

**September 2014**  
**Re: Science Fair Projects**

Dear Students and Parents,

All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Spratley Gifted Center students will create a Science Fair project this year. This is a long-term assignment and the project is to be done entirely out of class and on the student's own time. Students may work alone or in pairs. Students are **not permitted to work in groups greater than two.**

**FINAL PROJECTS ARE DUE ON DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>**

Teachers will select a number of outstanding projects that may proceed to the Tidewater Science Fair to be held at Old Dominion University in March. Students may present their project on a 3-sided backboard or on a piece of full-sized poster board. Please note: **All Tidewater Science Fair projects must be presented on a 3-sided backboard.**

**SHOULD A STUDENT FAIL TO TURN A PROJECT IN ON TIME, A 15-POINT PENALTY WILL APPLY PER CALENDAR DAY (NOT BLUE/SILVER DAY). PLEASE CALL MRS. GARDINER RIGHT AWAY IF A FAMILY EMERGENCY PREVENTS YOUR STUDENT FROM SUBMITTING THEIR PROJECT ON TIME. PLEASE NOTE: IF YOUR CHILD IS ON SUSPENSION THE DAY THE PROJECT IS DUE, THE PROJECT MUST BE BROUGHT IN BY THE PARENT ON OR BEFORE THE DUE DATE.**

Students are required to keep the science fair packet in their science notebooks. Copies of the science fair packet are available at the Spratley Gifted Center website on the science department page. If your child loses all or part of this packet, print the necessary forms from home. Additional forms will not be provided by the teacher.

**SCIENCE FAIR PROJECT PROPOSAL DUE by October 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>**

Students are strongly encouraged to turn the proposal in early. Enclosed is a sample backboard, science fair project proposal, rubric, helpful hints, and web site list. Make sure your student follows the rubric exactly! Please sign and return the bottom portion of this form for a grade by **September 30<sup>th</sup>/October 1<sup>st</sup> (Blue/Silver).**

Thank you,

Mrs. Gardiner

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I, the parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ have read this letter concerning the  
(Student's Name)  
science fair projects.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Parent/Guardian Signature)

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(Student Signature)