

WEST MIDDLE ISLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR

RULES

1. The Science Fair will be open to students in grades K through 4 representing classes throughout the school. The Science Fair will be held on **Monday, March 15th, 2010 in the primary gym; all projects are due before 12 noon.**
2. Projects from grades K, 1, 2, and 3 may be the result of efforts of **individual students or teams of no more than 2 students on the same grade level.** **Grade 4 projects must be an individual project.** The projects must clearly reflect the students' own efforts. If adult support is given, it should be acknowledged on the display. Students may be asked to explain their work.
3. All projects must be durable and safe. Moveable parts must be firmly attached. West Middle Island School will **NOT** provide facilities or outlets for electricity, running water, drainage, gas or compressed air. **Live animals, dangerous chemicals, open flames and explosives MAY NOT BE EXHIBITED.** Any project, which is deemed to be unsafe or inhumane, **WILL NOT** be judged. **NO VOLCANOES, DINOSAURS OR SOLAR SYSTEM PROJECTS will be accepted.**
4. Projects may consist of an experiment, a working mechanism or charts, or diagrams of collections with a scientific objective (problem solving). Tabletop projects must be no larger than **18 inches deep** (front to back) by **32 inches wide** (side to side) and no higher than **5 feet**. Both table and floor displays must be free standing and stable. It is suggested, but not required, that entrants construct displays like a miniature stage with three sides and a floor. **Every project must include a written journal or log.**
5. Any demonstration project having moving parts must either run continuously or have a "start" mechanism, which can be easily activated by a judge. **All loose items accompanying a project must be labeled with the project number.** Pictures of experiment may be taken at the different stages, however, people's **FACES MAY NOT** be in the picture.
6. The student's name shall **NOT** appear on the project before or during the judging. A **registration number** will be given and this **number must appear on the projects.**
7. Each project must include a completed **SUMMARY OF PROJECT FORM** prominently displayed with the project.
8. The following criteria will be used to judge the projects:

ORIGINALITY	SCIENTIFIC THOUGHT	THOROUGHNESS
CREATIVE ABILITY	CLARITY	
9. Entrants will be responsible for setting up and removing their displays. **Any project not picked up by Friday, March 19th between the hours of 7:30 a.m. And 5:00 p.m. will be disposed of due to lack of storage space.**
10. The entries in first, second and third place at each grade level will receive trophies. The first place winner from each grade will be entered in Brookhaven National Lab Science Fair, May 1st, 2010. **ALL DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES ARE FINAL!!!!**