**DES 2016 SCIENCE FAIR INFORMATION**

Dear Students,

It is time to prepare for our annual **Science Fair** being held on **Friday**, **April 1st, 2016**! This is an opportunity to learn more about something that really interests you.



Once you find a subject, decide on the problem to investigate. The experiment should propose a question – **it is not a model of something**. Carefully plan what needs to be done. Plan to use a variety of resources such as websites, libraries, scientific magazines, and experts on your chosen subject. You should complete the experiment independently. Parents may help you organize your information, but they should not do your experiment. This is your opportunity to be a scientist!

Participation in the Science Fair is optional for all **third, fourth, and fifth graders**. All projects in the Science Fair will be judged by volunteers. One project from each grade will be selected to go to the AACPS County Science Fair. Individual or team projects may be entered in the Science Fair. A “team” consists of only 2 students in the same grade, and **each must return his/her own “Elementary Science Fair Safety Form” (FORM#1) by March 1, 2016**.

**To Enter the DES Science Fair**: ***Return the*** “***Elementary Science Fair Safety Form” (FORM#1) with your parent’s signature to your science teacher***. Your science teacher will approve your project and you can get started! Projects involving animals or bacteria are not allowed. If you choose to work with humans, there are **extra forms** to fill out. (Even if you are just taking a survey of your friends, you will need extra forms 2A and 2B). **Special Note: DO NOT put student photos on the science project display. Students should write first and last name on the back of their display board.**

**The DEADLINE for FORM 1 is Tuesday, March 1st, 2016.**

**We are paperless this year.**  All forms and information are available on the DES website.

**Important Dates to Remember:**

**Tue, Mar 1**: Deadline to submit FORM 1 to science teacher for

 DES Science Fair approval

**Thu, Mar 31**: Project Registration, 8:45-9:30 am

**Fri, Apr 1**: Judging per grade, *student will present and respond*

*to interview type questions*, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

**Fri, Apr 1**: ***Results will be announced at the Open House for***

***Family and Friends, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm***

*\*\*All Students must have adult supervision in the media room.*

 *No other areas in the building will be open for visitors*

**Mon, Apr 4**: ***All projects must be removed from the Media***

***Center between 3:30 and 4:00 pm***

Sincerely,

Jean Marie Hofstetter, Principal

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