

January 4, 2017

**SAP Science Fair 2017 (Gr. 4)**  
**Monday, February 27th**

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

Once again this year all students in grades three through five will have the opportunity to participate in the St. Anthony Park Elementary Science Fair on February 27, 2017, by preparing a science project. All 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are **required** to participate by completing a scientific investigation (inquiry). They will display and present their projects from 1:35 PM to 2:50 PM and 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM on Monday, **February 27th**. This will be a noncompetitive Science Fair format. Students will receive individual feedback and given points by two different evaluators. The purpose of the Science Fair is to give students the opportunity to further investigate a scientific area of interest. The project must be a **scientific inquiry/investigation**, which is a scientific investigation relating to a scientific question. We will be sharing some example science fair investigations in class during the next couple of weeks. This project will give students the opportunity to think and work independently, develop and refine an individual science interest and engage in critical thinking.

Students in grades 4 and 5 will work on the project individually (not with partners). I will assist any students who would like additional support before or after school during EDL on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-4:40. Please contact me if you would like your child to attend these sessions.

If you are wondering what your role might be, the following suggestions and guidelines might be helpful:

- Help your child select a project.
- Help your child find materials for the project such as research sources, building supplies and display materials.
- Offer support and assistance as your child is working on his or her project. Your child should plan and direct the activity as much as possible.
- Encourage your child to work on the project on a regular basis.
- Be sure that your child practices good safety procedures.
- Assist in the construction of the display board and transporting it to school on February 27th.

*Display boards may be purchased at a local retailer or at school for \$3.*

You will find a Time Line and Safety Rules on the reverse side of this form. Included in this packet you will find a proposal form, list of research ideas, scoring rubric and display format. Please complete and return the bottom portion of this form by Friday, January 6th. More detailed information will follow. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mr. Schrankler  
Science Teacher  
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**Science Project Participation Form**

Yes! I understand that my child will be participating in the SAP Science Fair by completing an inquiry project. Please return to Mr. Schrankler by Jan. 6th, 2017.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Gr. \_\_\_\_\_ Classroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

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