



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,

FCAT writing Exams for 4th, 8th and 10th grades will occur on Tuesday, February 26th. Please make sure your student gets lots of rest and has a good breakfast to establish a good foundation for the test day! Please check Page 2 for FCAT policies and upcoming events on page 3 for more FCAT dates.

Please check out page 2 to read about our offers up a great incentive for attending Saturday Study sessions and our can tab collection to help those in need at the Ronald McDonald House, and check out page 3 for upcoming and past events.

Check on down to pages 4 & 5 to learn more about how OSS/OSES has some school spirit nights coming up while page 7 has yearbook information and also how to personalize them, so "memory"ize!

Check our yummy lunch menu on 8 and keep checking OSS website for more information throughout the year for updates and events!! Also, please check your emails daily, Ms. Bee will try to send out important data as soon as she gets it.

We hope everyone has a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

Necati Sahin, OSS Principal

Education comes from within; you get it by struggle and effort and thought. ~ Napoleon Hill

FCAT POLICIES



Please be sure to review the following policies before the day of the test:

- **Electronic Devices**—Students may not have ANY electronic devices during testing, including, but not limited to, cell phones and smart phones, even if they are turned off. We encourage students to leave devices at home or in their lockers on the day of testing.
- **Academic Honesty** —Your student will be asked to sign a pledge prior to testing that states I agree that I will not give or receive unauthorized help during this test. I understand that giving or receiving such help during the test is cheating and will result in the invalidation of my test results. If any student is caught cheating during the assessment, his or her test will not be scored.
- **Leaving Campus**—If your student leaves campus before completing the test (for lunch, 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 a make-up day. Wednesday , February 27, is reserved as make-up day for the FCAT Writing Test.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Mr. Yalcin at 407 253 7304 Ext: 118 and Ms. Jensen at 407 253 7304 Ext:170. 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/she prepares for the test.

OSS Administration

FCAT Saturday Studies Dress Down Incentive

If students show up 3 weeks in a row and /or three times in a month to the FCAT Saturday Studies, they will receive a school dress down day!!!

February 26th is the first Saturday Studies Dress down day of February.

The eligible students list will be posted on February 25th in the hallways.

The eligibility requirements are below:

Attend three times in a month or three weeks in a row

Less than 3 conduct points during Saturdays Studies

No Office Referral or Intervention Referral during the Saturday Studies



CAN TABS

Please drop off your can tabs to the jar on 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 "2012-13 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

OSS Upcoming Events

1. February 22nd –Movie Night at OSS
2. February 26th -FCAT Writing 4th-8th-10th
3. March 1st –School Spirit Skate Night



FCAT DATES

(Please check back for specific details)

Feb 26 - 28, 2013 Grades 4, 8, 10 Writing Assessment Test
April 15- 26, 2013 Grades 3-10 Reading and Math/ Grades 5 and 8 Science

****Always check the OSS website and Make sure you check your emails****

Science Olympiad Competition Dates

March 23rd State
May 17-18 National

Week In History

In 1819, Spanish minister Do Luis de Onis and U.S. Secretary of State John Quincy Adams sign the Florida Purchase Treaty, in which Spain agrees to cede the remainder of its old province of Florida to the United States. Spanish colonization of the Florida peninsula began at St. Augustine in 1565. The Spanish colonists enjoyed a brief period of relative stability before Florida came under attack from resentful Native Americans and ambitious English colonists to the north in the 17th century. Spain's last-minute entry into the French and Indian War on the side of France cost it Florida, which the British acquired through the first Treaty of Paris in 1763. After 20 years of British rule, however, Florida was returned to Spain as part of the second Treaty of Paris, which ended the American Revolution in 1783.

Spain's hold on Florida was tenuous in the years after American independence, and numerous boundary disputes developed with the United States. In 1819, after years of negotiations, Secretary of State John Quincy Adams achieved a diplomatic coup with the signing of the Florida Purchase Treaty, which officially put Florida into U.S. hands at no cost beyond the U.S. assumption of some \$5 million of claims by U.S. citizens against Spain. Formal U.S. occupation began in 1821, and General Andrew Jackson, the hero of the War of 1812, was appointed military governor. Florida was organized as a U.S. territory in 1822 and was admitted into the Union as a slave state in 1845.

OSS FILM CLUB PRESENTS MOVIE NIGHT

A STUDIO GHIBLI FILM

MIYAZAKI'S SPIRITED AWAY

WINNER
ACADEMY AWARD
BEST ANIMATED FEATURE
75th Academy Awards

WINNER
GOLDEN BEAR AWARD
BEST FILM
67th Berlin International Film Festival

WINNER
BEST FILM
PERFORMANCE
84th Japanese Academy Awards

SHOWTIME
AT 6PM

FRIDAY
FEBRUARY
22ND



FREE ADMISSION WITH STUDENT ID!

(CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE)

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY

OSS and OSES

Families

School Spirit Night!

March 1st, 2013



14207 West Colonial Drive

Winter Garden, Florida 34787

Telephone: (407) 614-3812

Come at any time between 4:30pm – 10pm

Adults/Student \$8

OSS and OSES Teachers FREE

WIFI Free

Congratulations OSS Mathletes

At the annual Central Florida Regional MathCounts competition, held at Olympia High School on Saturday, February 16th, Orlando Science Schools placed 4th out of a total of 32 middle school teams. Also, OSS received the "Best improved School" award by jumping from 13th to 4th place. With this outstanding success, the OSS team composed of **Dominic Canora, Zhi Wang, Wally Vargas, and Thomas Shea** qualified to compete in the State MathCounts competition hosted by the Florida Engineering Society at the Orlando Doubletree Hotel by Hilton, on Friday, March 15th. Brandon Grandison, Lance Jittan, Sydney Cornell, Alexandria Bias, Ritiga Ravichandran, and Shehruz Khan also participated as individual competitors. After 3 challenging rounds (Sprint, Target, and Team round), **Wally Vargas** received a trophy for placing the highest among OSS students with his individual ranking being 3rd out of approximately 350 students. Other individual awards were received by **Sydney Cornell** who placed 16th, **Caleb Spence** 17th, **Zhi Wang** 18th, **Dominic Canora** 19th, and **Thomas Shea** 20th.

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.



****Yearbooks are on Sale****



December 2012

Dear Parents of OSS,

It's that time of year again! Yearbooks are on sale for only \$30! It's time to capture those moments forever. The yearbook staff is working hard to create the best yearbook ever!

Sincerely,

The Yearbook Staff

Email: delaine.wood@orlandoscience.org for further information.

***Payment plans are available see Ms. Wood-Delaine.

Love Lines!

Love Lines
Deadline is
March 1st

This year we are offering love lines. You can write a note to someone special in the yearbook, for just \$1 per 50 characters! Don't miss this amazing opportunity. Please fill the appropriate part of your yearbook form.

Sample love line:

I love you Steve. You are amazing. With love, Mom.

The above statement would cost just \$1 and it would be published in the yearbook!!! It makes a terrific surprise.

Yearbook Committee

CHARTER SCHOOL MEALS

School Site Lunch

February 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Breakfast Selections	Breakfast Breaks (Cinn. Toast) Assorted Milk	Apple Frudels Cheese Stick Diced Fruit Cup Assorted Milk	Banana Muffin Yogurt Diced Peach	Breakfast Breaks (Honey Nut)	Whole Grain Pop tarts (2ea) Cheese Stick	Breakfast Selections
3	4 Sloppy Joe on a Bun Mandarin Oranges Veggie Dippers 1.5cp	5 Chicken Tender Sliders(2ea) Baked Beans Strawberry Cup Slider Roll	6 Burrito Bites Fresh Broccoli Whole Apple Choice of Milk	7 Tangerine Chicken Brown Rice Glazed Carrots Cool Tropic	8 Turkey/Cheese Sub Sandwich Side salad w\Garbanzo Mixed Fruit Choice of Milk	9
10	11 Cheese Burger on a Bun Pears Roasted Potato Choice of Milk	12 Fish Sticks (4ea) Mashed Potatoes Popeye Salad Dinner Roll 100% Fruit Juice	13 Turkey Cuban Sandwich Sweet Potato Wedges Mandarin Oranges	14 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Veggie Dippers Mixed Fruit Choice of Milk	15 Popcorn Chicken Yellow Rice Baked Beans Sliced Apples Choice of Milk	16
17	18 NO SCHOOL	19 Teriyaki Beef Nuggets 1 cup Brown Rice Mixed Vegetables Mandarin Oranges	20 BBQ Turkey Sandwich On a Bun Broccoli Apple Slices	21 Montego Bay Roasted Chicken Green Beans Diced Pears	22 Chicken Patty w\ Bun Baked Beans Sweet Potato Waffles Mixed Fruit Choice of Milk	23
24	25 Teriyaki Chicken Mashed Potatoes Dinner Rolls Grapes Stir Fry Veg	26 SW Burrito Bites (4ea) Red Beans and Rice 3/4 c Baby Carrots Diced Cinn. Apples	27 BBQ Pulled Pork (4oz) Brown Rice Black Beans Pineapple Tidbits	28 Italian Deli Wrap Side salad w\Garbanzo Cool Tropic	3/1/13 Hot Dog on Bun Sweet Potato Wedge Sliced Apples Corn Choice of Milk	

Lunch

\$1.80 elementary
\$2.50 middle/high

Breakfast
\$1.25 elementary and 6th grade only