



# SCIENCE FAIR

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Dear Parents,

It's that time of year again. Yes, it's time for our annual P.S. 78Q Science Fair! The school fair will take place during the week of March 5th. Science fair participation is mandatory by all third, fourth and fifth grade students. Students in grades PK-2 are strongly encouraged to participate as well. I have provided for you a list of rules and guidelines that will assist you with the process.

Appropriate steps, as well as the setup procedure, should be followed by all students when displaying their projects.

- All projects must include the steps to the scientific method. Children should be quite familiar with most of the steps within this process, as we have been using it since school began.
- The project should be colorful, neat, attractive, and correctly spelled.
- Parents, although assistance is greatly appreciated, please don't do the project for your child. Your child will be expected to explain his/her project and the steps he/she took along the way.
- All projects must be submitted by Friday, March 2nd, in order to allow for setup time and judging. No project will be accepted after this day.
- Grades 2-5 are expected to complete all steps as displayed on the back of this letter.
- Grades PK-1 can use the steps as a model but are not obligated to follow the strict guidelines.

Science project boards will be available for purchase in my classroom (Rm. 115). They will cost \$3.00 each. If you choose to purchase a board, please don't wait, as they will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. The boards have not been delivered yet. When they are, I will let the children know.

In addition to our science fair being displayed during parent/teacher conferences, we will also hold a schoolwide presentation day of all projects. Details to follow.

If you have any other questions about the fair please don't hesitate to contact me through a phone call or a note. I look forward to a successful and exciting science fair. With your help and cooperation I'm sure it will prove to be a wonderful experience for all!

Sincerely,

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