

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Science, technology, engineering, and math are basic skills expected by employers; As Twenty First Century citizens, our children will have to make some of the toughest decisions based on their understanding of emerging science and technology. Science fairs involve students in the practices of science and engineering, requiring them to apply those skills to a topic of interest. Our school is hosting our Annual Science Fair on **January 12, 2017** and all students in 5th grade are participating.

Hands-on scientific investigations are the focus of this science fair. Over the next month, your child will design, test, analyze, and present a project that uses the Scientific Method to solve a problem. The sky's the limit!

Please note that the bulk of the work will be done at home. Students will be given project guidelines and timelines at school, and I will check in with them periodically. However, much of the work will be self-directed. Parents are encouraged to offer emotional support and reminders, but to allow children to do the projects by themselves. We encourage you to visit the Parents Resources section of the following websites: www.sciencebuddies.org and

[www.http://school.discoveryeducation.com/sciencefaircentral](http://www.school.discoveryeducation.com/sciencefaircentral) for valuable information designed to support this process.

*All students will receive a science board prior to the holiday break to display their work. Final work must be submitted by **January 4, 2017**. Please ensure you have two copies of the work, as one will be used for middle school interviews. Do not hesitate to email with any questions at chelseaprepscientists@gmail.com*

Thank you very much in advance for your support!

Please confirm receipt of this letter by signing below and returning it to Ms. Lubick via your child. Please do not place signed confirmations in my mailbox..

Sincerely,

Erin Lubick

Parent Confirmation:

I _____, parent(s) of _____ in Room 5-_____ acknowledge

the receipt of the Science Fair Parent Letter.

Parent Signature X _____

Date: _____