Dear Scholars and Parents,

We are excited to say that we will have the Westview Elementary School Science Fair once again this year. The theme for this year’s science fair is “Our Planet, Our Home.” **This project is mandatory for all fourth and fifth grade students!** The main objective of this science fair is for scholars to demonstrate their knowledge of the scientific method in ways that will help improve the planet. This year’s fair will be held on Thursday, November 16, 2017 in the library. **However, projects are due on November 14, 2017.** Winners will receive a prize and trophy. This is always a wonderful learning experience for the scholars, as well as a chance for them to investigate something that interests them personally. This is a big project and when done in steps and allotting the right amount of time the results are nothing short of spectacular. **Projects will not be accepted late.**

 I would like to use this letter to begin communication with parents about expectations for the science fair. This project is done at home; however, **fifth grade students** will complete the research paper portion in class only. They will be allotted time daily to work on their research papers in class. Scholars will be provided with a checklist to ensure that they are using their time wisely to plan for the fair. Please check over the due dates with your scholar to make sure they are staying up to date on their work. Parents and others are encouraged to help scholars with their project, with **scholars doing the majority of the work**. As scholars are working on their science fair project please keep in mind that the internet and library are wonderful resources for you to use in choosing a project, researching, as well as constructing the project. **Plagiarized work will not be accepted.**

Attached you will find pertinent information to help you understand the expectations that we have for scholars. It will include a list of the due dates for each section that students need to complete for the science fair along with useful websites to assist with ideas for your project and tri-board layout. If there are any questions or concerns please feel free to contact your scholar’s science teacher via email or phone. Fourth grade scholars will contact Ms. S. Upshaw at supshaw@pcboe.net or (334) 298-4507 and fifth grade scholars will contact Mrs. C. Carnes at ccarnes@mypcboe.net or (334) 298-4507.

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I have read and understood the requirements for my scholar’s science fair project. I have also received the list of due dates for each portion of this assignment and tri-board layout. I also understand that my scholar’s project is due on November 14, 2017 and will not be accepted late.

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Scholar’s Name Parent’s Signature Date

**Science Fair Project Due Dates**

Topic Due Date: 16 August 2017

Testable Question: 23 August 2017

Hypothesis Due Date: 30 August 2017

Hypothesis Due Date (if needed to be rewritten): 6 September 2017

Procedure Due Date: 6 September 2017

Essay Paper Rough Draft Due Date: 20 September 2017

Essay Paper Second Draft Due Date: 18 October 2017

Essay Paper Final Paper Due Date: 13 November 2017

Science Fair Project Due Date: 14 November 2017

**Helpful Websites**

* [http://www.populationeducation.org/content/environmental-science-fair-projects-30-eco-friendly-ideas](http://www.populationeducation.org/content/environmental-science-fair-projects-30-eco-friendly-ideas%20)
* <http://www.sciencebuddies.org/science-fair-projects/Intro-Environmental-Science.shtml>
* <https://www.education.com/science-fair/environmental-issues/>
* <http://www.all-science-fair-projects.com/category117.html>