



# 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,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a restful week.

We here at OSS are excited about the upcoming FCAT/EOC tests that are just around the corner. To help better prepare our students and parents, please read page 2 for policies and page for tests dates.

As a reminder, our can tab collecting is coming to an end. The deadline is Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, so bring in your tabs!! As always, page 3 holds the key to past and future events, so check it out!

We have a fabulously "BAD MOVIE" night coming up, for more of the "sauce" check out page 4 and while you're there, scroll on down to page 5 for our International Night highlights!

And last but definitely not least, page 6 celebrates our robotics team while doing "THE ROBOT" all the way to World championships and our amazing Science Olympiad team took first in the state, so let's synthesize our support for them on pages 7 & 8!!

And as always, page 9 shares our nutritious and delicious lunch menu, yummy!

Sincerely,

**Necati Sahin, OSS Principal**

*The foundation of every state is the education of its youth. ~ Diogenes*

# 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

## CAN TABS



Deadline is  
April 5th

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. April 5<sup>th</sup> – “Bad” Movie Night- “Attack of the Killer Tomatoes-OSS Cafeteria, 6-8pm  
(Free raffle for all attendees for Limited edition movie posters and collectible Terminator Statues)
2. FTC World Championships- April 24-27, St. Louis, Missouri
3. OSS/OSES Skate Night-April 26<sup>th</sup>



### FCAT DATES

(Please check back for specific details)

April 15- 26, 2013

Students who take Algebra I, Geometry will not take FCAT Math since they will take EOCT in May  
Also Students who take Biology in 8<sup>th</sup> grade will not take FCAT 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 1513, near present-day St. Augustine, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon comes ashore on the Florida coast, and claims the territory for the Spanish crown.

Although other European navigators may have sighted the Florida peninsula before, Ponce de Leon is credited with the first recorded landing and the first detailed exploration of the Florida coast. The Spanish explorer was searching for the "Fountain of Youth," a fabled water source that was said to bring eternal youth. Ponce de Leon named the peninsula he believed to be an island "La Florida" because his discovery came during the time of the Easter feast, or *Pascua Florida*.

In 1521, he returned to Florida in an effort to establish a Spanish colony on the island. However, hostile Native Americans attacked his expedition soon after landing, and the party retreated to Cuba, where Ponce de Leon died from a mortal wound suffered during the battle. Successful Spanish colonization of the peninsula finally began at St. Augustine in 1565, and in 1819 the territory passed into U.S. control under the terms of the Florida Purchase Treaty between Spain and the United States.

# ATTACK OF THE KILLER TOMATOES



**MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY**

(Free raffle for all attendees for Limited edition movie posters and collectible Terminator Statues)

# OSS International Night

OSS and OSES are proud to bring back International Night on Wednesday, May 22nd from 5-7pm. We invite everyone to come and explore a variety of cultures. Each participating teacher's room has been transformed into an embassy and parents and students are invited to walk freely through the school to experience the vast culture that each of our 24 countries have to offer.

Volunteers to help design and provide cultural items, foods, music or clothing are welcomed to help us represent these cultures to the fullest. A full list of countries, teachers and contact info will be emailed to parents or you may contact Mr. Parrella for more information at [parrella@orlandoscience.org](mailto:parrella@orlandoscience.org) We look forward to seeing you there!



## Robotics Donations

As some of you may know; OSS participates in various robotics competitions. Our team won an invitation to the *FIRST* Tech Challenge World Championship in Saint Louis, Missouri. Unfortunately most team members do not have the financial means to cover the trip expenses from Orlando, Florida. Please email, copy, like, share, etc. the link below in LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, or Google+, where donations can be made. If you can donate, great, every little bit counts; but most importantly some of your friends' friends may be able to help, so please post the link. Thanks.

<http://www.gofundme.com/29v0pg>

Yours in Robotics,

OSS



## Congratulations OSS Math Club!

Kudos to all of our Mathletes and Math teachers, especially Mr. Murphy, on a job well done! Orlando Science Schools Math Club has reached the Gold Level Status in the MATHCOUNTS Club Program.

20 of our club members each scored an 80% or better on the Ultimate Math Challenge (UMC). This is an extremely commendable accomplishment.

Our school's name can be seen on the MathCounts website in the Gold Level Schools list (<http://mathcounts.org/clubschools>). Additionally, the OSS Math club shall be receiving a trophy, a banner and certificates to recognize the students' achievement. Finally, our school will be entered into a drawing for \$500 gift cards and the grand prize of a trip to Washington, DC to witness the 2013 Raytheon MATHCOUNTS National Competition.

Congratulations on this fantastic achievement. We hope our students enjoyed the MATHCOUNTS Club Program experience and that we will go for another banner next year!

For more information about MathCounts Club Program, you may check the MathCounts website <http://mathcounts.org/club>



## Congratulations to OSS' Blake Gardner!!!

He placed at the 2013 Florida State Science Fair!!!  
His category was Chemistry and he was recognized in Junior Achievement for his amazing accomplishments!!!!  
We are so proud of him and know he will continue to do great things in the future!



## RALLY IN TALLY

Orlando Science Schools' students ranging from middle school to high school have visited the capitol building in Tallahassee on April 2. This was an educational, inspirational, and awe-inspiring trip. The students had the chance to talk to Senators and House of Representatives and asked them various questions about the government in general.

The senators and representatives were surprised with the questions and the students' interest about the government. After the meetings, the students attended to a legislative session to observe our elected officials in action.

Orlando Science Schools is very thankful to Mr. Sahin, Mr. Dag, Mr. Hatayoglu, Mr. Spence and Mr. Parrella for their time to provide a successful learning experience for our students.



## ORLANDO SCIENCE SCHOOLS SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAMS WON 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE IN THE STATE SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TOURNAMENT



This amazing accomplishment means our team is going to the 2013 National Science Olympiad in Ohio on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Our Science Olympiad Team got first place two years in a row and this is the third year that we are competing nationwide. The students worked very hard and came to the school every Saturday to study on their events. We would like to recognize team members: Annabel Zinn, Ahmed Rashid, Meghana Bomma, Erin Martin, Cassandra Spence, Isaac Suazo, Yasmin Figeroua, Blake Hollis, Hedyeh Erfani, Hastee Erfani, Omar Gammouh, Yashasvi Bhat, Sam Dai, Sam Gonzalez and Gage Lamoureux. We are very proud of our students and thankful to our coaches, parents and school admin for their support and dedication.

### FIRST PLACE

Yasmin Figeroua, Annabel Zinn – Disease Detective

Omar Gammouh, Erin Martin – Food Science

Omar Gammouh, Erin Martin – Science Crime Busters

Omar Gammouh, Erin Martin Annabel Zinn – Experimental Design

Sam Dai, Isaac Suazo – Road Scholar

Annabel Zinn, Mehgara Bomma – Metric Mastery

### SECOND PLACE

Hedyeh Erfani, Hastee Erfani – Water Quality

### THIRD PLACE

Cassandra Spence, Ahmed Rashid – Rocks and Minerals





## ORLANDO SCIENCE SCHOOLS SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### Our Science Olympiad Team won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the recent state competition.

This means that we are going to be competing at the National Science Olympiad in Ohio on May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. With about one month to prepare, we are seeking donations to support our teams' efforts to win a National Championship. Our students and coaches are working very hard. Let's do our part to help.

### What is Science Olympiad?

Science Olympiad competitions are like academic track meets, consisting of a series of 23 team events in each division. Each year, a portion of the events are rotated to reflect the ever-changing nature of genetics, earth science, chemistry, anatomy, physics, geology, mechanical engineering and technology. By combining events from all disciplines, Science Olympiad encourages a wide cross-section of students to get involved. Emphasis is placed on active, hands-on group participation. Through Science Olympiad, students, teachers, parents, principals and business leaders bond together and work toward a shared goal. To find out more about Science Olympiad, please visit their website at [www.soinc.org](http://www.soinc.org)

The following is a detailed list of the areas that are in need of financial donations:

- Team Shirts
- Team Transportation – Airfare and Van Rental
- Team Hotel Rooms and Meals
- Building Event Supplies
- Science Olympiad Study Books
- Team Costumes for Opening Ceremony and Parade and Team Gift Exchange
- Team Sponsorship - Gold Level Includes Your Large Size Company Logo on Team Shirts - \$1,000  
Silver Level Includes Your Medium Size Company Logo on Team Shirts - \$500  
Bronze Level Includes Your Small Company Logo on Team Shirts - \$250

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Please choose an event you'd like to sponsor. All donations are tax deductible.

Cash and checks are accepted. Checks can be made out to OSS.

Please send in by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

As always, your support is greatly appreciated.

# CHARTER SCHOOL MEALS

## April 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Breakfast Selections</b>	Breakfast Breaks (Kix) Assorted Milk	Whole Grain Pop tarts (1pkg) Cheese Stick 100% Fruit Juice	Apple Frudel Cheese Stick Diced Fruit Cup Assorted Milk	Breakfast Breaks (Fruity Cheerios) Assorted Milk	Banana Muffin Yogurt Diced Peach Cup Assorted Milk	<b>Breakfast Selections</b>
	1 Chicken Nuggets Dinner Roll Potato Smiles Mandarin Oranges California Blend	2 Beef Teriyaki Brown Rice Stir Fry Vegetables Diced Pears Choice of Milk	3 Turkey and Cheese Sub Sandwich Breadstick Garden Side Salad w/ 1/4c Garbanzo	4 BBQ Shredded Turkey on WG Bun Baked Sweet Potato Crinkles Fresh Grapes	5 Fish Taco Side salad w/1/4c Garbanzo Beans Sliced Apples Choice of Milk	6
7	8 Philly Steak/Cheese Hot Pocket Sweet Potato Waffles Fresh Orange Wedges Choice of Milk	9 Fish Sticks Dinner Roll Cole Slaw Sliced Apples Choice of Milk	10 Turkey Hot Dog on WG Bun Popeye Salad Fresh Blueberries Choice of Milk	11 Shredded Turkey and Gravy on a Bread Bowl Steamed Broccoli Pears Choice of Milk	12 SW Burrito Bites (4ea) 1/4c Red Beans Brown Rice Veggie Dippers Peaches Choice of Milk	13
14	15 Cheese Quesadilla Red Beans 1/2 c Fresh Grapes Choice of Milk	16 Beef or Turkey Burgers Baked Sweet Potato Wedges Baked Cinnamon Apples Choice of Milk	17 Roasted Chicken Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes Veggie Dippers Fresh Cantaloupe Choice of Milk	18 Turkey Lasagna Rolls Dinner Roll Green Beans Peaches Choice of Milk	19 Chicken Patty on Honey Goldfish Bread Garden Side Salad w/ 1/4 c Garbanzo Beans Tangerine Choice of Milk	20
21	22 Mozzarella Max Sticks/Marinara Sauce Baked Sweet Potato Crinkles Diced Pears Choice of Milk	23 Macaroni and Cheese Dinner Roll Spinach Fresh Watermelon Choice of Milk	24 PBJ Uncrustables Veggie Dippers Pineapple Tidbits Choice of Milk	25 Turkey Burrito Bowl Corn Fresh Grapes Choice of Milk	26 BBQ Pork Wrap on Loco Bread Veggie Dippers BBQ Baked Beans Granny Smith Apple Choice of Milk	27
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28	29 Tangerine Chicken Lo Mein Noodles Stir Fry Vegetables Peaches Choice of Milk	30 Sloppy Nachos Grande Corn Cobbette Seasoned Black Beans Cantaloupe Spears Choice of Milk	1 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Sweet Potato Waffles Lettuce and Tomato Cup Diced Pears Choice of Milk	2 Hot Turkey and Swiss in WG Bun Potato Smiles Orange Wedges Choice of Milk	3 Turkey Cold Cut Combo Garden Side Salad Baby Carrots Sliced Apples Choice of Milk	4

**Lunch**

**\$1.80 elementary  
\$2.50 middle/high**

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