

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

It is time for the annual Science Expo! Science is not so much an accumulation of facts as it is a process used to solve problems or gain understanding about the world around us. Science projects provide an opportunity for students to practice “doing” science. Each sixth grade student is required to do a major project this quarter in science. The Science Expo offers a variety of project choices that might not be covered in the standard course content. Each student must choose one of the options from the attached list. This project is worth 25% of their grade. This project is due Thursday October, 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am in the library. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Projects will be on display and can be picked up between 4pm and 6pm on the evening of the Science Expo, Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Please discuss the attached list of project options with your child. Encourage your child to get an early start on the project. You may provide assistance and/or guidance for your child but the final product must be the work of the student. Specific deadlines for various parts of the project will be assigned to avoid last minute efforts.

More specific information about each project option is available from your child’s science teacher and online. Please sign and have your child return the bottom portion of this paper to his or her science teacher. There will be only about fourteen class days to work on the project throughout the quarter and most of those days are research days. This project should be done mostly at home. Students may work in groups or alone, depending on the project option. The students will be able to pick their own groups (no more than two students per group). THE TEACHERS ARE NOT THE GROUP POLICE. Students need to choose their groups wisely. If you have comments or concerns please contact your child’s science teacher: Debby Gillis at [dgillis@d49.org](mailto:dgillis@d49.org), Lura Moore at [lmoore@d49.org](mailto:lmoore@d49.org), or Connie Sandel at [csandel@d49.org](mailto:csandel@d49.org).

Sincerely,  
Debby Gillis  
Lura Moore  
Connie Sandel

---

I received the Science Expo Project letter and went over it with my child. This signed portion of the letter is due back to my child’s science teacher by Wednesday August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Option: \_\_\_\_\_  
Topic: \_\_\_\_\_  
Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name (please print)