



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,

First, we want to wish good luck to our Science Olympiad team in their upcoming competition!!! Go Team!!!!

OSS Theater Club is putting on their spring production, Snow White and the Seven Robbers, on May 25th at 6:30pm. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased from Ms. G for \$5!

The student government is sponsoring an end of the year school dance on June 1st for 6th and 7th grade and 8th, 9th and 10th grade dance will be held on June 2 in the OSS cafeteria. The theme of the dance is: Masquerade Night. For more information, including volunteer chaperone information, please see page 9.

Please turn to page 6 to see photos and read about all the fun 8th grade had at Gradventure!

The OCCTM County Math Competition took place on May 12, 2012. The team, led by Mr. Yalcin, Ms. Jensen, and Mr. Akyalcin, did amazing and receive numerous awards. For more information, please see page 8!

OSS has started a Wooly School Garden! To find out what this is and who it is inspiring turn to page 7 and read all about it!

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,
Necati Sahin

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

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OSS Upcoming Events

1. Early Release Days, Mon-Thurs, June 4th-7th
2. OSS Spring Play, Friday, May 25th
3. No school on Monday, May 28th for Memorial Day
4. 8th grade graduation, May 31st
5. 6th/7th grade dance, Friday, June 1st and 8th, 9th, and 10th grade dance, Saturday, June 2nd .
6. Last day of School, Thursday, June 7th

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

This Week in History

In 1873, San Francisco businessman Levi Strauss and Reno, Nevada, tailor Jacob Davis are given a patent to create work pants reinforced with metal rivets, marking the birth of one of the world's most famous garments: blue jeans.

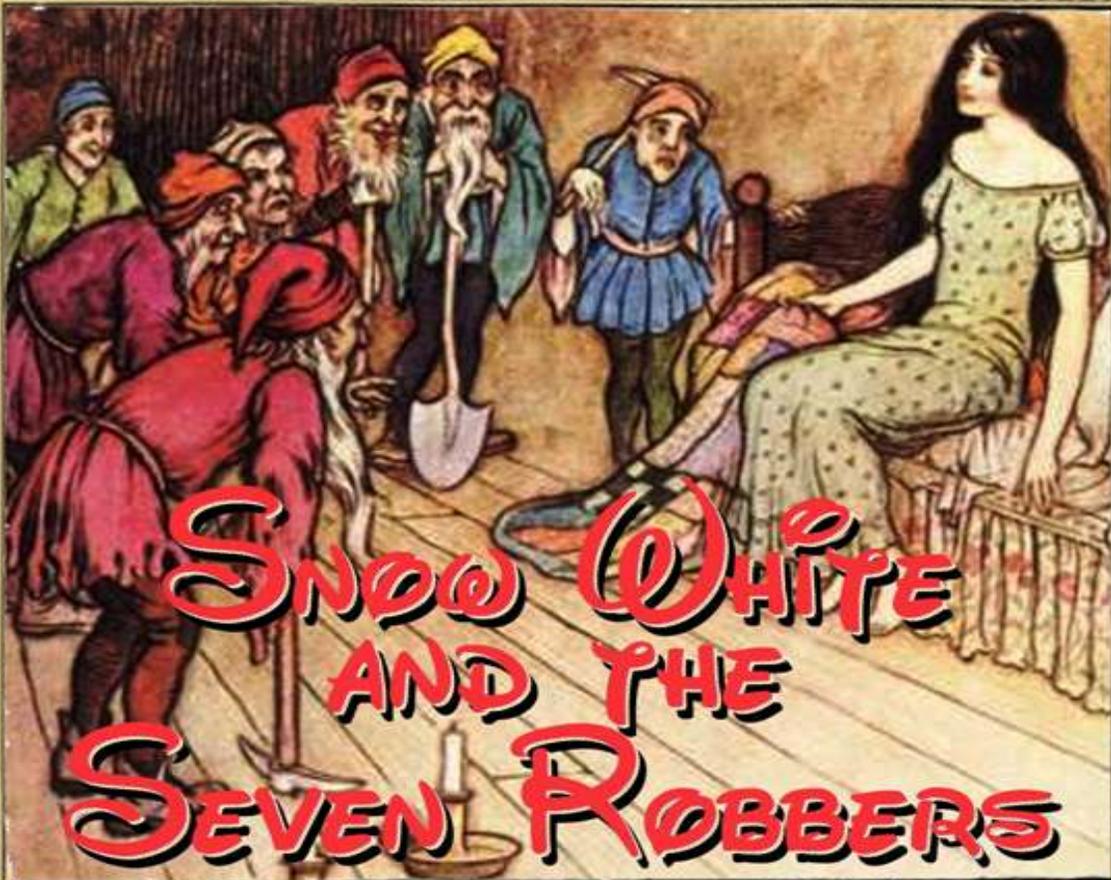
Born Loeb Strauss in Buttenheim, Bavaria, in 1829, the young Strauss immigrated to New York with his family in 1847 after the death of his father. By 1850, Loeb had changed his name to Levi and was working in the family dry goods business, J. Strauss Brother & Co. In early 1853, Levi Strauss went west to seek his fortune during the heady days of the Gold Rush.

In San Francisco, Strauss established a wholesale dry goods business under his own name and worked as the West Coast representative of his family's firm. His new business imported clothing, fabric and other dry goods to sell in the small stores opening all over California and other Western states to supply the rapidly expanding communities of gold miners and other settlers. By 1866, Strauss had moved his company to expanded headquarters and was a well-known businessman and supporter of the Jewish community in San Francisco.

Jacob Davis, a tailor in Reno, Nevada, was one of Levi Strauss' regular customers. In 1872, he wrote a letter to Strauss about his method of making work pants with metal rivets on the stress points--at the corners of the pockets and the base of the button fly--to make them stronger. As Davis didn't have the money for the necessary paperwork, he suggested that Strauss provide the funds and that the two men get the patent together. Strauss agreed enthusiastically, and the patent for "Improvement in Fastening Pocket-Openings"--the innovation that would produce blue jeans as we know them--was granted to both men on May 20, 1873.

Strauss brought Davis to San Francisco to oversee the first manufacturing facility for "waist overalls," as the original jeans were known. At first they employed seamstresses working out of their homes, but by the 1880s, Strauss had opened his own factory. The famous 501 brand jean--known until 1890 as "XX"--was soon a bestseller, and the company grew quickly. By the 1920s, Levi's denim waist overalls were the top-selling men's work pant in the United States. As decades passed, the craze only grew, and now blue jeans are worn by men and women, young and old, around the world.

**Orlando Science Schools
Theatre Club
Presents**



**SNOW WHITE
AND THE
SEVEN DWARFS**

Date: Friday, May 25, 2012

Time: 6:30 PM

Tickets: \$5.00

OSS School Spirit Shirts are on sale at the Front Desk!!



(S-M-L \$12 OR 2 FOR \$20, XL-2XL \$14 OR 2 FOR \$24)

They will be available in Blue and Heather Grey
There is a limited number, so don't wait!!
First come, First Serve (no holds please)

****Students may wear them on Fridays with their uniform bottoms****

Dear Parents,

The Algebra 1 class has had a new requirement starting the 2011-2012 school year. Students who take the Algebra-1 Course for this school year will be required to take the Algebra-1 End of Course Test (EOCT). Students must pass the Algebra-1 EOCT to earn a high school credit.

The high school requirement for Florida state colleges is to take at least 4 math classes during high school. Students who pass Algebra class will take upper level and complex math classes to complete their requirement. This is, of course, a big plus for securing a better college admission.

AS math standards are becoming more difficult, Orlando Science Schools need to make sure that students who be taking Algebra are actually ready to take Algebra and they will be expected to pass the EOCT test. We need to make sure that our students are receiving the best education for their levels.

You may find the detailed explanation of this on the Florida Department of Education's web site at http://fcats.fldoe.org/eoc/pdf/FL10_Algebra_EOC_ISB_WT_r4g.pdf

We will be working with a test company to give an Algebra Readiness Test on Wednesday, May 30th and Thursday, May 31st, 2012. The students who expect to take Algebra 1 in the 2012-2013 school year, should they pass the Algebra readiness test, will receive a teacher recommendation and should have high FCAT Math and Reading scores.

The Algebra readiness test results should be ready in the second week of June. The results will be announced as student "ready or not ready" for Algebra.

Orlando Science Schools

Math Department



Dear 6th Grade Parents,

Orlando Science Schools is having a Duke TIP Prep. Day Camp June 11th through June 22nd. It is open to only first 20 eligible 6th grade students. More information will be on school web site and Newsletter next week.

"Our Woolly Pocket School Garden"

Orlando Science School is now the proud home of the first "Woolly School Garden" in the Orlando area. This is a HUGE learning opportunity and also a motivation for many other schools. The garden has helped change the student's perception of garden enrichment, nutrition, and community involvement. The overall goal of the project was to "Advocate, Give back, and Go green!" and we accomplished all of these things and many others.

However all of this would have never been possible without the help of our sponsor, donors, volunteers, faculty and staff. We would like to extend a special thank you for all they have done. These include:

Sponsor

- Disney's Friends for Change



Volunteers

- Rachel Martin
- Tammie Canora
- Theresa Fay
- Debra Bethel
- Duncan Bethel
- Tamara Cox

Donors

- Tropical Hydroponics



- Lowe's



- OSS PVO

Special Guest

- Cindy Daniels
(Field Representative for U.S. Rep. Daniel Webster)



Wandering how the Woolly Pockets are doing?
Check out our first tomatoes fruiting!

OCCTM County Math Competition May 12, 2012



Team Members:

6th graders: Annabel Zinn, Wally Vargas, Tommy Shea, Shehruz

7th Graders: Jimmy Wang, Martin Granger, Caleb Spence, Erica Love

8th Graders: Carlos Barea, Reynardo Jittan, Danh Pham.

Awards:

Overall 6th grade Team 2nd place
Overall 8th grade Team 1st place

Cyphering Round:
6th grade team 1st place
8th grade team 1st place

Relay Round:
6th grade team 1st place
7th grade team 2nd place
8th grade team 1st place

Problem Solving:
6th grade team 1st Place
7th grade team 3rd Place
8th grade team 1st Place



Masquerade Night

June 1st at 5:30 pm and 2nd at 7pm

(6th and 7th grade)

(8th, 9th and 10th)

The student government is sponsoring an end of the year school dance. The dance will be held on June 1st from 5:30-8:30pm for 6th and 7th grade. 8th, 9th and 10th grade dance will be held on June 2 from 7-10pm in the OSS cafeteria. The theme of the dance is: Masquerade Night (see Mr. Kriebel for details- masks are not required.) The dress code is formal. Tickets are currently being sold in the mornings before school. Students must have a signed permission slip in order to purchase a ticket. For tickets, please see Mr. Kriebel or buy your tickets in the morning from the student government representatives. We need parent volunteers to help with decorations. If you are interesting in chaperoning the dance, please contact Mr. Kriebel via e-mail at Kriebel@orlandoscience.org

The deadline to purchase a ticket is May 25, 2012.

6th and 7th - \$7.00

8th, 9th and 10th - \$10.00