

Educational Choices and **INNOVATION**



Osceola County
SCHOOL DISTRICT



NEW THIS MONTH:

- 247 Years as a Nation
- Around Town Festivities
- World Youth Skills Day

Important Dates

- July 4 - Independence Day
- July 24-August 6 - Back-to-School Tax Free Days
- August 10 - First Day of School

Celebrating 247 Years as a Nation Fourth of July Facts

- On July 4, 2023, America will celebrate its 247th birthday
- Thomas Jefferson drafted the Declaration of Independence and presented it to Congress on June 28, 1776
- The Declaration of Independence was signed July 2, 1776 and was adopted by Congress two days later
- 56 congressional delegates known as the nation's Founding Fathers signed the Declaration of Independence
- The first commemoration was held in Philadelphia in 1777
- Fireworks have been used to celebrate since 1777
- In 1941, Congress declared the Fourth of July a federal holiday

Around Town Festivities

- Downtown Kissimmee's Monumental Fourth of July
- St. Cloud Lakefront Park's 4th on the Lake
- Old Town Kissimmee's July 4th Celebration
- Celebration Town Center's Independence Day Spectacular
- Sunset Walk's July 4th Weekend Celebration & Fireworks Spectacular

Visit <https://www.experiencekissimmee.com/celebrate> for events near you.

World Youth Skills Day The Importance of Technical & Vocational Education

Since 2014, July 15th is recognized as World Youth Skills Day. This day focuses on raising awareness on the importance of technical and vocational education and preparing youth with the necessary skills to bridge the shortage of today's skilled workforce.

In November of 2022, the U.S. Department of Education launched the *Raise the Bar: Unlocking Career Success* initiative to help support career-connected learning and increase job pathways for young Americans.

For years, the Osceola School District has been providing students with the opportunity to emerge themselves in hands-on learning, gain experience and earn certifications in job-specific trades so that they are qualified to meet the demands of the 21st-century global job market. To learn more visit www.osceolaschools.net/Domain/86

"Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it."

- Marina Wright Edelman