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# 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 and Parents,

I would like to extend a great big "Thank you!" to those of you who came out to our Welcome picnic last Saturday. We had a blast with fun games and great food.

Congratulations to our Club of the Week: Environmental Club. Please see page 6 for more information on their wonderful contribution to our school and planet.

An email will be sent out next Wednesday and Thursday from Ms. Smith to schedule your appointment for Parent Teacher Conferences. The dates for the upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences may be found on page 2.

I would like to congratulate Mr. Akyalcin and Mrs. Akyalcin for being 2015 Raytheon Math heroes. This award is only given to the top 25 teachers in the United States. Please see pages 5-6 for more information.

We will hold an informational Science Fair meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 5pm. To find more details on this meeting, please see the bottom of page 8.

If you would like to volunteer please see page 7 for more information on how to enroll or update your existing profile.

I hope you all are having a fantastic school year so far!

Sincerely,

*Abdulaziz Yalcin*

Principal  
Orlando Science Schools  
Middle/High

*"Why fit in when you were born to stand out" –Dr. Seuss*

# OSS UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday September 29<sup>th</sup> 2015:** Science Fair Meeting at 5pm (please see page 8 for more details)

**Wednesday October 7<sup>th</sup> 2015:** Parent Teacher Conference Night

**Thursday October 8<sup>th</sup> 2015:** Parent Teacher Conference Night

2015-2016 Report Card Dates for Parents	
1st Quarter Progress Report Card	Wednesday, September 23, 2015
1st Quarter Report Card	Thursday, October 22, 2015
2nd Quarter Progress Report Card	Friday, November 20, 2015
2nd Quarter Report Card	Thursday, January 14, 2016
3rd Quarter Progress Report Card	Wednesday, February 17, 2016
3rd Quarter Report Card	Thursday, March 17, 2016
4th Quarter Progress Report Card	Wednesday, May 4, 2016
4th Quarter Report Card	Wednesday, June 8, 2016

2015-2016 Parent Teacher Conference (PTC) Days		
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	Wednesday, October 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	4:00PM - 6:00PM
	Thursday, October 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	4:30PM - 6:30PM
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	Wednesday, December 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	4:00PM - 6:00PM
	Thursday, December 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	4:30PM - 6:30PM
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	Wednesday, March 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2016	4:00PM - 6:00PM
	Thursday, March 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2016	4:30PM - 6:30PM
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	Wednesday, May 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	4:00PM - 6:00PM
	Thursday, May 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	4:30PM - 6:30PM

**Ms. Smith will send out an email prior to each of these dates to book appointments.**

*This week in*

# HISTORY



<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT(S)</b>
<b>September 21<sup>st</sup> 1937</b>	J.R.R Tolkien's fantasy novel <i>The Hobbit</i> is published.
<b>September 22<sup>nd</sup> 1991</b>	Huntington Libray makes the Dea Sea Scrolls available to the public for the first time.
<b>September 23<sup>rd</sup> 1911</b>	The Second International Aviation Meeting opens up in New York.
<b>September 24<sup>th</sup> 1970</b>	The Soviet <i>Luna 16</i> lands, completing the first unmanned round trip to the moon.
<b>September 25<sup>th</sup> 1789</b>	Congress proposes 12 new amendments to the Constitution.

If you would like to know more information regarding each of these events, please visit:

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

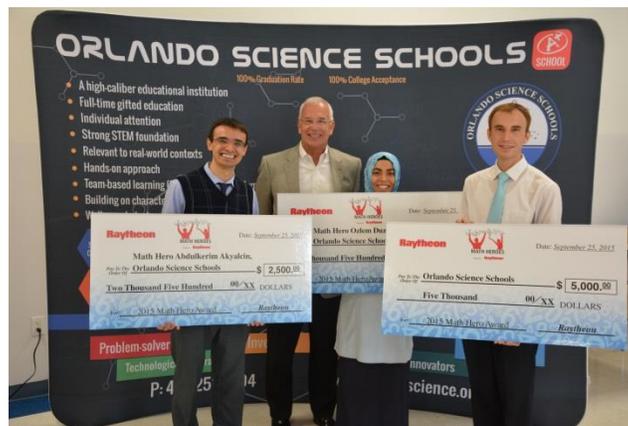
## Orange County Public Schools: 2015-2016 School Calendar

DAY	DATE(S)	EVENT
Monday	September 7 <sup>th</sup> 2015	Labor Day holiday (Schools and District Offices are closed)
Thursday	October 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2015	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Marking Period
Friday	October 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2015	Student Holiday/Teacher Professional Day/ Teacher Non-Work Day
Monday	October 26 <sup>th</sup> 2015	Student Holiday/Teacher Workday
Tuesday	October 27 <sup>th</sup> 2015	Begin 2 <sup>nd</sup> Marking Period
Monday- Friday	November 23 <sup>rd</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> 2015	Thanksgiving break: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students are out all week</li> <li>• District Offices are open Nov. 23-25<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Teacher Non-Workdays: Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Teacher Holiday: Nov 26<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>
Two Weeks	December 21, 2015- January 1 <sup>st</sup> 2016	Winter Break (Schools are closed. District offices are closed)
Monday	January 4 <sup>th</sup> 2016	Students Return to School
Thursday	January 14 <sup>th</sup> 2016	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Marking Period
Friday	January 15 <sup>th</sup> 2016	Student Holiday/ Teacher Workday
Monday	January 18 <sup>th</sup> 2016	Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday (Schools and District offices are closed)
Tuesday	January 19 <sup>th</sup> 2016	Begin 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semested/3 <sup>rd</sup> Marking Period
Monday	February 15 <sup>th</sup> 2016	Presidents Day holiday (schools and district offices are closed)
Thursday	March 17 <sup>th</sup> 2016	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Marking Period
Friday	March 18 <sup>th</sup> 2016	Student Holiday/ Teacher Workday
Monday -Friday	March 21 <sup>st</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Break (Schools are closed. District offices are closed)
Monday	March 28 <sup>th</sup>	Begin 4 <sup>th</sup> Marking Period
Monday	May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial Day holiday ( Schools and District offices are closed)
Wednesday	June 8 <sup>th</sup> 2016	End of 4 <sup>th</sup> Marking Period/ Last day of school for students
Thursday-Friday	June 9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>	Post Planning for Teachers

# MATH HEROES

Each year Raytheon recognizes up to 30 teachers as "Math Heroes" for their effective, innovative methods to promote student enthusiasm and achievement in math and science. Nominated by students, parents, and school administrators, these middle and high school math and science teachers are honored for using interactive and creative learning approaches to make math real and relatable for their students.

This year, Orlando Science School Math Teachers Mr. Akyalcin and Mrs. Akyalcin have both been honored with Raytheon's Math Hero Award. As award winners, they each received a \$2500 grant as well as a matching grant awarded to the school.



Pictured above from left to right: Mr. Akyalcin, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Akyalcin and Mr. Yalcin

Robert "Bob" Williams (pictured second from the left) is Vice President of Global Training Solutions (GTS) for Raytheon Intelligence, Information and Services (IIS). Williams has more than 36 years of experience in military training and support, financial and change management, strategic planning and public-private partnership management. Before joining Raytheon in 2011, he was Senior Vice President and General Manager at L-3 Communications/MPRI.

Please continue onto page six for many more photos from this memorable event !

# Math Heroes, Continued



Mr. and Mrs. Akyalcin with Robert Williams, sharing a smile.



Mr. Yalcin celebrating OSS Amazing Math Moments from the 2014-2015 school year with everyone !



Mr. Williams giving a presentation.



Mr. and Mrs. Akyalcin with Mr. Yalcin, Robert Williams and our wonderful and supportive OSS Parents!

# BOOK COME TO OUR FAIR!

October 16-22

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8am-5pm: School Days Only

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OSS GYM

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All Purchases Benefit Our School!



# Club of the Week

## ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB



Students of Mr. Stampas' Environmental Club meet every Wednesday after school. These students have developed their own unique system of collecting every teacher's recycling bin in an efficient amount of time. They participate in this club without any benefit to themselves. These students truly love helping out their school and saving the planet. Thank you Mr. Stampas and the Environmental Club for all your hard work and dedication!

# Interested in Volunteering ?



2427 Lynx Lane Orlando FL 32804 Tel: 407.253.7304 Fax: 407.253.7305 <http://www.orlandoscience.org>

Dear Volunteer,

On behalf of Orlando Science School, I would like to thank you for inquiring about volunteering at the Orlando Science School.

Our mission is to lead our students to success with the support and involvement of families and the community. Volunteers play a big role in supporting students, teachers, and schools. We ask that you please register by creating or updating your ADDitions volunteer profile.

We are excited to invite you to the new, interactive Volunteer Management System, which allows volunteers to sign up or renew, and select their preferred volunteer service opportunity.

Here are the steps:

1. Get your New User ID log-in: (Note: Do not log-in or search for opportunities until you have retrieved your new user ID from the link below). If you were a previous volunteer, your account should have been migrated to the new system:  
<https://www.ocps.net/es/cr/resources/Pages/ADDitions.aspx>
2. "Click Here" to proceed to the New Interactive Volunteer Management System
  - Choose the appropriate link for your new user ID log-in account information. You can change your user ID and password at any time.

Previously Registered ADDitions  
School Volunteer  
(A registered volunteer prior to June 2015)  
[Click Here](#)

New Volunteer  
or New Partner in Education  
(First-time applicant)  
[Click Here](#)

3. Take the User ID and password you received from the above link and then use it to login in our new system. Please edit your profile and update any information that's changed for this school year.
4. Search for Opportunities
  - After your profile is updated, from your dashboard, click the link that says "Search Opportunities" and then enter the name of the school for which you'd like to volunteer. **The first opportunity to sign up for at each school will be titled "Become an ADDitions Volunteer."**
5. Before you go to a school to volunteer, please check your dashboard to make sure your status is updated and you have been placed in an opportunity.

If you have any questions about the online registration process please email Ms. Santos, the ADDitions Coordinator at [Julie.Santos@OrlandoScience.Org](mailto:Julie.Santos@OrlandoScience.Org), or [OCPSVolunteerhelp@ocps.net](mailto:OCPSVolunteerhelp@ocps.net) or call Community Resources at (407) 317-3323.

# EXTRA, EXTRA



**UPCOMING PVO MEETING**  
October 16<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 9am and 4pm



Orlando Science Schools' Science Olympiad studies will begin Saturday meetings on Saturday, October 3, 2015.



## **PIZZA DAY**

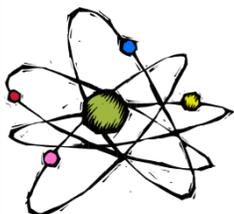
Every Thursday throughout the year OSS will be offering students the option to purchase pizza. They may purchase a slice for \$2.00 or make it a combo for \$5.00.

Orlando Science Schools and Seminole Science Charter School are moving forward to obtain accreditation as a charter school system by AdvancED. Additional information will follow in later issues.



**Deadline for Box Tops:**  
October 30<sup>th</sup>

**Winning Homeroom Class:**  
Will earn a dress down day!



## **Science Fair Parent Meeting**

Next Tuesday, September 29th at 5 pm, we will have a parent meeting in the cafeteria regarding the science fair and how to fill out the science fair forms. All middle school students are required to participate in the science fair and if you are especially new to the science fair it is highly encouraged that you attend.

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

# IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Have you changed your address, email or phone number?

If your address, email or phone number has changed it is important that you let us know ASAP. Contact Ms. Palmer at [Palmer@orlandoscience.org](mailto:Palmer@orlandoscience.org) with these changes. Thank you!



## Running Late ?



DEAR PARENTS / GUARDIANS AND STUDENTS,  
SCHOOL STARTS AT 7:55 A.M FOR GRADES 6<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> &  
8:00 A.M FOR GRADES 9<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup>

**Please be advised after 8:05 A.M.**

Parents or Guardians **MUST** sign in their students at the front desk, regardless of grade level.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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# ONE-STOP SHOPPING

NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIRS ARE A PROGRAM OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION COUNSELING (NACAC).



## Free to Students and Parents!

The list of schools attending each fair is available online at <http://bit.ly/NCFExhibitorSearch>

### NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIRS CHAIRPERSONS

**Stacy Spencer**  
Rollins College  
[srspencer@rollins.edu](mailto:srspencer@rollins.edu)

**Lynn Stewart**  
Lake Highland Preparatory School  
[lstewart@lhps.org](mailto:lstewart@lhps.org)



## Orlando National College Fair

**Sunday, October 11**  
**1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
**Orange County Convention Center**  
**Orlando, FL**  
**NEW LOCATION**

### BEFORE THE FAIR...

Go to [www.nacacnet.org/ncfstudent](http://www.nacacnet.org/ncfstudent) to:  
Register for the fair.  
Watch the video for a complete fair overview.  
Learn about different types of colleges.

### AT THE FAIR...

**Pick up** the on-site locator for the latest school list and a booth location map.  
**Meet one-on-one** with college representatives who can answer questions.  
**Visit** the Counseling/Resource Center to talk to a counselor about choosing a major, financial aid scholarship information, and more.

### ATTEND A WORKSHOP ABOUT...

- Financial Aid "Show me the money"
- NCAA Workshop "So you want to be a collegiate athlete"
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# LUNCH MENU

September 2015

Charter School Hot Lunch W/Pizza

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Breakfast Selections</b>	Assorted Cereals w/ Toast (2G) Apple Slices (1/2 fruit)  <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Strawberry Pop Tart (2G) Orange Juice (1/2 fruit)  <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Super Stars Cinnamon (2) (2G) Oranges (1/2 fruit)  <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Bagel with Cream Cheese(2G) Apple Juice (1/2 fruit)  <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Mini Cini(2G) Raisins(1/2 fruit)  <u>Choice of Milk</u>	<b>Breakfast Selections</b> 9-12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Tuesdays serve two-1.76oz packs of pop tarts Daily – Offering 1 cup
	7 HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL	8 Taco Nachos (2G,2M) Cuban Style Black Beans (1/2 C. Legume) sautéed Spinach with Garlic (1/2 c. green) Strawberry Apple Sauce (1/2 Fruit) Milk	9 Baked Ziti w/ meatballs Must offer with Garlic Toast (2G,2M) Italian Blend Vegetable (1/2 c other) Steamed Carrots (1/2 c red) Side Kicks (1/2 Fruit) Milk	10 Popcorn Chicken with dinner roll (2G,2M) <u>Mashed Potatoes (1/2 c starchy)</u> Corn(1/2 c starchy) Mixed Fruit (1/2 Fruit) Milk	11. Cheese Pizza(2G,2M) Pepperoni Pizza(2G,2M) <u>Smiley face fries (1/2 c starchy)</u> Peach cup (1/2 Fruit) Milk	12
13	14 Breaded Chicken sandwich(2G,2M) Sweet potatoes Chunks Stir Fry Vegetables (1/2 c other) Cool rips (1/2 Fruit) Milk	15 Hard Tacos w/ Mexican Rice(2G,2M) Cuban Style Black Beans(1/2 C. Legume) sautéed Spinach with Garlic (1/2 c. green) Apple Sauce(1/2 Fruit) Milk	16 Cheese Pizza(2G,2M) Pepperoni Pizza(2G,2M) Tossed Salad (1/2 Other, ¼ red) Grapes (1/2 Fruit) Milk	17 Hamburger/Cheeseburger (2G,2M) <u>Mashed Potatoes(1/2 c starchy)</u> Corn(1/2 c starchy) Sliced Apples (1/2 Fruit) Milk	18 All Beef Hotdog (2G,2M) Baby carrots(1/2 c red) Coleslaw (1/2 c other) Peach Cup (1/2 Fruit) Milk	19
20	21 Roasted Chicken w/Dinner Roll (2G,2M) <u>Shoestring Fries (1/2 c starchy)</u> Coleslaw (1/2 c other) Side Kicks (1/2 Fruit) Milk	22 Chicken Nuggets With 1g Biscuit (2G,2M) Charro Pinto Beans (1/2 C. Legume) <u>Corn (1/2 c starchy)</u> Mixed Fruit (1/2 Fruit) Milk	23 Ravioli with Garlic Bread (2G,2M) Glazed Carrots (1/2 c red) Sidekicks(1/2 Fruit) Milk	24 Cheese Pizza (2G,2M) Pepperoni Pizza(2G,2M) Tossed Salad (1/2 Other, ¼ red) Red Apples (1/2 Fruit) Milk	25 Mac and Cheese w/ Dinner Roll (2G,2M) Broccoli (1/2 c. green) Mixed Vegetables (1/2 c other) Assorted Juice (1/2 Fruit) Milk	26
27	28 Hamburger/Cheeseburger(2G,2M) Sweet potatoes Chunks(1/2 c red) Stir Fry Vegetables (1/2 c other) Cool rips (1/2 Fruit) Milk	29 Enchiladas (2G,2M) Cuban Style Black Beans(1/2 C. Legume) sautéed Spinach with Garlic (1/2 c. green) Strawberry Apple Sauce(1/2 Fruit) Milk	30 Baked Ziti w/ meatballs Must offer with Garlic Toast (2G,2M) Italian Blend Vegetable(1/2 c other) Steamed Carrots(1/2 c red) Side Kicks (1/2 Fruit) Milk	1 Chicken Patty Sandwich (2G,2M) <u>Mashed Potatoes (1/2 c starchy)</u> Corn(1/2 c starchy) Sliced Apples(1/2 Fruit) Milk	2 Cheese Pizza(2G,2M) Pepperoni Pizza(2G,2M) Tossed Salad (1/2 Other, ¼ red) Peach Cup (1/2 Fruit) Milk	