

January 19, 2012

Dear Parents,

The OLQP Science Fair projects are due to the school on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 8:00 am. The judging will be on Thursday, Feb. 9. If your child is in pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> grades, please send me an e-mail with your child's name and grade level. Please include the type of project (experiment, observation, investigation, or model) that your child will be submitting to the OLQP fair.

The Brazoria County Science Fair will be held February 23-25, 2012, with projects due on Thursday, Feb. 23 (4:30 – 7:30 pm, at the fair grounds in Angleton). You can download the BC science fair registration forms from the BC fair association web page ([http://bcfa.org/Science\\_Fair.htm](http://bcfa.org/Science_Fair.htm), notice there is an underscore between Science and Fair). The BC Science Fair registration form is due to your child's teacher on Wednesday, Jan. 25, with the \$2.00 fee. **Please make checks payable to BCFA.** Since the registration form does not have enough space to write the materials/equipment and project procedure information, please write these sections on a separate sheet, and attach it to the form. Please select all that applies under the safety protocol. Write down Dr. Whitmarsh under Science Teacher and Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston under School District. The form needs to be signed before it is turned in. If the project involves animals, you need to attach a letter from your Veterinarian stating that the animal will not be harmed. Students in pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade need to fill out the Elementary form. The BC Science Fair Secondary Grades form is only for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students submitting projects to the BC science fair are required to be present on Friday, Feb. 24 to answer questions from the judges.

Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students may participate in both science fairs. All Junior High students are **required** to participate in the OLQP Science Fair. Jr. High students will receive extra-credit in science for participating in the Brazoria County Science Fair. The Pre-K – 2nd grade projects may be observations, models, investigations, or experiments. The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders may do models or experiments. The 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders have to do experiments. The following link contains a document that will guide you through the steps of the scientific method:

<http://www.olqpschool.org/documents/Forms/Academics/Steps%20of%20Science%20Project.pdf>.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me ([ywhitmarsh@olqpschool.org](mailto:ywhitmarsh@olqpschool.org)). If you are interested in volunteering as a Science Fair judge for either fair, please send me an e-mail. We will need at least 25 judges for the OLQP fair and about 6 judges for the BC fair.

I'm looking forward to a great science fair. Have a blessed day,

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