

Dear Parents,

So your child has been assigned a Science Fair project - **DON'T PANIC!**

The Fairhope Intermediate School Science Fair is a FUN project designed to let your child show off their scientific knowledge and invention skills.

What we ARE looking for:

- A student-driven project: What interests THEM?
- Work done BY THE STUDENT. We know their handwriting and drawing skills. A little messy project shows they did the work.

What we are NOT looking for:

- A perfect project, completed by the parent (yes, we can tell).
- A topic chosen by the parent, not the student, to impress the judges (and we can tell this, too).

Judging:

- Every student will talk to a judge (one-on-one). This shows they know their project.
- 4th and 5th grades will have a top three per class, but no overall winner.
- 6th grade will have top three places per class, and an overall winner.

To help your child:

- Look at science fair / engineering design websites online - there are many ideas and hints to help you.
- Allow plenty of time to complete.

Extras:

- If you need electricity, please let us know in advance. Bring an extension cord.
- Please, no live animals. They can escape!
- Despite our best efforts, exhibits will be touched and moved. Do not display open containers or delicate instruments. If your student wants to share, let them share only with the judges.
- Finally, all experiments **MUST** be conducted only at home. The cafeteria staff greatly appreciates you following this request.

This does not have to be an expensive, time-consuming project. I am always willing to discuss ideas / concerns / guide your student. Good luck and have fun!

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