

Dear Parents,

It is time to prepare for the Jefferson County Fifth Grade Science Fair. Completing a science fair project can be one of the greatest learning experiences for your child. It is important that our students develop the ability to question the world they live in and how to answer the questions they might ask. Yes, your child will need guidance and assistance but PLEASE remember this is a student project! It is important that they understand and be able to explain the question they have sought to answer. There is a Science Fair web page that has been developed for Jefferson County students, parents, and teachers. The link to this page can be found on the Jefferson County Home page (<http://www.jc-schools.net>) on the right-hand side of the page under **Quick Links**. This page will provide resources on how to select a topic, elements of a science fair project, display requirement, scoring rubrics, and other essential information.

Dandridge Elementary School will host the Fifth Grade County-Wide Science Fair on November 3, 2009. Each elementary school may send one entry for each fifth grade classroom. This means that if there are five (5) fifth grades classroom, then the school may send five (5) students to the County-Wide Science Fair. These students may be from the same classroom or from different classrooms but you do not have to send one from each classroom. This will give school representation based on the number of fifth grade students. Students from each school will be asked to be at their project by not later than 4:30 on the afternoon of the 6th. The judges will be around to talk to the students and have students explain their project. All students with projects at the county-wide fair will be treated to dinner and the Award Ceremony will begin at 6:00. We encourage students, teachers, and parents to be present for the Award Ceremony. Only student school winners and judges will be allowed in the exhibit area during judges' interviews.

We look forward to working with your children. Best wishes for a challenging and successful science fair project.

Sincerely,

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