



PARENT INFORMATION REGARDING THE MAURICE HAWK SCIENCE FAIR

Dear Parents,

Looking for ideas or guidelines about how to help your child so he or she has a successful, fun and safe project for the fair? Just continue reading below!

All students are strongly encouraged to work with friends or siblings from the Maurice Hawk School with a maximum team size of **three** students. Working with others gives your child the opportunity to share ideas and discoveries. If working in a team, please help make sure that each team member has the chance to contribute to the project.

A Science Fair project attempts to answer a question posed by your child. It requires research, organization and the desire to find answers to real-life questions. It does not need to be complicated or complex in nature. The more focused and specific the question the scientist asks, the easier it can be to research and present the findings. Therefore, the first thing a young scientist needs to do is select an appropriate topic and ask an appropriate scientific question. You can help guide your child in this process keeping in mind that the goal is to make sure this is a project, and a process, that is driven by your child's curiosity and not the parent's desire to have a perfect presentation. When you register, let us know which category of project the team is creating:

- Experiment
- Research
- Apparatus
- Demonstration
- Collection

SAFETY:

Be sure to select a project that does not risk harm to your child or anyone (or thing) else. DO NOT work with dangerous chemicals, fire, explosives, poisonous reptiles or water with electricity.



FAIR RESTRICTIONS:

- No open or closed flames are allowed.
- No live animals may be brought into the school.
- No hazardous or poisonous materials may be used.
- No explosives can be used.

The Science Fair is meant to be a fun experience for your child and one that encourages their curiosity with the world around them. If you need some help getting ideas of age-appropriate topics, check out some of the links below (or check out the ever popular Pinterest!) to help get your child started thinking about what he or she might want to explore for the Science Fair.

www.sciencebuddies.org

<http://www.hometrainingtools.com/a/science-fair-projects-for-elementary>

<http://www.education.com/science-fair/elementary-school/?page=2>

www.all-science-fair-projects.com

www.sciencebob.com/sciencefair/ideas.php

Registration opens on Friday, January 12 online at hawkpta.org. The fee is \$5 per team (plus a \$0.99 processing fee) which covers the cost of renting the table for display of the project - we have to rent about 300 tables for this event! Note that the fair is February 10 with a snow date of February 24.

The PTA will also be operating a bake sale at the event. If you would like to contribute an item for the bake sale, please let us know using the same form you use online to register your child for the Science Fair.

If you have any questions, please e-mail us at sciencefair@hawkpta.org
Thank you!

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