



April 5, 2019
Beals Elementary School
Beals, ME 04611

Dear Beals Elementary School Students/Parents/Guardians,

Beals Elementary School and Mrs. Fagonde will be hosting the 2nd annual Science Fair this year on May 15th, for Kindergarten through 8th grade. Information about the Science Fair will be sent home with each student and a link will be added to the school website. Students in 3rd - 8th will also require a trifold display board (which is sold at many dollar stores) and materials for their project. We will be working on these in class, so make sure your student brings their materials and trifold for April 10th class and thereafter, for STEAM days. Grades 1st and 2nd will be doing a poster and model; please see their handout for the materials required for April 10th. The packet includes the timeline, guidelines, and grade chart (please note, the grading rubric is for grades 3rd through 8th). Students will receive a certificate of completion and 3rd-8th will be scored using the included rubric and will be used as a part of their final Science average.

Science Fair Tips For Parents/Guardians:

- 1. Don't do the project for your child:** This is my number one tip! Think of yourself as a helpful guide NOT an assistant, and definitely not the boss. It's about your child learning how to do a scientific experiment and present their findings in their own way.
- 2. Follow your child's interests.** Encourage your children to explore some ideas based on interests they already have.
- 3. Make sure the project is Age Appropriate.**

Questions?

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Sincerely yours,

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