



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

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Dear Students & Parents,

Happy New Year!!

Please check out page 2 to read about our can tab collection to help those in need at the Ronald McDonald House, OSS students help hurricane victims, and check out page 3 for upcoming and past events.

Apply yourself to page 4 to learn more about how OSS/OSES has opened the online application for new incoming students and has added some open house dates to help inform prospective parents about our school.

Page 5 has yearbook information and also how to personalize them, so "memory"ize it.

As OSS and OSES grows, we need help from our parents to make our outside area more conducive for our student activities. Please read page 6 for more information and check our gummy lunch menu on 7 while page 8 requests donations for our flag so we may honor our country.

Last but definitely not least, page 9 invites you all to book a home visit.

Keep checking OSS website for more information throughout the year for updates and events!! Also, please check your emails daily, Ms. Beece will try to send out important data as soon as she gets it.

We hope everyone has a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

Nzcati Sahin, OSS principal

**"Intelligence plus character-that is the goal of true education."
Martin Luther King Jr.**



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 Helped Hurricane Sandy Victims

Orlando Science Schools has been working hard to find ways to give back to our community. In addition, the National Honor Societies wanted to go beyond our local community and try to help victims from Hurricane Sandy. The societies hosted a dress down day with a great turn out from students and staff. In addition, elementary and middle/high homerooms participated in a school wide coin war and donated the jugs of coins to Hurricane Sandy victims.

Mr. Murphy's homeroom was the winner of the middle school coin war and received a donut party. Among the high school homerooms, Mr. Parrella's students won the war and earned a pizza party. After the fundraising was complete, Orlando Science Schools was able to donate a check for \$1,850 to Heart of Orlando United Way!

Faculty members and students from the honor societies visited Heart of Orlando United Way on December 19th to present the donation check. While there, they were able to meet the director, Dr. Brown, and toured the facilities. Dr. Brown also explained how the donation funds would be put to use for the Sandy victims in the New York area.

Thank you to all OSS students, parents, teachers and staff for your generous donations and dedication to education!

OSS Upcoming Events

1. January 17th end of 2nd marking period.
2. January 18th, no school, parent teacher conferences (call for an appointment)
3. January 21st no school

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

Science Olympiad Competition Dates

January 19th Regional
March 23rd State
May 17-18 National

Week In History

In 1908, U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt declares the massive Grand Canyon in northwestern Arizona a national monument.

Though Native Americans lived in the area as early as the 13th century, the first European sighting of the canyon wasn't until 1540, by members of an expedition headed by the Spanish explorer Francisco Vasquez de Coronado. Because of its remote and inaccessible location, several centuries passed before North American settlers really explored the canyon. In 1869, geologist John Wesley Powell led a group of 10 men in the first difficult journey down the rapids of the Colorado River and along the length of the 277-mile gorge in four rowboats.

By the end of the 19th century, the Grand Canyon was attracting thousands of tourists each year. One famous visitor was President Theodore Roosevelt, a New Yorker with a particular affection for the American West. After becoming president in 1901 after the assassination of President William McKinley, Roosevelt made environmental conservation a major part of his presidency. After establishing the National Wildlife Refuge to protect the country's animals, fish and birds, Roosevelt turned his attention to federal regulation of public lands. Though a region could be given national park status--indicating that all private development on that land was illegal--only by an act of Congress, Roosevelt cut down on red tape by beginning a new presidential practice of granting a similar "national monument" designation to some of the West's greatest treasures.

In January 1908, Roosevelt exercised this right to make more than 800,000 acres of the Grand Canyon area into a national monument. "Let this great wonder of nature remain as it now is," he declared. "You cannot improve on it. But what you can do is keep it for your children, your children's children, and all who come after you, as the one great sight which every American should see."

Congress did not officially outlaw private development in the Grand Canyon until 1919, when President Woodrow Wilson signed the Grand Canyon National Park Act. Today, more than 5 million people visit the canyon each year. The canyon floor is accessible by foot, mule or boat, and whitewater rafting, hiking and running in the area are especially popular. Many choose to conserve their energies and simply take in the breathtaking view from the canyon's South Rim--some 7,000 feet above sea level--and marvel at a vista virtually unchanged for over 400 years.

Dear parents,

We would like to extend to you and your family an invitation to one of our Open House events to further educate you and your child on all the opportunities that you may find at Orlando Science Schools.

We will have a short presentation about what our school has to offer and also a time to ask any questions you may have about OSS.

In addition, you will have the chance to meet some of our amazing teachers and peruse their classrooms and curriculum.

Please take this opportunity to expand your knowledge about Orlando Science Schools and the future of your child.

*Most Sincerely,
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Open House Dates:

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| Open House (K-12): | Jan 26 th | 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM |
| Open House (K-12): | Feb 9 th | 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM |
| Open House (K-12): | Feb 17 th | 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM |

Online Application Dates:

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| Online Application for 2013-2014 school year starts: | Jan 1 st 12:00 AM |
| Online Application for 2013-2014 school year ends: | Mar 1 st 11:59 PM |

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****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!

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

OSS and OSES Outdoor Area

Dear Parents,

OSS and OSES are working hard for our children's future and we need your help to make the outdoor play area as inspirational as the growing minds of our students.

We have a dream of children running on lush green grass, students enjoying lunch on a sunny day at picnic tables, laughter emitting from kids as they slide down slides and giggles while they play on a jungle gym.

Please help make this vision come true by donating to our cause. We are need of financial help with the project costing \$40,000.00. The progress is going very well in completing our outdoor space and we have received many wonderful donations from our parents.

Please take this flyer to your work and enlist your companies to take part in this goal of enriching our playground facility.

Sincerely,

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CHARTER SCHOOL MEALS

January 2013

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Breakfast Selections | Breakfast Breaks (Cinn. Toast) Assorted Milk | Apple Frudels Cheese Stick Diced Fruit Cup Assorted Milk | Banana Muffin Yogurt Diced Peach Cup Assorted Milk | Breakfast Breaks (Honey Nut) Assorted Milk | Whole Grain Pop tarts (2ea) Cheese Stick 100% Fruit Juice | |
| 6 | 7 Sloppy Joe on a Bun Mandarin Oranges Veggie Dippers Choice of Milk | 8 Chicken Tender Sliders(2ea) Green Beans Peaches Slider Roll Choice of Milk | 9 Hot Dog on a Bun Fresh Broccoli Whole Apple Choice of Milk | 10 Tangerine Chicken Brown Rice Mixed Vegetables Cool Tropic Rips Choice of Milk | 11 Turkey/Cheese Sub Sandwich Garden Side Salad Mixed Fruit Choice of Milk | 12 |
| 13 | 14 Cheese Burger on a Bun Pears Roasted Potato Choice of Milk | 15 Fish Sticks (4ea) Mashed Potatoes Popeye Salad 100% Fruit Juice Choice of Milk | 16 Turkey Cuban Sandwich Sweet Potato Wedges Mandarin Oranges Choice of Milk | 17 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Veggie Dippers Mixed Fruit Choice of Milk | 18 STUDENT HOLIDAY | 19 |
| 20 | 21 HOLIDAY | 22 Chicken Nuggets (4ea) Yellow Brown Rice | 23 BBQ Turkey Sandwich On a Bun Broccoli | 24 Montego Bay Roasted Chicken Green Beans Diced Pears | 25 Teriyaki Beef Nuggets Mashed Potato Mixed Vegetables | 26 |
| 27 | 28 Chicken Patty on Goldfish Bread Broccoli Mixed Fruit Choice of Milk | 29 SW Burrito Bites (4ea) Baby Carrots Diced Cinn. Apples Choice of Milk | 30 BBQ Pulled Pork (4oz) on a Bun Cauliflower Pineapple Tidbits Choice of Milk | 31 Italian Deli Wrap Side salad w\Garbanzo Cool Tropic Rips Choice of Milk | | |

Lunch

\$1.80 elementary
\$2.50 middle/high

Breakfast
\$1.25 elementary and 6th grade only

Help OSS Keep our Flag Hanging High

Oss is need of donations to purchase a new flag due to the wear and tear of the Florida weather.

So please help OSS honor this great country by helping out.



OSS HOME VISITS

We are very happy with the degree of parent involvement we have in our school. In order to make our student, parent and teacher connection even stronger, OSS teachers researched and came up with the idea of home visits. Experience and research from all over the United States indicates that the interaction with a student's family at their home is a very effective way to help students achieve academic and behavioral progress.

If you would like to schedule a home visit or learn more about it please email Mr. Kaya.

Some feedbacks about home visits from our parents.

- When we chose to enroll my daughter at OSS we were very excited as the school seemed like a closer community than the public schools that our daughters have attended. The Home Visit program is a perfect example of this concept, that families and faculty working together can provide a better education for our children by communication and interaction. Please stay in touch and let us know how we can help make OSS an even better place.
- Good Morning Mr. Sahin, I wanted to thank you and Mr. Altintas for taking time out of your schedules to visit my home yesterday. I think the home visit was beneficial and I now better understand what is in store for my daughter this school year and what is expected of her.
- Teachers make a lasting impression on a child's life and this visit showed your love and concern about my son and the next generation; with the help of good parents and good teachers we can make a difference. I have not seen such dedication and care from a school in a long time.
- We know this takes a lot of time from your personal family and this does not go without notice. With the efforts this school has shown it will be a leader in no time. Keep up the good work we look forward to many more years of building a foundation as solid as a rock.
- I wanted to send a note to let you know that we enjoyed our home visit. The home visits are a great idea and facilitate good communication between faculty, students, and parents. We had the opportunity to get to know more about upcoming events and the curriculum

