



September 4, 2020

Dear Parents,

The first 9 weeks is already off to a great start, and we are beginning **now** to prepare for the Columbus Middle School science fair. All students are required to complete a project. Some projects require months to prepare and complete. This letter is to notify you of upcoming deadlines. So, please save the dates. Because of the Covid-19, this year the fair is looking different. We plan to have a virtual fair and follow the guidelines from Mississippi State University.

**Projects due in class no later than November 18, 2020**  
**CMS Science Fair will be on December 4, 2020\***

Individual teachers will discuss project requirements and provide examples for student reference in the classroom, but the project will be completed at home. **All projects should have a testable problem.** Projects should be age appropriate and **all topics should be approved by your teacher before beginning.** Large sized **tri-fold boards** are required and may be purchased at school for \$5.

The CMS science department will select the projects that will be entered the CMS Science Fair. The top three winners in each category will have the opportunity to advance to the Regional Science Fair that will be held at Mississippi State University. We will provide more information to the winners at the appropriate time.

We ask your support in allowing the students the opportunity to complete the project themselves. It is important for you to monitor your child's project. It is also equally important for students to take responsibility for completing their project themselves. The scientific method is a critical part of science and is one of those things best learned using a hands-on approach. Having students complete a science project and providing guidance as needed is the best way for them to learn this essential element of science.

We have attached a project schedule so that you may better understand the requirements of this assignment. We look forward to seeing the students excel as they apply the scientific method to prove or disprove a hypothesis they develop.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Columbus Middle School  
Science Department

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Student Name

September 29<sup>th</sup>

Science Project Topic Due  
(Grade)

October 30<sup>th</sup>

Research Plan Due  
(Grade)

November 18<sup>th</sup>

Science Fair Boards Due with Abstract  
(Grade)

December 4<sup>th</sup>

Columbus Middle School Science Fair

\*Because the Fair will be virtual, there may be another date for the fair, based upon how many students and location available\*