

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. How many children can work together on a project?**
Up to three children can work together on a project, as long as all three are students at the Mars Area Elementary School (grades 2-4).
- 2. Where can I find the display boards (also known as "tri-folds") used to display the data?**
Display boards or "tri-folds" can be found at a number of stores, including Target, Staples, Five Below, Walmart, Michaels, and Walgreens. It does not matter the color you choose.
- 3. Is participating in the Science Fair expensive?**
Absolutely not! Many projects can be done at very little expense to you, such as, "Which Apples Brown the Fastest?". This project consists of buying a few different apples and a display board.
- 4. Can I do a project that was done at a previous Science Fair?**
Absolutely! There have been many projects repeated over the years and the results are not always the same. That is the beauty of science: Not everyone comes to the same conclusion based on the variables.
- 5. What happens if we misplace the Scientific Method Form?**
The Scientific Method form is on the Mars PTO website (marspto.org) under PTO Events and Activities: Science Fair.
- 6. What happens if we miss the due date to turn in the Scientific Method form?**
No problem! Just email one of us and let us know you will be sending it in a little late and we will make a note of it.
- 7. On the night of the Science Fair, do we have to arrive at exactly 5:00PM?**
No, you may arrive anytime after 5:00 PM as long as you are set up and ready to go by the 6:00 PM start time.
- 8. Will my child be expected to stay with their display during the entire Science Fair?**
This year the students will be permitted to walk around and see everyone's projects from 6:00-6:30. We ask that they stay by their display from 6:30 until the time that they receive their trophies. During this time, members of the Science Fair Committee, representatives from the University of Pittsburgh and parents will be asking the students about their projects.

9. Is my child permitted to bring live animals to the Science Fair if they are directly connected to their project?

We have permitted live animals in the past, as long as they are small and in a covered cage or aquarium. Examples are guinea pigs, hamsters, mice, lizards or chicks. If you have any questions about your animal, please contact Tracey Smith at natetray@zoominternet.net.

FINAL NOTES...

1. Please do not drop off your child the night of the Science Fair. All children must be accompanied by a parent.
2. If your child has a project that involves any kind of fluids, fungus, etc., please make sure they are in a covered container (ex. covered petri dish, tightly sealed container, ziplock bag).
3. If your child is doing a project that involves a volcano or any other type of eruption, please note that demonstrations are not permitted the night of the Science Fair. Your child can video their result and show it the night of the fair.
4. No liquids are allowed in the gym. If your project involves liquids of any kind, please have it in a covered container or leave it at home.
5. No food is permitted in the gymnasium.
6. Please make sure your children do not climb on the bleachers.

*****Please remember we are guests at the High School. Please clean up your area before you leave at the end of the night.*****

Thank you!