



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,

Due to the overwhelming response for enrollment, OSS has moved its lottery date to May. Please read page 2 for more details.

FCAT Exams for all OSS grades is just around the corner. 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 3 for FCAT policies and upcoming events on page 4 for more FCAT dates.

Please check out page 3 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 4 for upcoming and past events.

Cheer on down to pages 5 & 6 to learn more about how OSS/OSES has some school spirit nights coming up and page 7 talks about how our FTC and Turkish Olympiad teams made OSS proud!

If math gets your pie chart moving, check out pages 8 & 9 to decipher it while page 10 has yearbook information, so "memory"ize it!

Check our yummy lunch menu on 11 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 is the best provision for old age. ~ Aristotle

Daylight Savings Time

Spring Forward one hour Saturday, March 9th before you go to bed!!!!!!

Dear parents of prospective OSS/OSES students,

At this time OSS has decided to move the original date of our lottery from March 16, 2013 to May 4, 2013 from 2-4pm.

The deadline of March 1st for the application will still remain in place to be courteous to our parents who met the application guidelines.

We have chosen to do this in the hopes of being to accept more students than what we would have originally taken on the earlier date.

Thank you for your patience and we look forward to the lottery day and the excitement of a new school year.

Sincerely,

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**IMPORTANT
LOTTERY
INFORMATION**

Hey Parents,

Do your students have any accomplishments that you would like to share?

Please email them to Ms. Becc and she will randomly choose one to put in the weekly newsletter!!!!



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. **March 8th –“Bad Movie” Night-OSS Cafeteria, 6pm**
(Free raffle for all attendees for Limited edition movie posters and collectible Terminator Statues)
2. **Sunday in the Park, March 10th 12-4pm- Dartmouth Park**
3. **March 22nd –Student Holiday-Parent/Teacher conferences 8am-12noon for 15 minutes**
(You must have an appointment, no walk-ins. Also, if you are late, there is no guarantee you will be seen)
4. **Spring Break, March 25th -29th**

FCAT DATES

(Please check back for specific details)

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

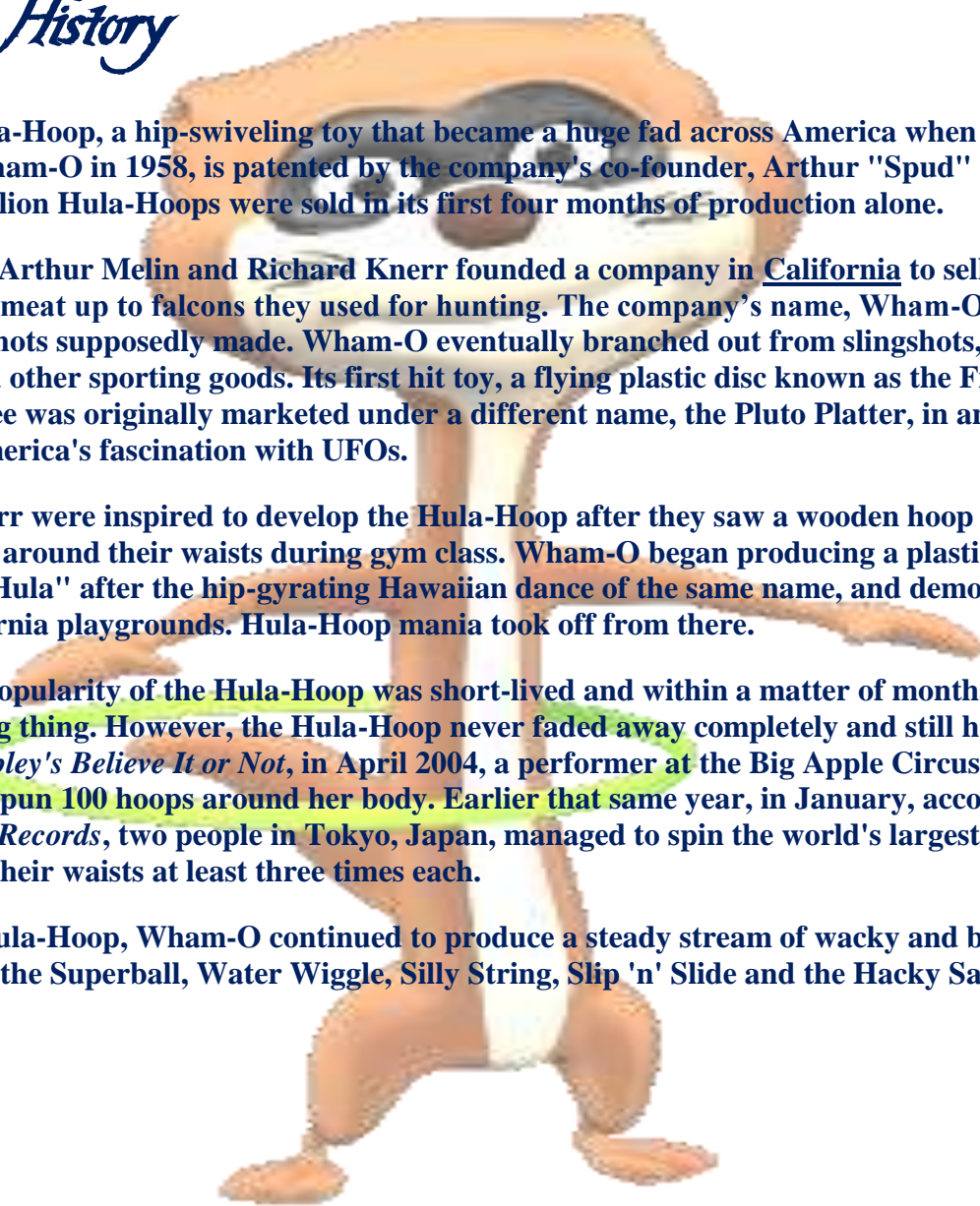
In 1963, the Hula-Hoop, a hip-swiveling toy that became a huge fad across America when it was first marketed by Wham-O in 1958, is patented by the company's co-founder, Arthur "Spud" Melin. An estimated 25 million Hula-Hoops were sold in its first four months of production alone.

In 1948, friends Arthur Melin and Richard Knerr founded a company in California to sell a slingshot they created to shoot meat up to falcons they used for hunting. The company's name, Wham-O, came from the sound the slingshots supposedly made. Wham-O eventually branched out from slingshots, selling boomerangs and other sporting goods. Its first hit toy, a flying plastic disc known as the Frisbee, debuted in 1957. The Frisbee was originally marketed under a different name, the Pluto Platter, in an effort to capitalize on America's fascination with UFOs.

Melina and Knerr were inspired to develop the Hula-Hoop after they saw a wooden hoop that Australian children twirled around their waists during gym class. Wham-O began producing a plastic version of the hoop, dubbed "Hula" after the hip-gyrating Hawaiian dance of the same name, and demonstrating it on Southern California playgrounds. Hula-Hoop mania took off from there.

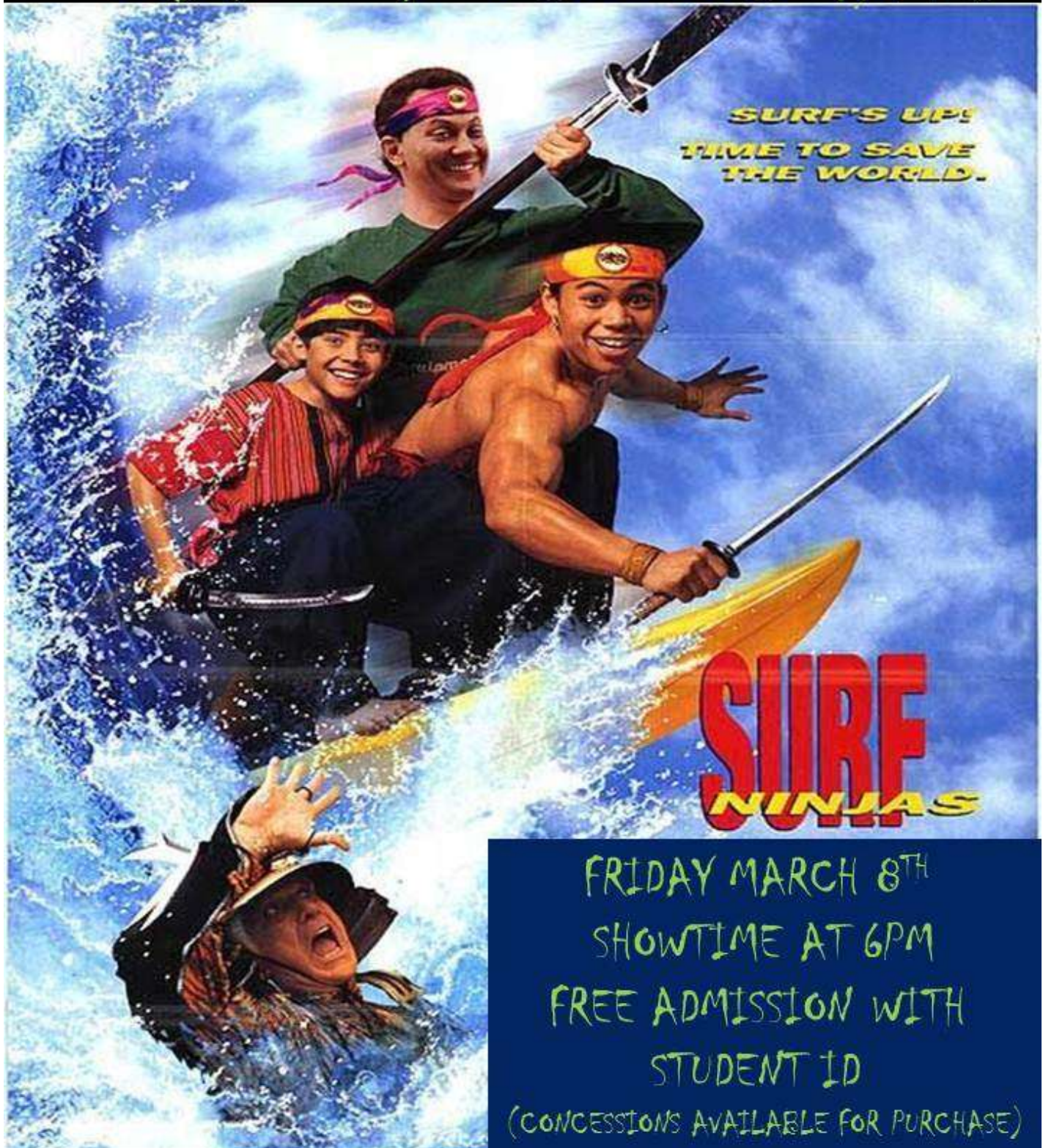
The enormous popularity of the Hula-Hoop was short-lived and within a matter of months, the masses were on to the next big thing. However, the Hula-Hoop never faded away completely and still has its fans today. According to *Ripley's Believe It or Not*, in April 2004, a performer at the Big Apple Circus in Boston simultaneously spun 100 hoops around her body. Earlier that same year, in January, according to the *Guinness World Records*, two people in Tokyo, Japan, managed to spin the world's largest hoop--at 13 feet, 4 inches--around their waists at least three times each.

Following the Hula-Hoop, Wham-O continued to produce a steady stream of wacky and beloved novelty items, including the Superball, Water Wiggle, Silly String, Slip 'n' Slide and the Hacky Sack.



OSS FILM CLUB PRESENTS

BAD MOVIE NIGHT!



*SURF'S UP!
TIME TO SAVE
THE WORLD.*

**SURF
NINJAS**

FRIDAY MARCH 8TH

SHOWTIME AT 6PM

FREE ADMISSION WITH

STUDENT ID

(CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE)

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY

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

OSS/OSES Spirit Skate Night was a Blast!!

Students, parents and staff had a great time hanging out and skating the night away. Check the newsletter for more opportunities to have some fun!!



N.U.T.S. IS GOING TO THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Orlando Science Schools *FIRST* Tech Challenge (FTC) team 5070 N.U.T.S. (Nerds United for Technological Superiority) won the Inspire Award at the Florida FTC Championship. The Inspire Award is highest award a team can earn at the FL state championship; the winner of the Inspire Award receives an invitation to the FTC World Championship to be held on April 24 to 27, 2013 at the Edward Jones Dome in Saint Louis Missouri.

The Inspire Award is given to the team the judges feel truly embodies the 'challenge' of the *FIRST* Tech Challenge program. This team serves as an inspiration to what this program, and the young minds involved, can accomplish. The team that receives this award has performed well in all judging categories and was chosen by the judges as a model team. The judges used match performance, observations made during interviews and in the pit area, and the team's engineering notebook in determining the winner.

N.U.T.S. also performed well on the field advancing to the semifinals. N.U.T.S. is composed of Carlos Barea, Sebastian Orellana, Edwin Cruz, Martin Granger, Colin Chaney, Camila Berrios, Dennis Berrios, Beth Martin, Alesha Webb, Humza Dugan, Daniella Gutierrez, Daniel Stetzinger, Sebastian Gonzalez, Markus Zirkle, Nikhil Mahalanobis, Ahmed Rashid, Angel Vega and Evan Garms.

Congratulations to N.U.T.S. and their Robot Coco for their latest accomplishment. If you know any company or local business that could be interested in sponsoring our team to the FTC World Championship, please contact Maribel Barea (Maribel.Barea@orlandoscience.org).



GO N.U.T.S.!



Turkish Olympiad Teams Bring it Home

Orlando Science Schools Turkish Olympiad winners executed their performances on Saturday, March 2th, 2013 at Evans High School. OSS students who placed 1st in the Folk dance category are Akyllah Cox, Erica

Love, Haryan Jean, Beyza Akalin, Sanamnaz Imani-Oroumigh, Emily Stetzinger, Ariel Torres and Sarah Adam and received a \$1000 prize. Beyza Akalin placed 1st in Poetry Recitation and received a \$100 prize.

Regnardo Jittan placed 2nd in Proficiency in Turkish Language and received a \$75 prize, Salina Abraham

placed 2nd in the Singing category and received a \$75 prize, and Tsahagwattak Murray placed 4th in

Poetry Recitation. Congratulations to all of them and their teachers for achieving so much and thank all

of you for coming and supporting our Turkish Olympiad team on Saturday.

Attention 6th Graders!!!

Are you interested in math? Do you want to be a member of the OSS Mu Alpha Theta Algebra 1 Team next year? Then, join the OSS Competition Math Club on **Thursdays from 2:45pm to 3:45pm**. This club is for 6th grade students who want to get a head start in their Algebra 1 course. The objective of the club will be to strengthen pre-requisite skills and familiarize students with the content of the Algebra 1 course. Club meetings are used to develop teamwork as well as individual math skills. While competition level mathematics involves concepts similar to those learned in the core classroom; the level of difficulty can be **significantly** more challenging.

What is required?

- Regular attendance at weekly practice sessions
- Completing homework each week
- Full cooperation with math coach volunteers, assistants, parent volunteers, and a polite respectful attitude towards others
- Following Orlando Science Schools policies, including those regarding discipline and maintaining grades
- Commitment to attending County and State competitions
- Self-motivation, hard work and dedication

Expectations from our parents

To successfully reach the skill level required, parents are asked to support the student's efforts and to communicate with coaches to make sure the work is understood. Parents are also asked to assist during the weekly practice sessions, and at the math competitions, when needed.

First Meeting: March 14th at 2:45 in room 149.

What is Mu Alpha Theta?

Mu Alpha Theta is the National High School and Two-Year College Mathematics Honor Society with over 75,000 student members in more than 1,500 schools. The organization is dedicated to inspiring interest in mathematics, developing strong insight into the subject, and promoting the enjoyment of mathematics in high school and two-year college students.

Sincerely,

Mr. Akyalcin. (akyalcin@orlandoscience.org)

Mathematics Teacher

Mu Alpha Theta Sponsor

MathCounts Head Coach





MU ALPHA THETA
www.mualphatheta.org



ORLANDO SCIENCE SCHOOLS COMPETITION MATH (Mu Alpha Theta, Algebra 1) REGISTRATION FORM 2012-2013

I, _____ (name) wish to participate in the OSS Competition Math Program. I willingly agree to abide by the following expectations:

1. I will respect and follow instructions given by Math coach and assistants.
2. I will regularly attend weekly practice sessions and will notify the math coach in advance if I am unable to attend a practice session.
3. I will complete the homework each week, and ask for assistance from my parents, the coach, and other Competition Math teammates as needed.
4. I will follow Orlando Science School Policies, including those regarding proper conduct, behavior, discipline, and maintaining grades.

Student Signature
Math Textbook

Date

Current

_____(student's name) has my permission to participate in the Orlando Science School Competition Math Program. I have read the attached sheet and agree and consent to the above expectations for my child. I will promptly pick-up my child at the scheduled conclusion of weekly practices (schedule per coach)

Parent/Guardian Signature
Date

E-mail address

*Please turn in this form to Mr. Akyalcin.

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



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.

PVO Meeting
March 19, 2013
6:00pm

All are invited and welcome!

We welcome and encourage your new ideas and suggestions.

Agenda items include:

- Update on Teacher's wish list
- OSS May Spirit Skate night
 - Used Uniform Sale

If you have an agenda item or suggestion for our meeting please email us at osspto@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you!

CHARTER SCHOOL MEALS

Charter School Site Lunch				March 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 Cup Assorted Milk	Breakfast Breaks (Honey Nut) Assorted Milk	Whole Grain Pop tarts (2ea) Cheese Stick 100% Fruit Juice	Breakfast Selections
3	4 Hamburger on a Bun Potato Smiles Mandarin Oranges Veggie Dippers Choice of Milk	5 Macaroni and Cheese Spinach Tangerines Choice of Milk	6 Chicken Tender on Bun Baked Sweet Potato Fries Pear Cup Choice of Milk	7 Turkey Burrito Bowl Brown Rice Corn Fresh Grapes Choice of Milk	8 Fish Taco Side salad w\ 1/2 c Garbanzo Beans Sliced Apples Choice of Milk	9
10	11 Hot Dog on Bun Sweet Potato Wedge Sliced Apples Corn Choice of Milk	12 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Popeye Salad Dinner Roll 100% Fruit Juice Choice of Milk	13 Italian Deli Wrap Spring Medley w/ Squash Whole Fresh Orange Wedges Choice of Milk	14 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Veggie Dippers Mixed Fruit Choice of Milk	15 SW Burrito Bites (4ea) 1/2c Red Beans Brown Rice Garden Salad Sliced Apples Choice of Milk	16
17	18 Tangerine Chicken 1 cup Lo Mein Noodles Stir Fry Vegetables Peaches Choice of Milk	19 Fish Nuggets Dinner Rolls Cole Slaw Fresh Grapes Choice of Milk	20 Roasted Chicken 1 cup Brown Rice/Red Beans Broccoli Fl. Fresh Strawberries Choice of Milk	21 Turkey and Cheese Sub Baby Carrots Pineapple Tidbits Choice of Milk	22 NO SCHOOL	23
24	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	4/1/13 NO SCHOOL	

Lunch

\$1.80 elementary
\$2.50 middle/high

breakfast
\$1.25 elementary and 6th grade only