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Cayuga Elementary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is that time of the year again to break out your magnifying glasses, microscopes, and creative minds. It is time for Cayuga's Annual Science Fair!

This year our Science Fair will be held on Wednesday, April 1st. **As in past years, all 4th and 5th graders will be required to participate**, while Kindergarten through 3rd grade students are invited to participate as a voluntary activity. Please see below for important information you and your child should know about this year's event:

First, all projects must be experiments. The discovery and use of the scientific method will promote valid learning. On the Cayuga website in the Virtual Backpack I've posted a form for you and your child to review that Brookhaven National Lab uses which outlines necessary components and a checklist, as well as a presentation with tips on how to create a successful experiment.

Second, projects from grades 4 and 5 must be the work of individual students, while projects from grades K-3 may be the result of individual or team efforts. Adult support is encouraged; however, the project must clearly reflect the *students' own efforts*. 4th and 5th grade projects will be judged by National Honor Society students from Sachem North. They will select one project from each grade to go on to Brookhaven National Laboratory's Annual Elementary Science Fair Competition.

Third, to enhance the excitement for the Science Fair and verify its importance, an evening program will be held on Wednesday, April 1st from 6:30-8:00 p.m. where all projects will be on display.

Your child's teacher may be sending out additional information. We look forward to this exciting academic challenge and hope to encourage student participation and advance their love of science. Please contact your child's teacher with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Matthew P. Wells