

SCIENCE FAIR IS COMING!

On Wednesday, March 9th, 2011, Lakeshore School will have its 24nd Annual Science Fair.

The students will have their exhibits and projects displayed in the Community Room and all classes will have the opportunity to see the displays. In the evening, the whole family is invited to visit during Open House and to admire the work of our students. The emphasis of the Science Fair, as always, is on students sharing their interests, knowledge and enthusiasm in a non-competitive way. Your child's teacher will discuss with the students how they will be participating. Some classes choose to concentrate on a particular theme and will have a group display of their work. Other classes encourage individual projects.

Please keep the size of the projects small (preferably $12" \times 12"$), and do not send in any valuables. If you'd like information about Science Fair projects, see this web site: http://www.ipl.org/div/projectguide All projects should be brought to school on Tuesday, March 8th, unless your child's teacher specifies an earlier date. Please come into the community Room during Open House on March 9th and show the students your appreciation for these wonderful projects! If you would like to help on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday March 8^{th} , 9^{th} or 10th, please call Barry Draper at tel. 415-665-6072 or e-mail at bcdraper@yahoo.com.

Barry Draper Science Fair Chair

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Every year Lakeshore School has a Science Fair which is non competitive and gives the students an opportunity to explore a question of their own and share their observations with others. You can support your child in this process by discussing the scientific method with them.

The Scientific Method involves coming up with a good Question: What do I want to find out? Developing a

Hypothesis: What do I think?

Making a plan of how to test the idea, a

Procedure: How will I find out? (Step by Step) **Record** results: What actually happened? Drawing

Conclusions: What did I learn?

This is not meant to be a parent project, but your child may need your help in setting aside the time to do their experiment, gathering the materials they need to do the experiment, and figuring out how to share their discoveries. If you'd like more information on how to support your child in science there are many great web sites including: www.ipl.org/div/kidspace/projectguide/

Science Fair Schedule

February - March 7th: Students work on projects

Tuesday, March 8th: Projects due in the Community Room 1:15 - 2:00pm Wednesday, March 9th: Class visits 9:45am - 2:20pm parents welcome,

Open House in the evening,

Thursday, March 10th: Remove projects from Community Room 10am -

12:00noon

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Barry Draper, at 415-665-6072. Have fun observing the world with your child, and celebrating their discoveries.

Sincerely,

Barry Draper, Science Fair Chair