

# Ostmann Elementary Science Fair Packet



February 11th - February 15th  
2019

# 2019 Science Fair

Dear Students and Parents,

Thank you for your interest in the Ostmann Elementary School Science Fair! We know this will be a rewarding experience for all involved. This packet contains rules, regulations, important dates and a display order form. Please read through it before starting your project. If you have any additional questions please contact us.

1. Science fair display board order forms are due back to school by: **December 7th**. We will be ordering boards at the end of that day.
2. The Science Fair will be held **February 11th-February 15th**.
3. Projects must be dropped off at school on the morning of February 11th.
4. It is very important to adhere to the attached guidelines.
5. Viewing night for projects will be held on February 12 from 4:30-5:30 pm.
6. Judging will be concluded by noon on February 15 and projects will need to go home that day.
7. Project ideas can be found in science textbooks, the local library, the internet, or from your imagination.
8. Project winners will be invited to participate in the Regional Science Fair at Francis Howell North High School on March 2.

Please make this an educational experience for your entire family. Good luck!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wray and Mrs. Gibbs  
Science Fair Representatives

Dear Parents,

We would like to offer an option for you in regards to the display boards needed for your child's science fair project. If you prefer, we can order these for you through a Science Fair Supply Store, The advantage to this display board kit is that it meets all the fair measurement requirements.

If you wish to purchase this kit, please return this form to school by: **December 7<sup>th</sup>**. The kits will be ordered at the end of that day and will be in shortly after. Please make checks payable to Ostmann Elementary for \$6. Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Wray and Mrs. Gibbs  
Science Fair Representatives

Please return bottom portion by **December 7<sup>th</sup>** with a check made payable to OES.

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Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Check Number \_\_\_\_\_

## Ostmann Elementary Science Fair

Who: Any student may enter K-5

Grades: K-5 may enter an individual or partner project.

What: Choose something that interests you. Look on the internet, at the library or in a book for an idea.

When: February 11th-February 15th.

Where: Ostmann Elementary

Rules: Homemade frames are permitted, provided they conform to the dimensions of the commercially purchased ones. **Your name is not allowed on the project. All measurements must be in Metrics.** Make sure you read the Do's and Don't page.

Size: Be careful! Measure your finished project. Any project too large or too small will be disqualified.

- 60 cm deep front to back
- 56 cm side to side
- 96 cm table top to project top
- Cardboard frames for science projects may be any color.

Parents: Your parents may help by telling you how to do something; but you must do the work.

Winners: First, second and third place winners will receive ribbons. All students will receive a participation certificate. **Science Fair project winners will be able to enter the Regional Science Fair.**

Questions: If you have questions please ask Mrs. Wray or Mrs. Gibbs

# Do's And Don'ts For Science Fair Displays

## 1. Required to be displayed

- Log book
- Problem/Hypothesis
- Method
- Data
- Conclusion
- Bibliography
- Photographs

Due to the intense level of pre-approval required, students in grades K-8 are prohibited from performing research involving any vertebrates, including humans. This includes:

1. Taking a person's fingerprints
2. Conducting surveys
3. Sports activities/exercise
4. Video gaming
5. Medical procedures
6. Culturing bacteria from human/animal subjects
7. Pets (including aquarium fish)

## Not Allowed on Project

- Living organisms including plants
- Taxidermy specimens or parts
- Preserved vertebrate or invertebrate animals
- Human or animal food
- Human/ animal parts or body fluids
- Plant materials: living, dead or preserved **EXCEPTION:** wood as a construction material in project or display
- All chemicals including water
- All weapons- including lasers
- Dry ice
- Sharp items (needles, nails, syringes, pipettes, knives)
- Flames or highly flammable items
- Batteries with open top cells
- Awards from other competitions
- School name or identification
- Photographs with faces or showing organisms in unnatural states (necropsy, dissection)
- Glass or glass objects
- Any other apparatus that is deemed unsafe by the Science Fair Directors.  
**There will be no electricity provided at the fair.**