**Harvard Elementary**

**Grade 7**

**Science Fair**

Information



Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are excited about this year’s District Science Fair, which will take place on Wednesday, May 28, 2014. We want to share with you the following important information.

A comprehensive packet accompanies this letter. Please read it with your child so both of you understand the purpose and the process of this project. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Youssef by email at jyoussef.tps.org

We want our budding scientists to have fun and to be safe. It is strongly advised that you supervise any experiments; especially those involving chemicals, electricity, or that require sharp tools. Always insist upon safety gear. These precautions will assure that your child’s inquiry into the magnificent world of science is safe.

As your child progresses through the scientific method of inquiry, here are a few suggestions:

The emphasis on this project is on the scientific method. Students should select a topic that centers on a **problem that is testable**, with **results that can be measured, counted, or recorded** through charts, graphs, and photographs. Parents are encouraged to provide guidance in the selection of a topic and assistance with planning. **However, the project must be the child’s own work.**

Students will be presenting their experiment in class and they will have to answer questions about their project prior to presenting to the judges on the day of the fair. Remember, it is the student’s project; we want him/her to take responsibility for it.

**Middle School Science Fair Contract**

1. I understand that my child must complete a Science Fair Project and that failure to do so will seriously affect his/her Science grade in the fourth quarter.
2. I am aware that I may assist my child in his/her project; however, parents are not allowed to do the project for their child in any way. They can only assist with an experiment for safety reasons only. They may not conduct the experiment for the child or write any part of the report for them.
3. I also understand that it is very important that my child turns in each part of the project on its due date. Also, if the teacher requires that any corrections be made to a part of the project, those corrections are due during the next class period that student has science class.

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**Signature (Due: March 17th)**

**By signing below, you are acknowledging that you’ve read the Science Fair Letter, the Science Fair Due Dates, and the Science Fair Contract and you are agreeing to the above terms and conditions of the Science Far.**

Student’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student’s Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please keep the copy attached in your Science Fair Folder.