



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,

The first week of FCAT is done! There will be two more days next week of testing and then OSS/OSES will be finished! The students and staff have been positive throughout testing days and will finish up with the satisfaction of knowing they did their best!

Mother Earth has been good to us, so check out page 3 to learn some great ways to help her out and have fun too! In addition, OSS shares some exciting news about the upcoming graduation.

Stop on by to page 4 for past and upcoming events, and then stroll on down to page 5 to see the next installment in OSS' Movie Night.

OSS is proud to say that we are a diverse school and celebrate that with an International Night, for more information, fly on down to page 6.

Our students blow us away at every turn, to learn more about some cool students and their amazing accomplishments please turn to page 7.

At last but definitely not least, Science Olympiad and Robotics needs your help for their upcoming trip to nationals, page 7 discusses Robotics while page 8 holds NSO details.

Sincerely,

Necati Sahin, OSS Principal

Everyone who remembers his own education remembers teachers, not methods and techniques. The teacher is the heart of the educational system. ~ Sidney Hook



Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test®
 Spring 2013 FCAT/FCAT 2.0 Reading/Mathematics/Science
 Daily Test Administration Schedule

FCAT 2.0 PAPER-BASED TEST ADMINISTRATIONS

WEEK ONE		
Day 1 – Monday, April 15		
Grades 3, 4, 5, 10*	Reading – Session 1	70 minutes
Grades 6, 7, 8	Mathematics – Session 1	70 minutes
Grades 6, 7, 8	Mathematics – Session 2	70 minutes
Day 2 – Tuesday, April 16		
Grades 3, 4, 5, 10*	Reading – Session 2	70 minutes
Grades 7*, 8	Reading – Session 1	70 minutes
Day 3 – Wednesday, April 17		
Grades 3, 4	Mathematics – Session 1	70 minutes
Grade 5	Science – Session 1	80 minutes
Grades 7*, 8	Reading – Session 2	70 minutes
Day 4 – Thursday, April 18		
Grades 3, 4	Mathematics – Session 2	70 minutes
Grade 5	Science – Session 2	80 minutes
Grade 8	Science – Session 1	80 minutes
Grade 8	Science – Session 2	80 minutes
Day 5 – Friday, April 19		
Make-up testing		
WEEK TWO		
Day 6 – Monday, April 22		
Grade 5*	Mathematics – Session 1	70 minutes
Grades 6*, 9*	Reading – Session 1	70 minutes
Day 7 – Tuesday, April 23		
Grade 5*	Mathematics – Session 2	70 minutes
Grades 6*, 9*	Reading – Session 2	70 minutes
Days 8, 9, and 10 – Wednesday, April 24 – Friday, April 26		
Make-up testing		
* Schedule applies to administration of paper-based accommodations for computer-based tests		

MAKE-UP TESTING

- Week One: Make-up testing may continue through Wednesday, April 24.
- Week Two: Make-up testing may continue through Tuesday, April 30.
- For initial OR make-up test administration s Session 1 MUST be administered before Session 2.

Bureau of K-12 Assessment
 Florida Department of Education
 September 12, 2012

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

OSS IS HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE OUR 8TH GRADE GRADUATION

Orlando Science Schools will be hosting its 8th grade graduation on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 5:30pm.

The event will be held at the Sheraton Downtown Orlando Ballroom located at 400 W Livingston St., Orlando, FL 32801 (407) 843-6664

The cap and gown forms have gone home with your students and also may be picked up at the front desk. They are due by May 3rd, no exceptions.

This event will be an exciting and emotional time as our 8th grade class will end their time as middle school students and begin their journey into to becoming the men and women of high school.

Please join us for this celebration of love and achievement and of endings and beginnings.

Central Florida Earth Day 2013

<http://www.cfearthday.org/activities/>

OSS Upcoming Events

1. **April 19th – Movie Night- "Who Framed Roger Rabbit?"-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 26th**
4. **8th grade graduation- May 28th , 5:30 pm- Sheraton Orlando Downtown Ballroom**
400 W Livingston St Orlando, FL 32801 -(407) 843-6664

FCAT DATES

April 15- 26, 2013

****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 1859, Bessie Smith is born in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Despite the immense influence her records had on the shape and course of American popular music in the 20th century, the recorded legacy of Bessie Smith only captures part of her historical significance. Yes, her first recording, "Downhearted Blues" (1923) sold a then-astonishing 800,000 copies, and her subsequent Columbia Records releases throughout the 1920s earned her the title "Empress of the Blues" and influenced countless important musicians in the decades that followed. But by the time Bessie Smith made her first record, she was already a seasoned show-business veteran—an actress, dancer, singer, all-around force of nature and, eventually, the highest-paid African-American performer in the world, by many accounts. A monumental figure in her own time and beyond, the great Bessie Smith was born on this day in 1894 in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Orphaned at the age of nine and raised by her older sisters and brothers, Bessie Smith began singing and dancing for money on the streets of Chattanooga while she was still a young girl. She was 10 when her oldest brother, Clarence, ran off with a traveling vaudeville troupe, and she was 18 when that same troupe returned to Chattanooga in 1912 and took her on as a dancer. Eight years of showbiz training alongside that troupe's legendary singer, Ma Rainey, isn't what gave Bessie Smith her equally legendary voice, but it did turn her into an all-around performer ready to headline her own traveling show. Smith was becoming the top draw on the black vaudeville circuit just as her first recordings reached the public, and though she received little or no royalties from any of her hit records, their popularity helped fill seats on the live tours that made her the wealthiest African American female performer of her day.

The Empress of the Blues was also known for her rather colorful personality and lifestyle. She once survived a stabbing after a performance in her hometown of Chattanooga, chasing after her attacker with the knife still in her chest, then getting herself to the hospital and still not missing the next night's show. She had an extremely tumultuous off-and-on-again marriage, and was known to get into fistfights over lovers of both sexes.

Bessie Smith, who was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1989 as an "early influencer," died at the age of 43 on September 26, 1937

TOUCHSTONE PICTURES AND STEVEN SPIELBERG PRESENT
A ROBERT ZEMECKIS FILM

Who framed
ROGER RABBIT



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 We look forward to seeing you there!



OSS and OSES
International Night!
Wednesday, May 22nd
5 - 7 pm
Explore 24 Unique and Fascinating Cultures!
Food! Music! Dance! Art!
A Global Experience for the Whole Family!

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,

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Sumaiyah Mustaphalli, a sixth grader known for her Science Olympiad contributions, won the **national** writing contest by Yes! Magazine. Her work and short biography will be published in the magazine and online for the Spring 2013 competition. The prompt was: What can change when we learn to see others that we would not normally see? It was a challenging topic to respond to a written article and this is a huge accomplishment as there were over 10,000 entries and she beat out students from all over the nation in 6th-8th grades as a 6th grader!





ORLANDO SCIENCE SCHOOLS SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Our Science Olympiad Team won 1st place in the recent state competition.

This means that we are going to be competing at the National Science Olympiad in Ohio on May 17th and 18th. 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

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 1st.

As always, your support is greatly appreciated.

CHARTER SCHOOL MEALS

April 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Breakfast Selections	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	Breakfast Selections
	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
			May			
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 6th grade only**