



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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Dear Students & Parents,

Please read the exciting news about OSS from Dr. Akin on page 2, and while you're there, take a look at the upcoming events!

It's that time again for Box Top collections, so please send in your box tops. See page 3 for more information.

Regional Science Olympiad Competition is February 11th and parents we need your help! Our list of needed items can be found on page 3. Please bring donations to Miss Bzee as soon as possible and thank you for your support!

OSS students participated in the first annual History Fair! The students had fun and there were winners from all grades. These students will participate in the Seminole County History Fair on February 11. Good Luck!

The OSS Service Learning Club helped the community while also assisting our high school students in completing their mandatory service hours for college acceptance.

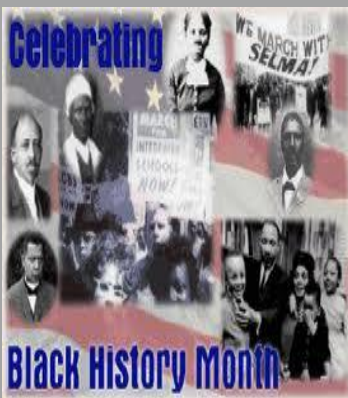
We here at OSS are proud to celebrate Black History Month with a special event with Sheriff Demings as our guest. Read more about this amazing month on pages 5 & 6.

And last but not least, please read about our exciting new club offerings for the Spring semester.

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,
Nzeati Sahin

Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave, I am the dream and the hope of the slave. I rise. I rise. I rise. ~Maya Angelou



**** Congratulations to Orlando Science Schools' students****

Florida Department of Education released school rankings, and OSS is ranked 10th place in the State of Florida in its category (*Middle/High School combination category*).

In addition, The School Board of Orange County has recognized OSS again to receive an "A" grade for the 2010-11 school year.

Thank you so much for your dedication to excellence, and keep up the good work!!

*****Congratulations to all of our students, staff and their parents*****

OSS Upcoming Events

Awards Ceremony and Potluck, February 2nd and 3rd

Seminole County History Fair, February 11

Black History Month Celebration with special guest, Sheriff Demings, February 17th

Regional MathCounts, February 18th

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

Important Events and Dates in Science Olympiad

- 1- Regional Science Olympiad --- February 11, 2012, Cypress Creek High School
- 2- State Science Olympiad --- March 24, 2012, UCF
- 3- National Science Olympiad --- May 18-19, UCF



BOX TOPS TIME

It's that time again to bring in your box tops to your homeroom teacher!!!

The top three classes will receive a dress down day!!

The collection ends on February 28th



Regional Science Olympiad Competition is February 11th

Parents - We need your help in supporting this event

Students are working very hard; we like to provide snack bags and drinks for them

We would appreciate donations of individual bags of chips, pretzels, pop tarts, cereal bars, candy bars, Capri Sun, bottled water, Gatorade, canned soft drinks and gallon size Ziploc bags.

There are also many supplies that are needed for Science Olympiad so cash donations would be great as well

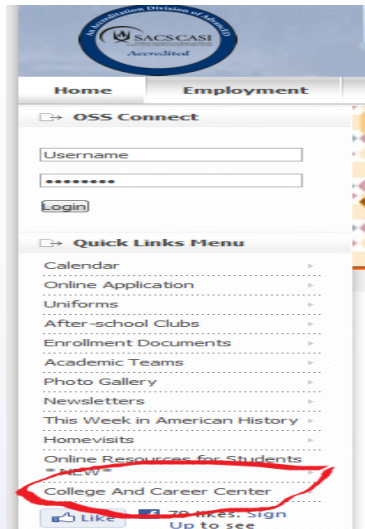
Please bring donations to Miss Becc as soon as possible, only two weeks till the event

As always, we thank you for supporting our students

Exploring the World of Science

High School News!

a) Updates at our schools website.



Dear Parents and High School Students. On the OSS Website Menu there is a new section named 'College and Career Center' You can click on it and find the amazing helpful websites and unique resources for you and your students.



b) Volunteering at MathCounts



The 2012 Regional MathCounts will be on Feb 18th 2012 Saturday. In this great organization, Math Counts Committee needs volunteers. This is a great opportunity to be involved in math and be a volunteer at the same time. If you would like to be a volunteer, please fill the form in at the website below and let Mr. Yalcin know once you have registered. Our Middle School Math Team will be competing in this Competition as well. For any questions, please contact Mr. Yalcin.

The website to be registered:

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?llr=tjt9qthab&oeidk=a07e5cidw6j13919ff5&oseq=a003gsrhyknd>

c) Second Harvest Food Bank



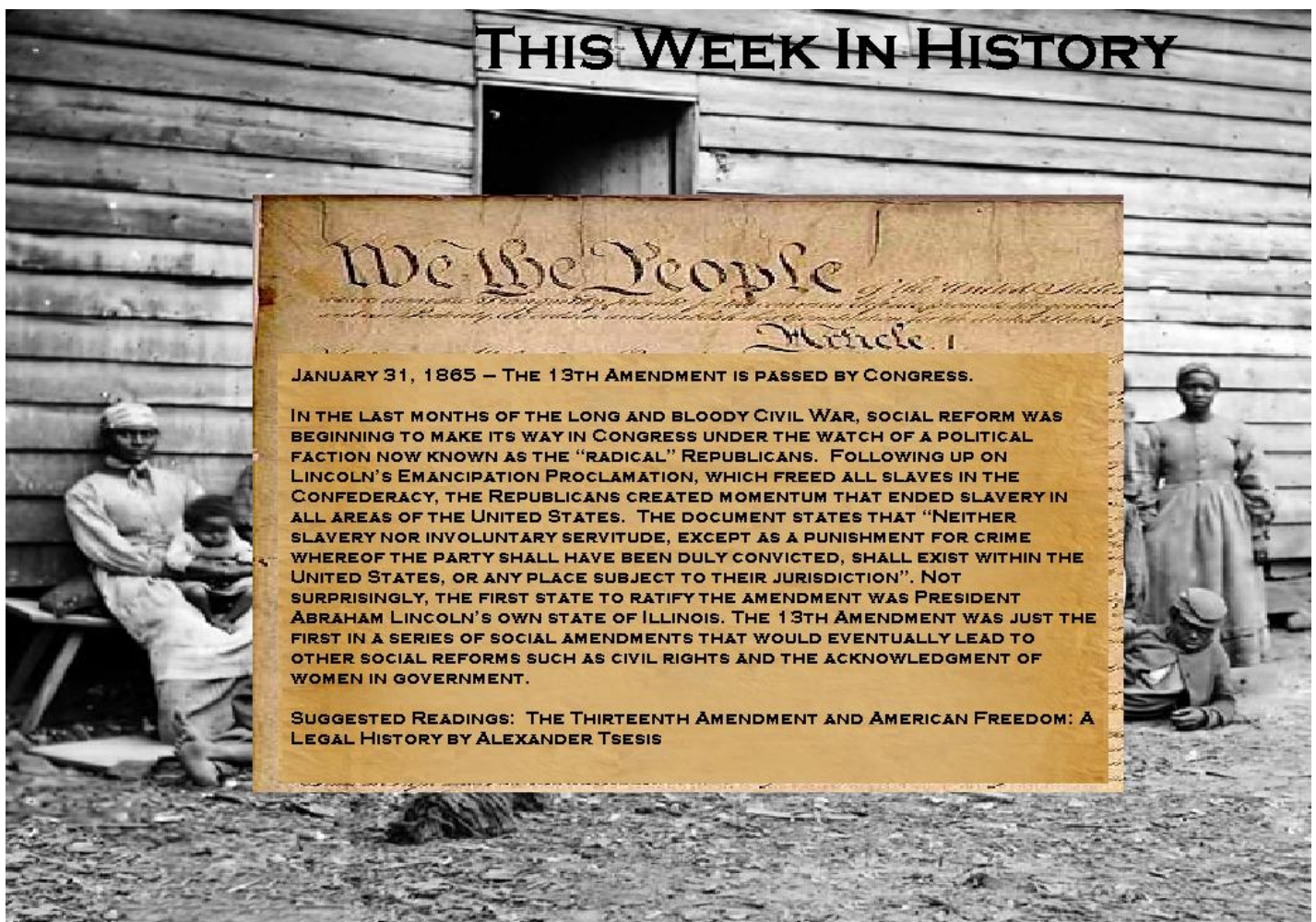
Orlando Science Schools' Service Learning club volunteered at Second Harvest Food Bank with 15 High School Students helping to package food on Saturday, January 28th. The day started with the students watching a presentation and a video about the food recipients and their stories. OSS' students are now much more aware of the hunger people face in our community. The students understood the delivery process after they watched a short movie of how the foods are delivered. There were thousands of pounds of food that need to be packaged and delivered for those who are in need of help. A Second Harvest staff member briefly explained how to package the food items and how to deliver them. They completed the packaging of the enormous amount of various foods in three hours. The community and the staff appreciated for our students' hard work for the community. OSS' high school students not only completed their certain number of community service hours but also they became more aware of the people in their community and their needs. Each student is looking forward to participating again in another community service activity!

CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month is an observance of the history of the African Diaspora in a number of countries outside of Africa. Since 1976, it is observed annually in the United States and Canada in February, while in the United Kingdom it is observed in October. In the U.S., Black History Month is also referred to as African-American History Month.

Black History Month was begun as Negro History Week by historian Carter G. Woodson in 1926. His goal was to educate the American people about African-American history, focusing on African Americans' cultural backgrounds and reputable achievements.

When Carter G. Woodson started Negro History Week, his purpose was for the history of African Americans to become considered a more significant part of American history as a whole. According to historian John Hope Franklin, Woodson "continued to express hope that Negro History Week would outlive its usefulness". The purpose of Black History Month is to promote awareness of African American history to the general public. It is arguable that despite the opinions of several critics, Black History Month has several advantages, and to an extent, Woodson's hopes were realized. During Black History Month, African American history is taught to thousands of students at the elementary, high school and university levels respectively. African American history is an extremely important part of American history, and it is almost impossible to find an American History textbook that does not include passages about black history.





BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION DINNER



Dear Parents and Students,

Orlando Science Schools is organizing a special event to celebrate Black History Month on Friday, February 17, 2012, at 5:15 pm. We would like to invite students and their families to OSS to enjoy time with teachers and staff for a special program with Sheriff Demings being the keynote speaker and a potluck dinner. If you are unable to attend the dinner portion, please feel free to attend the program.

We hope that you will be able to attend the Black History Month Celebration Program. We have celebrated Black History Month with a Potluck Dinner in the past and we hope that you have enjoyed the food and presentations as much as we have.

Participants need to please RSVP to Ms. Becc, becc@orlandoscience.org , by Wednesday, February 15, 2012.

Date: Friday, February 17, 2012

Time: Dinner at 5:15 pm
Program at 6pm

Where: OSS Cafeteria

Fill out the bottom portion of this letter and return to Ms. Becc by Wednesday, February 15.

Parent Name: _____ Student Name: _____

___ Yes, I will attend. Number to attend: ____

___ I will be attending the program only.

___ No, I am unable to attend.

*** I am bringing: _____

*** Note: Please include the name of the dish and a list of ingredients on an index card that we can place near the food. (Allergy reasons)



OSS YOGA CLASS

By
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OSS is excited to bring another club to its extensive list with yoga! Students will learn relaxation techniques, as well as tools to stretch their muscles and minds which will help with growing pains, sports, focusing and of course, better health.

Session Dates:

February 8

March 14

April 11

May 9

Class time 3:45-4:30pm

Limited to 16 students

You will need a towel and comfortable work out clothing; OSS will provide yoga mats.

I, parent name _____ give my permission for my child, student name _____ to participate in the OSS Yoga club and I do not hold the Orlando Science Schools liable for my child.

Parent Signature

Also coming soon:

1. High School Basketball club
2. Martial Arts Club