

Science Fair Calendar
2011-2012

- Sept. 29 Parent Informational Meeting
- Sept. 30 - Oct. 4 Preparation guidelines for choosing an idea. Dates, timelines, and information will be given out during science class.
- Library work to research availability of material pertaining to the topic selected – suggestion: choose more than one topic and then narrow the choices down.**
- Oct. 5 Project brief and parent letter due. *Teacher approval needed prior to beginning project.*
- Oct. 10 Research begins. Use 3 x 5 or 4 x 6 note cards. This will make organization easier. This will be done at home in addition to regular science assignments. Follow the note card examples in the IJAS manual. Note cards DO NOT include experimental methods.
- At this time, the students should also begin experimentation. A Log book of activities is to be maintained during this time if necessary for the experiment.**
- Oct. 26 Check note cards (a minimum of 20 cards) and reference cards which are not included in this count. This is true for each check! Check log book. (Be sure that the purpose, hypothesis, materials, and procedures, as well as observations are listed in the logbook only.)
- Nov. 9 Check note cards (total of 40 cards are due) and logbook.
- Nov. 21 Check note cards (total of 60 cards are due) and logbook.
- Dec. 6 Total of 80 note cards and logbook are due.
- Dec. 12 Outline for review of literature due. Outline should come directly from the note cards.
- Jan. 11 All components of the project are due. Oral reports begin. At this time, a final typed copy of the entire project, the outline, log book and project board are due.

- Jan. 19 Set-up and judging of Koraes School Science Fair.
- March 10 Regional Project Session at Metea Valley High School, Aurora,
(We are Region 9) 8:00 - 4:00 * (approximate ending time)
- May 5 State Science Fair in Champaign, IL

- We will need to furnish judges for each of these competitions. It is a wonderful opportunity for parents to help out. It is also a great experience to see how we compare with schools in the area.
- Only seventh and eighth grade students are eligible to participate in the regional Science fair. All eligible students are encouraged to enter.
- Students receive a quiz grade for each set of note cards. 10 points will be deducted per each day that each set of note cards is late.
- They also receive a test grade for each of the following: the project board, the written paper and the oral presentation. 10 points will be deducted from each of the 3 components listed above for each day late.