

Dear Parents,

We are excited to announce that we will be having a Science Fair.

DLCS Preschool Students have the option of participating in this year's Science Fair. Projects can be dropped off anytime the week of Monday, April 28 thru Thursday, May 1. Preschool projects will all receive participation ribbons, but will not be judged.

DLCS Students in Kindergarten-6th Grade are required to bring in their project on Monday, April 28, when they arrive at 9:00 a.m. Parents will be permitted to accompany their child inside to set up their display board and any accompanying materials.

Homeschool Students in Kindergarten-6th Grade are invited to drop off a project on Monday, April 28, between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Parents will be permitted to accompany children inside to set up their display board and any accompanying materials.

Science Fair Projects will be judged during the day by a panel of judges. We will be awarding First, Second, and Third place for each grade level. Awards will be announced during a special Science Presentation on May 2 at 2:00 pm.

Requirements for all Science Fair Projects:

1. Projects must follow the Scientific process. Teachers will be conducting experiments in the classroom using the scientific process so they are familiar with the steps and terminology. The basic steps of the scientific method are:

- **Observation:** Notice and perceive something you have a question about
- **Hypothesis:** Form an educated guess about how something works
- **Prediction:** Make a testable statement about what you think the outcome will be
- **Experiment:** Conduct a detailed procedure to test your hypothesis
- **Data analysis:** Analyze the results of your experiment
- **Conclusion:** Summarize your results, including whether your hypothesis was supported, and what the study's significance is

2. The project must be completed on a three-section Science Fair board 36" tall by 48" wide. You can purchase these online or at local office supply stores.

3. The students name cannot appear anywhere on the project. When students arrive on Monday and set up their display board, we will assign a number to the project. This will keep the judging fair and impartial in the event that any of the judges know any of our students.

4. Parents may provide assistance in completing the project, however, we want the work to primarily be completed by the student. The final project should reflect the student's handiwork!

5. We want this to be a fun and exciting experience for students and parents. Choose an experiment that answers a question that the student doesn't already know.

Please note: The project should not be a model (planets, volcano, etc.). A model does not answer a question and therefore would be disqualified.

We are looking forward to seeing all the wonderful projects. Happy Experimenting!

Sincerely,
Elvi Rogers