March 6, 2015	4:30PM - 6:30 PM
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter</b>	Wednesday, May 13, 2015	4:30PM - 6:30 PM
	Friday, May 15, 2015	4:30PM - 6:30 PM

**I will send out an email two weeks prior to each of these to dates to book appointments**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Students will have their daily homework according to the Homework chart below. Each Homework segment will take about 20-25 Minutes. Please remind your students to turn in his/her homework daily and avoid getting penalized by turning the homework late. Please follow your student's performance on OSS Connect. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mr. Yalcin

Curriculum Coordinator

<b>Department</b>	<b>Homework Number</b>	<b>Daily Homework Days</b>
<b>ELA</b>	4 per week	<b>M-T-W-Th</b>
<b>Math</b>	4 per week	<b>M-T-W-Th</b>
<b>Social Studies</b>	3 per week	<b>M-T-Th</b>
<b>Science</b>	3 per week	<b>T-W-F</b>
<b>Electives</b>	No HW	<b>None</b>
<b>Electives-Foreign Language</b>	1 per week	<b>F</b>

## This Week in History

**This Week in History, Nov 16 - Nov 22**

**Nov 16, 1532**

**[Pizarro traps Incan emperor Atahualpa](#)**

**Nov 17, 1558**

**[Elizabethan Age begins](#)**

**Nov 18, 1991**

**[Terry Waite released](#)**

**Nov 19, 1863**

**[Lincoln delivers Gettysburg Address](#)**

**Nov 20, 1945**

**[Nuremberg trials begin](#)**

**Nov 21, 1980**

**[Millions tune in to find out who shot J.R.](#)**

**Nov 22, 1963**

**[John F. Kennedy assassinated](#)**



*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
Electives	6 through 12	Wednesday, December 17 <sup>th</sup>
Math	6 through 12	Thursday, December 18 <sup>th</sup>
ELA	6 through 12	Friday, December 19 <sup>th</sup>
Social Studies	6 through 12	Monday, December 15 <sup>th</sup>
Science	6 through 12	Tuesday, December 16 <sup>th</sup>

### Questions and Answers for Semester Finals

Q-1) How will the Semester Finals affect my student's grade?

- It affects 7% of the student's overall Semester Grade.

Q-2) How long will the Semester Finals 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.

Math: 25 Questions

ELA: 30 Questions

SS: 40 Questions

Science: 30 Questions

Electives: 30 Questions

Q-4) How will the students take the Semester finals if they have accommodations?

- They will receive their accommodations as is written in their Section 504 IAP or IEP.

Q-5) What if my student(s) is absent on the Semester Final days?

- The student may take a makeup test 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 from the first lesson of the school year up to one week before the Finals.

Q-7) Will there be other classes on Finals day?

- Yes, the students will take only their designated subjects final during one class period. The rest of the day will continue as a normal day.

Q-8) Are the Semester Finals created on OSS Connect?

- Yes, they are available under "Final" weeks.

Q-9) 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 "2014-15 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**



# Thank you

When I think of the holidays, I think of family. I remember my grandma in the kitchen making the most delicious food I will ever eat in my life, my grandpa chopping the firewood and tending the fields, my mom and dad running around making sure everyone had everything they needed, and my siblings, my cousins and me sitting on the floor by the fire shelling beans.

And love, lots of love.

Today, I have an extended family, filled with students, staff and parents. I want so much for my new family, to watch them prosper, to grow and to help them in any way I can.

And love, lots of love.

I just want to say "thank you" from the bottom of my heart to all of my family, new and old, and to wish you all Happy Holidays.

Ms. Becc



December 2014

# Charter School Hot Lunch W/Pizza

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>Breakfast Selections</b>	Assorted Cereals w/ Cheese Stick Craisins Apple Slices  <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Strawberry Pop Tart Apple Juice Fruit Punch  <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Yogurt Parfait/Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal Raisins Bananas  <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Bagel with Cream Cheese Orange Juice Apple Juice  <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Ultimate Breakfast Round Granny Smiths Grapes  <u>Choice of Milk</u>	<b>Breakfast</b> 9-12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Tuesdays serve two- 1.76oz packs of pop tarts or one 3.75oz pack Daily - 2 fruits	
	1 Meat and Cheese Lasagna Toss Salad Cool Rips	2 Soft Tacos Charro Pinto Beans Pears	3 Popcorn chicken Salad Baby Carrots Bananas	4 Cheese Pizza Sautéed Spinach Oranges	5 Pasta Florentine with Garlic Bread Broccoli Applesauce	6	
	7	8 General Tso Chicken Vegetable LoMein 1c. Stir Fry Vegetables Grapes	9 Hamburger/Cheese Burgers On WG Bun <u>1c. Deli Roasters</u> Applesauce	10 Cheese Pizza 1c. Steamed Carrots Bananas	11 Montego Bay Chicken Legs Seasoned Brown Rice 1c. Cuban Black Beans Apple Slices	12 Chicken Tenders Sub 1c. Broccoli Carrot Sticks HS ONLY (1/2c.) Diced Peaches	9-12 <sup>th</sup> Grade 12/8 - 1c. Lo Mein 12/11 - 1c. Brown Rice 12/12 - 2 Dinner Rolls Daily - 2 Fruits (or 1c.)
	14	15 Ravioli with Garlic Bread ½ c. Broccoli ½ c. Steamed Carrots Applesauce	16 Pepperoni Pizza 1c. Green Beans Pears	17 Sloppy Joes 1c. Carrot Dippers Apple Slices	18 All Beef Hot Dog 1c. Baked Beans Banana	19 Mac and Cheese <u>1c. Deli Roasters</u> Mixed Fruit	9-12 <sup>th</sup> Grade 12/15 - HS Recipe 12/19 - Add Garlic Toast Slice w/ Mac & Cheese Daily - 2 fruits (or 1c.)
21	22 Vacation	23 Vacation	24 Vacation	25 Vacation	26 Vacation	27	