

October 2007

Dear Students and Parents:

It is time once again to prepare for the Science Fair. Even though participation in this annual event is voluntary, we want to encourage interested students to take advantage of this opportunity to exhibit their scientific knowledge. Students who want to participate should request the Student Handbook using the form on the next page. They will receive specific information including suggested topics and rules governing the judging of projects.

**Please be aware that all decisions of the science fair judges are final.**

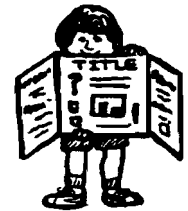
**Please check with your campuses' science fair chairperson for your Building Science Fair project due date.** Return the form on the next page to your student's homeroom teacher who will get the Student Handbook from the campus science fair chairperson and give it to your child.

**Every student who enters the science fair needs a copy of the Student Handbook.**

### **New to Science Fair??**

### **Attend our Open House:**

**Thursday, December 6, 2007,**  
8:00 – 1:00 a.m. and 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Sockwell Center  
6301 Chapel Hill Boulevard  
Plano 75093



Parents and children new to science fairs are invited to attend an Open House where project boards from past science fairs are displayed. No formal meeting or presentation will be offered. Students and parents may attend any time during the scheduled time and stay as long as needed to gather ideas.

**Campus Science Fairs: All elementary campus fairs must be held some time during January 14 – January 25, 2008.**

Check with your individual school for the date students' Science Fair Projects are due to your campus.

**District Science Fair: Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008**  
Renner Middle School  
5701 W. Parker Road

**Elementary Regional Science Fair Wednesday - Thursday, February 27-28, 2008**  
Garland ISD Special Events Center

**Please return this portion to your homeroom teacher:**

**Homeroom teacher will give it to the building science fair chairperson so the student books can be distributed.**

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ My child is interested in participating in the Science Fair and would like additional information about it. Please send the Student Handbook.

Plano ISD needs the help of many judges in order for our Campus and District Science Fairs to be successful and rewarding for our students. If you are a qualified scientist, please indicate your willingness to serve as a **science fair judge**.

\_\_\_\_\_ Campus Fairs are usually held from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon or 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m. on one school day scheduled between January 14 and January 25.

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**If you are interested in judging the District Science Fair, please send the information below to Ginger Britain, the District Elementary Science Coordinator, 2700 W. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Plano, 75075.** A judge can participate in **two** Fairs. (Building Fair plus District) The building science fair chairperson will notify you if your help is needed at their building fair. Please indicate your area of interest:

- \_\_\_\_\_ life science
- \_\_\_\_\_ earth/space science
- \_\_\_\_\_ physical science, mathematics, engineering, computer

Which grades would you be able to help judge? (You would not have helped any child in this grade level prepare a project for judging.)

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A science fair judges' meeting will be held from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. January 8, 2008, in the Plano ISD Administration Building Room 311, 2700 W. 15th Street, Plano, TX. All new judges are **encouraged** to attend.

My science background is \_\_\_\_\_

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Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address with Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_