Dear Students and Parents,

The Drums Elementary Middle School will be holding its annual **SCIENCE FAIR!!! Thursday March 21, 2024, in conjunction with Open House.**  Participation forms are due no later than **March 14, 2024**. Projects must be set up in the school gym on that day, before 9 A.M. That evening, from 6:00-7:30 PM, parents are invited to view student projects.

A science fair project challenges students to solve a question using the scientific method. It is a great way to excite children about science, teach them to think like scientists, develop their organization skills, and enhance their writing and oral presentation skills.

**Rules are as follows-**

* Project must be student’s own work.
* Project must ask and answer a scientific question by following the scientific method.
* Project must be constructed from scratch**. No kits!**
* No live animals may be brought to the school.
* **No volcanoes** or anything incendiary, models only if they demonstrate the method used to answer a scientific question.
* **Project must be approved by the student’s science teacher**. Forms are due by March 14. You must hand the form in to participate.
* **Electrical outlets are not available**.
* Students must create a display board for the fair. This board should stand on its own. It must include the student’s name, the title of the project, the question, a hypothesis, material list, the procedure used, and their conclusion.
* On the day of the science fair, students must be prepared to answer questions about their project.
* **Please make arrangements to pick up the projects by 7:30 on the night of the fair/open house. Any projects left behind will be discarded.**

Each class will be talking about the scientific method and how to develop a scientific question. Teachers will use this project as an optional extra credit assignment. Please see your teacher to find out what your class’s requirements are. We are available to help!!

I appreciate your support in this science fair! We are looking forward to seeing the exciting projects. If you have any questions, please send me a note or contact me via email at [wetteraur@hasdk12.org](mailto:wetteraur@hasdk12.org).

Sincerely,

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Science Fair Coordinator