



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 special emphasis in mathematics, science, technology, and language arts.

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Principal's Corner

Dear Students & Parents,

There will be no school on Monday, January 16th to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Friday, January 20th. In addition, there will be early dismissal on January 18th. Please plan your transportation accordingly.

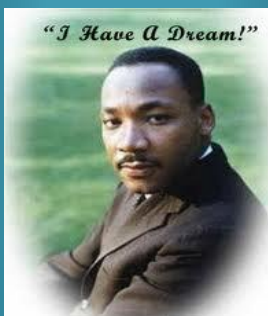
Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on Friday, January 20th from 8am -12noon. Any parent or guardian who would like to meet with their student's teachers must reserve a time with Ms. Bzee. This is a great opportunity to speak with teachers regarding past performance, expectations, and upcoming projects. **NO WALK-INS** will be accepted.

The 4th Annual Florida Invitational Science Olympiad will be held on January 21, 2012, The Orlando Science Schools Award Ceremony will be at the Orlando Science Center with special keynote speaker Commissioner Stuart! Everyone is invited to come and cheer OSS on!!!!

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,
Necati Sahin

The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.
Martin Luther King, Jr.



This week in History □

January 12, 1915 □ Congress forms Rocky Mountain National Park.

Located in northern Colorado, the 265,770 acre Rocky Mountain National Park was a Native American settlement ground for 10,000 years and some historians are tracing evidence to even further from then. This was part of an effort to conserve America's wildlife started by Theodore Roosevelt in the early part of the century. The park is split in two by the Continental Divide, which reaches a height of 10,759 ft.

Famous sites of the national park include the Mushroom Mountains, Bear Lake, Wild Basin and the Trail Ridge Road. Most famous of course is its connection with the Estes Park region, a place known not only for its beautiful landscapes, but also its countless ghost stories from the surrounding area. Most famous is the Stanley Hotel which besides having its fair amount of ghost stories was where Stanley Kubrick filmed the classic horror film, *The Shining*.

OSS Upcoming Events

No School- Monday, January 16th and Friday, January 20th

Early Dismissal- January 18th

Parent-Teacher Conferences – January 20th 8am-12 noon (call Ms. Becc for an appointment, NO WALK-INS)

Always check the OSS website and PVO tab for all events!!!!!!!

Important Events and Dates in Science Olympiad

- 1- 4th Annual Florida Invitational Science Olympiad --- January 21, 2012, Orlando Science Schools – Award Ceremony will be at Orlando Science Center.
- 2- Regional Science Olympiad --- February 11, 2012, Cypress Creek High School
- 3- State Science Olympiad --- March 24, 2012, UCF
- 4- National Science Olympiad --- May 18-19, UCF





Congratulations to the following students for winning Character of the Month for December!

- 6th Grade: Michael England**
- 7th Grade: Dana Thompson**
- 8th Grade: Rodka Dumas**
- 9th Grade: Elizabeth Schullo**
- 10th Grade: Jacob Rubenstein**

Congratulations to the following middle school students for earning qualifying scores for the Final Round of the Geographic Bee:

- 6th Grade: Karan Desai; Hastee Erfani; Wally Vargas-Rios**
- 7th Grade: Anthony Madraza; Alex Munoz**
- 8th Grade: Armando Caceres; Carlos Barea; Reynardo Jiffan; Andrew Lin; Dilan Patel; Cory Ruchlin; Jasmin Ruiz**

These students will compete on Friday, January 13th in the Final Round to decide on the School Champion! Well done to all middle school students who participated and good luck to the finalists



Dress Code Reminders

OSS is a uniform school. Please make sure you are aware of our dress code! All uniform expectations are in the Student Agenda/Handbook.

Miscellaneous Guidelines:

- Shirts must be tucked in.
- Logos must be worn on shirts.
- No "hoodies" should be worn to class or within the school during classes.
- Undergarments must not be exposed.
- Hair, face, body paint, and tattoos are inappropriate for school and not permitted.
- Athletic outfits are not permitted in the school building, except in P. E. classes and dress down days.
- Clothing with rips, tears, holes or frayed edges is considered inappropriate for school.
- Extreme hairstyles are not permitted: Mohawk cuts; hair coloring other than standard frosting or natural highlighting, hair art, design or words cut into hair, and should not attract undue attention.
- Belts must be solid black or brown.
- Shoes cannot have extensive graphics or wild colors.

Winter Guidelines:

- Hats or gloves of any type cannot be worn once the student has entered the building.
- Boots are not permitted at school, except on dress down days.
- Jackets must be purchased from our uniform company.
- Undershirts must be solid red or blue for middle school students and grey or light blue for high school students.

OSS FLL

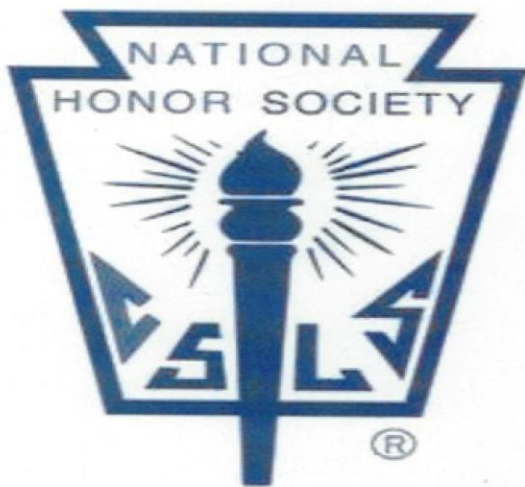
The Orlando Science School FLL teams participated in Robopalooza, the largest FLL Robotics Tournament in Florida. Teams came from as far as Puerto Rico to participate in the event. Two OSS teams won awards and our junior varsity team the "Pandas" won a bid to participate in the regional competition. All our FLL team members will be participating in the regional competition at UCF on February 4, 2011. Good luck to all the teams and come out on February 4, 2011 to cheer on your FLL teams.

National Honor & Junior Honor Society

Why Join?

National Honor & Junior Honor Society is a wonderful way to earn community service hours for college applications. You also get an excellent chance to give back to your school and community! So pick up an application starting January 30th from either Ms. Jensen or Ms. Becc!

Due
February
3rd!!!



Requirements:

3.0 Grade Point Average
Prior Community Service
School Involvement

Turn into Ms. Jensen, Room 135



STUDENT RE-ENROLLMENT AND THEIR SIBLING ENROLLMENT INFORMATION FOR 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR

January 06, 2012

Dear Parent(s),

We hope your child is having a wonderful learning experience at Orlando Science Schools. We are thriving and growing each year. We are hoping that your child will continue this journey with us throughout his/her middle school and high school years. We are also accepting new elementary grade students and have limited space for 6th through 11th grade for the 2012-2013 school year.

RE-ENROLLMENT FOR CURRENT STUDENTS

Complete this form and return it to Ms. Becc no later than Tuesday, January 31, 2012. No further action is required for re-enrollment for the 2012-2013 school year. If this form is not returned to Ms. Becc by Tuesday, January 31, 2012, your child may lose his/her spot at OSS for next school year.

- My child _____ will be attending OSS for the 2012-2013 school year and will be a rising _____ grader.
- My child _____ will NOT be attending OSS for the 2012-2013 school year.

PRE-ENROLLMENT FOR SIBLINGS ONLY

We would also like to extend a pre-enrollment offer for **siblings of current OSS students** that would like to attend OSS elementary, middle and/or high school in 2012-2013. **Please indicate this below as well as filling out an online application for the sibling at www.orlandoscience.org by Tuesday, January 31, 2012.** If this form is not returned to Ms. Becc by Tuesday, January 31, 2012 and an online application has not been completed for the sibling child, they may not be saved a place and may have to go through the lottery process with all other prospective applicants.

- My child has a sibling _____ who will be a rising _____ grader. We have completed an online application for him/her.
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- My child has a sibling _____ who will be a rising _____ grader. We have completed an online application for him/her.
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Parent Name (printed) / Signature / Date / Homeroom Teacher

Sincerely,
Necati Sahin, Principal