

January 10, 2012

Dear Parents,

This year's science fair will be held on March 27, 2012. Students in Grades PK-2 will participate in classroom projects. Please support any requests from your child's teacher for supplies or other assistance. Students in Grades 3-8 will participate in individual projects, and 5-8 will defend their projects to the judges orally. This means that they will need to answer questions about their project as the judge views the final product.

Your child (Grades 5-8) should submit 2-3 choices. One topic will be approved by your teacher. You are encouraged to integrate technology into your project. Outlets in the hall are limited, so you might need to rely on battery power backup. Middle School students will have first priority to use the outlets for their projects. If you will need an outlet for power please let us know so that we can try to meet your needs. List your choices on the attached form and return it by January 18, 2012.

The projects for grades 5-8 will be accomplished at home and are to be based on the five-step scientific method. Teachers will be guiding the students along the way.

Your child's teacher will be requiring updates from your child throughout the project.

The rough schedule for the science fair is as follows:

January 18 ---Topic Due

January 24 ---Research/Hypothesis Due

February 7---Procedure Due

February 28 ---Data and Observations Due

March 20---Rough Draft of Project Due (Should include everything above, all information gathered, and experiments conducted to date.)

March 26---Final Projects Due-Students will bring in completed projects.

March 27 ---6:30p.m. Family Viewing of Projects

7:00 p.m. Awards Ceremony

Display boards should be tri-fold. It is preferable that they are white, but if it is important for your presentation of your project you may use a colored display board.

We are truly excited about this year's fair and feel the children will benefit from applying their scientific knowledge to a project of their own making. We thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mary Eckley

Mr. Ron Thomas

Mrs. Carol Mauro

The Science Fair Committee

Included are some helpful sites in order to guide you in preparing for the science fair. These sites have suggested topics, how to follow the scientific method, put together your display board, and even some example science fair projects.

<http://www.sciencebuddies.org>

<http://sciencefair-projects.org/>

<http://www.terimore.com/>

<http://all-science-fair-projects.com>

Child's Name: _____

Project Choices: (Be sure there is a variable being tested.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Please return this form to school no later than January 18, 2012.