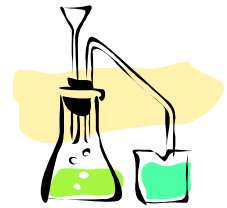




SCIENCE FAIR



Plans are well underway for our Annual Science Fair! We hope you and your young scientist(s) will join us on **Wednesday, March 4, 2009** for an exciting evening. Last year was a huge success with many young scientists from our Primary School participating. The Science Fair will be held here at the Julia Bindeman Suburban Center from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

The concept of a science fair is something that we all remember from our own school days. It is our hope that the Science Fair will allow our young scientists to experience this concept in a fun, non-competitive way. Students may bring projects to demonstrate, set up a science experiment and, yes why not, show off their science knowledge a little! A science fair is a wonderful way to stimulate a child's interest in science and will help them for future endeavors. Participation is, of course, voluntary. Students may work alone, with a class buddy or with as a group of maximum four students. Each young scientist will receive a Certificate of Participation.

Between now and March 4, time will be set aside during Science with Mrs. Uslaner to talk about the Science Fair, answer questions and show the students first hand what a science fair project looks like. We will continue to talk about the "Scientific Method" using easy to understand words and terms and send home a "Scientific Method" fact sheet. Above all we will ensure that this event is FUN for everyone!

Below is a list of Science Fair "Helpful Hints and Guidelines" to help you, and a registration form is attached. If your child decides not to participate, please join us anyway to cheer along friends.

HELPFUL HINTS AND GUIDELINES

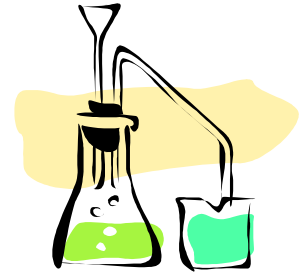
- Please be on hand to help your child when asked! Talk to them about what they would like to present. Check that the project is safe and doable.
- Ensure that your scientist understands the project. If they don't, then it's probably not age appropriate for them.
- Go on a trip to the library together. There are some wonderful books in the 507 section. Two suggestions are: Egg-ventures by Harry Milgrom and 60 Super Simple More Science Experiments by Q. L. Pearce.
- If your young scientist wishes to replicate a project from science class, this is perfectly fine.
- Help your child gather the materials they need and let them know you are willing to help. We have found that our young scientists love doing things themselves but are not shy in asking for help if necessary.
- On the day of the Science Fair, materials for science displays may be brought to school at the end of the school day and left in the science fair area. Each scientist or group will have a designated space and a plan will be there. Doors will open again at 6 p.m. for set-up. You may also choose to bring all materials to school at that time. Please ensure that all materials are marked with your child's name.
- If water is needed, please bring a bucket or pitcher to transport it. If the project is in any way messy, standing it in an aluminum baking pan is a good idea.
- For everyone's safety, no live animals or naked flames, please.
- Please make sure that all materials are removed at the end of the evening.





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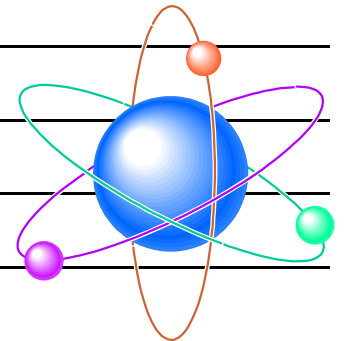
Name of Student: _____

I am participating at the Science Fair:

___ On my own

___ Together with (list partners below)

My/our project will be: _____



PLEASE DROP OFF THIS FORM AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27.

**QUESTIONS? CALL DEBBIE USLANER. 301-279-7505 OR
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