



Monday, Jan. 27, 2025

Re: Science Fair Showcases – Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I wanted to reach out to you today to share some information about the upcoming Science Fair in March. Due to a number of challenges, we will be presenting the Science Fair in a new format this year with a few modifications. We are very excited and looking forward to giving your children the opportunity to celebrate science and their many accomplishments as a community of learners.

We will be holding separate Science Fair Showcases at each of our three schools on **Wednesday, March 26, 2025**. We are hopeful that holding the Science Fair Showcases on a school day will increase our participation rates and give more students the chance to be a part of the experience without competing with sports and extracurricular activities that traditionally happen on a spring Saturday. You will be receiving more detailed information soon from your school principals regarding how each school will be organizing their event.

Science Fair Showcase projects will be completed independently at home, but we will offer additional workshops with guidance for students as needed. The Science Fair Showcases will not involve formal judging, but students will have the opportunity to present and receive feedback from their teachers on their projects as this is more of an exhibition experience instead of a competition experience. However, we will also celebrate their participation in this learning process with our general awards offered on that day. If your child is in the eighth grade, and has participated in the Science Fair every year it has been offered since Kindergarten, we will certainly reward them with the traditional Life of Science Award at our Board of Education Awards Ceremony in June.

Registration information will be coming soon so stay tuned! We look forward to seeing how this new approach works for our students and convening hopefully a large committee of volunteers in the fall to analyze what approach is best moving forward as we continue to face challenges in regard to volunteers and funding sources.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christina L. Van Woert".

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