



# 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,

Picture Day is coming up on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Information packets were distributed to your students. Please fill out the forms and have your student return the form to their 1<sup>st</sup> period teachers. Make sure to bring your brightest smiles to ensure the best pictures

A reminder parents that there is no school this coming Friday October 14. Please plan accordingly.

The Hispanic Heritage month celebration at Orlando Science Schools on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 was amazing. Students and their families came to OSS to enjoy time with their teachers and were able to meet with special guest, Florida Representative, Darren Soto. Please see page 6 of the newsletter for more information.

The OSS Welcome Picnic took place on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. All of our new students and parents were invited to meet one another and enjoy great food. Pictures from this fun event can be found on page 3

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Akin

**Kahlil Gibran:** The teacher who is indeed wise does not bid you to enter the house of wisdom but rather leads you to the threshold of your mind.

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## OSS PICTURE DAY

OSS will take school pictures on the following days for school ID's and also for parents to purchase.

Oct 17<sup>th</sup> - Picture Day  
Nov 18<sup>th</sup> - Picture Retake Day

Students, please wear the following OSS uniform shirts

**Red - for the middle school students**

**Light blue - for the high school students**



## CAN TOPS

Please drop off your soda can tabs to the jar on Ms. Becc's desk. We are collecting these tabs for an OSS student who will give them to his neighbor for chemotherapy treatment.

For every 300 tabs we receive, a chemotherapy treatment can be given for free. This will be an ongoing collection throughout the year.



## OSS Upcoming Events

**OSS Rummage Sale, October 22~ Start saving your items to donate!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**School Holiday, October 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Veteran's Day Dinner, November 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Veteran's Day Parade, November 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Thanksgiving Break, November 21st-25th**

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



## BOX TOP/SOUP LABEL CHALLENGE

Do you want a dress down day?

Do you want your entire class to have a dress down day and a gift card for their teacher?

If so, then this is for you!

The Box Top/Soup Label Challenge has begun!

The classes that turn in the highest number of Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Soup Labels will earn a dress down day and a gift card for their teacher.

The funds earned with Box Tops for Education will go to the school so that everyone can benefit. The points earned thru Campbell's Soup Labels can be used for many items including P.E. equipment, microwaves, computers, games and books.

Get collecting, turn them in to your homeroom teacher and pencil in "dress down", November 7<sup>th</sup> on your calendar!

Visit [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com) for more great ideas to earn cash for your school!



## OSS WELCOME PICNIC

Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, OSS hosted a welcome picnic for all of our wonderful new students and parents!!

Everyone had fun, meeting one another, enjoying great food and being part of the OSS family.

The students hung out with their peers and got to know one another outside of class, helping them to gain social connections with their fellow classmates!!!!

Thank you all for coming out and enjoying the festivities!!!



Board **TITANIC-THE EXPERIENCE** and take an adventure back in time as Captain Smith, Molly Brown and other Titanic notables lead you on an exciting one-hour guided tour. Hear fascinating stories of the passengers and crew as you journey through full scale re-creations of Titanic's most famous rooms, including her spectacular **Grand Staircase**, **First Class Parlor Suite** and **Promenade Deck**, complete with a brilliant star-filled sky above you and chill of the Atlantic air at your back.

In addition to the meticulously crafted re-creations, the extensive **Underwater Room** takes you diving deep below the ocean surface as well. Never-before-seen video images of the wreck, captured by exhibit owner G. Michael Harris on his most recent Titanic expedition, depict the excitement, danger and wonder of exploring the world's most famous ship as she rests on the bottom of the Atlantic today.

Titanic ~ The Experience has sought to promote awareness of and education in the world's diverse cultures by creating actual rooms of the Titanic, and by displaying actual objects reflecting individuals and events that have had a significant impact on human history. We recommend that you incorporate a field trip to our exhibit. Titanic ~ The Experience will immerse your students into Titanic's timeless story in a way it has never been experienced before. Visitors will experience the historical, cultural, and social significance behind history's most famous ship.

**Located at:**

7324 International Drive  
Orlando Florida 32819

**Contact:**

407-248-1166

Cost for Students: \$12.00

Date of Trip October 24, 2011

The trip is open to all OSS History Club Members and students of OSS. **Space is limited to the first 20 students.** Students who have received an In School Suspension/ Out of School Suspension are not eligible for this trip. All applications need to be turned in to Mr. Kriebel. The application deadline is Monday, October 17, 2011. (First Come First Serve)

Date/Schedule: October 24, 2011: Tentative Schedule:

Leave OSS at 3:30- we will need parents to drive the students to/from the museum.

4:00 Arrive at the Titanic Experience.

4:00 Guided Tour

5:00-5:30 Explore the Museum/gift shop

5:30- Depart for OSS

6:00 Arrive Back at OSS

Bring money for gifts/food. There are a number of restaurants on I-Drive. If time permits, we will be stopping for dinner.

I will need 4-5 parent volunteers to drive. If interested please e-mail Mr. Kriebel at [info@orlandoscience.org](mailto:info@orlandoscience.org)



**Liability Release:** Should my child sustain or incur any accident or illness while on the OSMS Titanic Experience Field Trip, I hereby authorize the director/administrator, or his/her agent, to execute any and all documents, including any necessary releases, which might be required at any medical facility to perform any emergency care on my behalf. In the event that my child has an illness or accident during the program, and it requires a visit to the doctor or hospital, the existing family policies will solely represent the insurance coverage.

I give permission for my child to participate in any and all activities on the OSS Titanic Experience Field Trip, and I do not hold the Orlando Science Schools liable for my child.

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 10 / \_\_\_ /2011

**Medical:** In the rare event of illness or accident, I hereby give my consent for the necessary emergency treatment of my son/daughter during the Titanic Experience Trip. In doing this, I am giving permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to be on the trip. I understand every effort will be made to contact a parent or guardian.

STUDENT DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET CITY ZIP

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

In order to give the best service during the trip, the following information will help.

1. Does your child have any type of illness that needs to be monitored? Yes No

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Does your child have food, drug, or insect allergies? Yes No

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Sign if you give permission to give Benadryl for insect bites. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Will your child need to take medication regularly during the trip? Yes No

If so, please give the name of medicine(s) and how it should be taken. Send a day supply.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

These and any new medications must be sent in a baggie, in original bottles with student name and directions, the morning of the trip. They are to be given to the chaperone.

# THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

October 9, 1888:

The Washington Monument, designed by Robert Mills, opens to the public. The Washington Monument is the most prominent structure in Washington, D.C. and one of the city's early attractions. It was built in honor of George Washington, who led the country to independence and then became its first President. The Monument is shaped like an Egyptian obelisk, stands 555' 5 1/8" tall, and offers views in excess of thirty miles. It was finished on December 6, 1884. The National Park Service has temporarily closed the Washington Monument due to damage from the August 23 earthquake. - [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)



## HISPANIC HERITAGE NIGHT

Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, OSS and the Spanish department hosted an evening to celebrate Hispanic Heritage month.

Florida State Representative Darren Soto spoke inspiring and encouraging words to all who attended.

The turnout was amazing with the whole cafeteria packed for the festivities.

Students showed off their art creations representing so many aspects of the Hispanic cultures.

OSS students, Aimee Whipple, Riley Belnap, Analgila Rodriguez, and Justin Yun also entertained everyone with song!!!

**It was an amazing night!!!!**

## OSS Facts That You Should Know

**\*\*Changes have been made to start & dismissal times\*\***

- 1. 6<sup>th</sup>/ 8<sup>th</sup> Graders now start at 8:00am and 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> graders start at 8:05 am. You can still drop students off as early as 7:30 am.**
2. Parents, if you happen to change your phone numbers, e-mail addresses or move, please update Ms.Becc with the current information. It is very important that we have your current phone numbers and e-mail addresses on file. Please call Ms. Becc at 407-253-7304 ext 100 with any changes or updates.
- 3. If your student arrives after 8:30 am you must come in and sign your student in at the front desk.**
4. If your student needs to leave early for an appointment please send a note in the day before or at least the morning of and give to Ms. Becc. Ms. Becc will e-mail the teachers and let them know that your child will be leaving early. If it is an emergency and your child needs to leave early, please call Ms. Becc so she can have your child available. Please leave a message on the voice mail if Ms. Becc is not available to answer the call, she will get the message.
5. If your student is absent please send a note in with them and turn it into Ms. Becc.  
On the note please have the date you are writing it as well as the dates that the student was absent.
6. When your child is absent, they will have the opportunity to make up the work when they return.  
If you want your child's homework for them the day of their absence, you must email your child's teachers and they will let you know what the work is and when you may pick it up.  
Keep in mind, the teachers cannot stop teaching the class to get the papers together; it will most likely be at the end of the school day. Also, once OSS Connect is running, you will be able to access their work 24/7.  
Please do not email/call the front desk for your child's assignments.
7. Parents, please make sure that you are checking your e-mails as well as your spam mail. Some of our teachers will start e-mailing you and the e-mails may go to Spam the first time.
- 8. OSS uniform will strictly be upheld at all times.**  
Your student may dress in regular school appropriate clothes for their birthday. Please notify Ms. Becc the day before.
- 9. Parents, if you need to meet with any staff member, you must have an appointment. (Please no walk-ins)**  
\*To meet with a teacher, you need to email the teacher to set up an appointment.  
\*To meet with administration, you need to email or call Ms. Becc for an appointment.  
Please keep in mind that directly before and after school is not a good time due to arrival/dismissal of students.
10. Parents, if you would like to have lunch with your student please notify Ms. Becc 24 hours in advance.
11. Parents, if you would like to sit in your students classes for a day please notify Ms. Becc 48 hours in advance for authorization.
- 12. OSS campus speed limit is 5mph. This is strictly enforced for the safety of all.**
- 13. Dismissal starts at 2:43 pm until the car line dissipates, at which time the students will be sent to the cafeteria. When there is inclement weather, the dismissal process is slow from cafeteria. We do follow OCPS' 30-30 rule.**
- 14. On Club days, dismissal will start at 2:43 pm.**  
**For students in clubs, dismissal will start again at 3:36 pm until the car line dissipates, at which time the students will be sent to the cafeteria.**
- 15. Twice a month, OSS will have early dismissals on Wednesdays.**  
**6<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> (unless specified) grade dismissal will be at 12:43 pm. 7<sup>th</sup>/ 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> grade dismissal will be at 12:53 pm.**  
**Students may remain on campus free of charge till 3:45pm, after which time the cost will be \$10 until 5:15pm.**  
**Regular after school care fee applies after 5:15 pm.**
- 16. After school care (self study) is available after 5:15pm. The cost associated with this is as follows:**  
**\*5:15-6pm \$10**  
**\*6:01-7pm \$15**
17. OSS is listed on the 5% Back to Schools Programs. All the parent has to do is sign-up at Office Depot (no cost is involved for signing up) and a portion of their purchase goes towards OSS. (Our Number is 70218341)

## OSS HOME VISITS



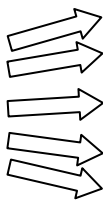
We are very happy with the degree of parent involvement we have in our school. In order to make our student, parent and teacher connection even stronger, OSS teachers researched and came up with the idea of home visits. Experience and research from all over the United States indicates that the interaction with a student’s family at their home is a very effective way to help students achieve academic and behavioral progress.

**If you would like to schedule a home visit or learn more about it please email your student’s homeroom teacher.**

### Some feedbacks about home visits from our parents.

- When we chose to enroll my daughter at OSS we were very excited as the school seemed like a closer community than the public schools that our daughters have attended. The Home Visit program is a perfect example of this concept, that families and faculty working together can provide a better education for our children by communication and interaction. Please stay in touch and let us know how we can help make OSS an even better place.
- Good Morning Mr. Sahin, I wanted to thank you and Mr. Altintas for taking time out of your schedules to visit my home yesterday. I think the home visit was beneficial and I now better understand what is in store for my daughter this school year and what is expected of her.
- Teachers make a lasting impression on a child’s life and this visit showed your love and concern about my son and the next generation; with the help of good parents and good teachers we can make a difference. I have not seen such dedication and care from a school in a long time.
- We know this takes a lot of time from your personal family and this does not go without notice. With the efforts this school has shown it will be a leader in no time. Keep up the good work we look forward to many more years of building a foundation as solid as a rock.
- I wanted to send a note to let you know that we enjoyed our home visit. The home visits are a great idea and facilitate good communication between faculty, students, and parents. We had the opportunity to get to know more about upcoming events and the curriculum

To



- Increase student attendance rates.
- Increase student test scores.
- See school-wide positive behavior
- Decrease suspension and expulsion rates.
- Decrease vandalism at school.



Support Home Visits