



SCIENCE FAIR

January 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is that time of the year again to break out your magnifying glasses, microscopes, and creative minds. It is time for Tamarac's annual Science Fair!

This year our Science Fair will be held on Tuesday, March 7th. Though this is a voluntary activity, all students are encouraged to participate in this wonderful educational opportunity.

This notice contains important information you and your child should know as you determine whether or not to participate in this year's event.

First, all projects must be experiments. The discovery and use of the scientific method will promote valid learning. I have prepared a booklet entitled "A Parent Guide to Elementary Science Fairs" for you and your child to read. The information in the booklet will review experimental procedures, the art of investigation, and demonstrate the design of an experiment and its proposal. This booklet will only be given to those children who decide to participate in the Science Fair.

Second, projects from grades 4 and 5 must be the work of individual students. Projects from grades K-3 may be the result of individual or team efforts. Adult support is encouraged; however, the project must clearly reflect the *students' own efforts*.

Third, to enhance the excitement for the Science Fair and verify its importance, an evening program will be held on Tuesday, March 7th from 7:00-8:00 p.m. for families of those children who entered the fair. In addition, projects will be on display throughout the day for all Tamarac students viewing enjoyment.

Lastly, the fair will emphasize personal challenge, rather than intra-grade level competition. Though one project per grade level will be selected to represent Tamarac at the Brookhaven Fair, every student will receive a certificate of participation.

The entry form below must be completed and returned to your child's teacher by Friday, January 23, 2017. **No permission slips will be accepted after January 23, 2017.** After entry forms are collected, your child will be given the "Parent Guide to Elementary Science Fairs" booklet, where procedures and rules are explained. **Project due date is March 6th.**

We look forward to this exciting academic challenge and hope to encourage student participation and advance their love of science.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. Gina Mordente
Principal's Aide

SCIENCE FAIR ENTRY FORM

(Must be returned by Monday, January 23rd to Mrs. Mordente's Mailbox)

My child, _____, will participate in Tamarac's 2017 Science Fair.

Class _____ Teacher _____

Parent's Signature: _____