



# 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,

Congratulations to our Science Olympiad Teams who won 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the State Science Olympiad Tournament! Good luck to all our students and teachers as they prepare to represent Orlando Science Schools in the National competition! Please read more on page 5.

Our CMP students during Spring Break had so much fun at Silver Springs learning and just plain having a great time. Check out page 3 for some great pics!

Help out OSS' Science Club to help save an endangered species on page 3.

Make sure to enjoy the warm weather and rest up for FCAT! See pages 2 and 4 for important information concerning times and dates.

As always, OSS' students make us proud on so many levels, so read all about our awesome students on page 2.

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,  
Necati Sahin

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If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.  
- Anne Bradstreet

## OSS Upcoming Events

1. During the week of FCAT testing, Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> -Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> (not Friday), OSS will have early dismissal days.
2. Earth Day, April 22, 2012

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

### Important Events and Dates in Science Olympiad



- 1- National Science Olympiad --- May 18-19, UCF



#### Congratulations to Ms. Malhiot and Mr. Moore's classes

The school as whole did a wonderful job in the cafeteria! Congratulations to the following classes for winning the first annual Clean, Cooperative, and Courteous Competition (Cafeteria Category). The winner of Lunch A, by only 3 points, was Mr. Moore's class and the winner of Lunch B, by only one point, was Ms. Malhiot's class. Both of these lunch classes are eligible to dress down tomorrow, Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. The next competition will be after FCAT and will be a locker competition for 7, 8, 9 and 10<sup>th</sup> grade, and a backpack competition for 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Details will be announced soon and posted in the hallway.

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

6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Nicholas Gianetti

7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Jose Silva

8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Michelle Sanchez

9<sup>th</sup> Grade: Pavarisa Krairiksh

10<sup>th</sup> Grade: Silas Blinde

These students will receive a certificate and a dress down day of their choice. Remember that the award is primarily based upon Commendations.





## Help an Endangered Species this Earth Day!

The OSS Environmental Club will be collecting donations to adopt at least one endangered animal. The animal(s) we adopt will be decided by a vote. Each coin counts for one vote! The choices of animals are: Penguin, Giant Panda, Sea Turtle, Bald Eagle and Manatee. If you would like to donate any funds, please see Mrs. Wilcox by Friday, May 4. No donation is too small! Also, if you have a coin counting machine, the Environmental Club would greatly appreciate it!

Happy Earth Day!

## CMP Spring Break Camp was great!

OSS Students spent 3 amazing days at Silver Springs State Park. OSS' CMP and Academic Team members studied SAT Math, and Reading with their teachers and participated in a reading program. They read an average of more than 200 pages at the camp, and completed one full SAT Math Session. Wally Vargas Rios received 1st place with 93%, Caleb Spence and Dominic Canora Received 2<sup>nd</sup> with 89% and Reynardo Jittan received 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 86%. All the students studied very hard and received great results. Congratulations!

Besides academic studies, students played outdoor games such as volleyball, dodge ball, and soccer with their teachers in the field. The indoor games were challenging and fun. Students also had the opportunity to canoe in the Silver Springs and meet alligators, wild birds and some monkeys at the park. Nature walk was also fun and students saw many different type of insects, plants and trees.

On the last night, they gathered around the camp fire and Raquel, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at OSS, sang beautiful songs and Mr. Duman told us scary stories which really made us jump. We sang camp fire songs, roasted marshmallows and told stories around the camp fire.

It was one of the best camps that we have ever attended during Spring Break!



Spring 2012 FCAT 2.0 Reading/Math/Science Daily Administration Schedule - Middle&High		
Day 1 - Monday April 16		Time
Grade 6	Mathematics Session 1	70
Grade 6	Mathematics Session 2	70
Grades 7, 8	Reading Session 1	70
Grade 9	Reading Session 1 Paper/Pencil	70
Grade 10	Reading Session 1 CBT	70
Grade 10	Reading Session 1 Paper/Pencil Accommodations	70
Day 2 - Tuesday April 17		
Grades 7, 8	Reading Session 2	70
Grade 6	Reading Session 1 Paper Based Accommodation	70
Grade 9	Reading Session 2 Paper/Pencil	70
Grade 10	Reading Session 2 CBT	70
Grade 10	Reading Session 2 Paper/Pencil Accommodations	70
Day 3- Wednesday April 18		
Grades 7, 8	Mathematics Session 1	70
Grades 7, 8	Mathematics Session 2	70
Grade 6	Reading Session 2 Paper Based Accommodation	70
Grade 10	Reading Session 1 or 2 CBT	70
Day 4 - Thursday April 19		
Grade 8	Science Session 1	80
Grade 8	Science Session 2	80
Grade 10	Reading Session 1 or 2 CBT	70
Day 5 - Friday April 20		
Grade 10	Reading Session 1 or 2 CBT	70

It is important for you and your student to understand the following policies before testing:

- **Electronic Devices**—If your student is found with ANY electronic devices during testing, his or her test will be invalidated, meaning it will not be scored. 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 says *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.* In addition, students are responsible for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated.
- **Invalidations After Testing**—The FDOE employs a test security company, Caveon Test Security, to analyze student test results to detect unusually similar answer patterns. Student results within a school that are found by Caveon to have extremely similar answer patterns will be invalidated.
- **Leaving Campus**—If your student leaves campus before completing the test (for lunch, an appointment, or 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. Please also be mindful to not schedule appointments on testing days.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Ms. Becc at 407-253-7304. For more information about the statewide assessment program, visit the FDOE website at <http://fcats.fldoe.org/>.

Thank you for supporting your student as he/she prepares for testing.

Sincerely,  
Principal  
Necati Sahin

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SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAMS  
WON 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE IN THE  
STATE SCIENCE OLYMPIAD  
TOURNAMENT



This amazing accomplishment means our team is going to the 2012 National Science Olympiad on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The students worked very hard. We would like to recognize team members: Görkem Aksu, Michael Anderson, Carlos Barea, Jordanis Barzana, Camila Berrios, Silas Blinde, Meghana Bomma, Armando Caceres, Colin Chaney, Sam Dai, Kevin Dawson, Hastee Erfani, Hedyeh Erfani, Anthony Faraday, Omar Gammouh, Sebastian Gonzalez, Isaac Gordon, Oscar Guerrero, Raquel Guerrero, Daniella Gutierrez, Blake Hollis, Khalid Ismikhanov, Doguhan Karahan, Lucas Lamoureux, Andrew Lin, Nikhil Mahalanobis, Beth Martin, Tsahay Murray, Danley Nemorin, Sebastian Orrellana, Pruthvi Patel, Danh Pham, Taylor Ramsamy, Ahmed Rashid, Jasmin Ruiz, Caleb Spence, Cassandra Spence, Daniel Stetzinger, Angie Torres, Selena Torres, Fernando Villegas, Darien Wygant, Annabel Zinn and Markus Zirkle. We are very proud of our students and thankful to our coaches, parents and school admin for their support and dedication.

FIRST PLACE

Markus Zirkle, Annabel Zinn – Disease Detective  
Danh Pham, Sam Dai – Road Scholar  
Elizabeth Martin, Daniella Gutierrez – Write it Do it  
Sam Dai, Daniel Stetzinger – Keep the Heat  
Ahmed Rashid, Caleb Spence – Storm the Castle

SECOND PLACE

Isaac Gordon, Markus Zirkle – Rocks and Minerals  
Carlos Barea, Isaac Gordon – Awesome Aquifers  
Elizabeth Martin, Daniella Gutierrez – Crime Busters  
Carlos Barea, Isaac Gordon – Microbe Mission

THIRD PLACE

Annabel Zinn, Sam Dai – Bottle Rocket  
Jordanis Barzana, Sebastian Gonzalez – Meteorology  
Lucas Lamoureux, Daniel Stetzinger – Mission Possible

FOURTH PLACE

Taylor Ramsamy, Carlos Barea – Fermi Questions  
Colin Chaney, Ahmed Rashid – Awesome Aquifers  
Taylor Ramsamy, Jordanis Barzana – Reach for the Stars

