



Dear MDE Community,

Mt. Diablo Elementary is hosting a Science Fair on Thursday, February 18. The fair is not competitive and is **open to all students** (K-5) at MDE. Each child participant will receive a ribbon of participation. In addition, two projects from grades 3, 4 and 5 (for a total of six projects) will be chosen to represent our school in the Mount Diablo Unified School District 21st annual science fair. Projects can be in any area of Life, Physical or Earth/Space Science. There are many sources of information for choosing and planning a project, including books found in the MDE and public libraries and science-related websites such as: www.sciencebuddies.org, www.all-science-fair-projects.com, <http://www.ipl.org/div/projectguide/> and www.sciencefair-projects.org. Lists of possible science projects, guidelines, and additional forms are available on the MDE website at www.mdusd.k12.ca.us/mountdiabloelementary.

Important dates:

***Thursday, January 28, 2010:** Entry form due to your teacher or the office. Entry form may be found on the school website.

***Thursday, February 18, 2010: Mt. Diablo Elementary Science Fair Projects may be set up beginning at 4:30. The science fair will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the MUR. Mike Meneghetti, Mr. Science, will begin our evening with exciting demonstrations.**

***Saturday, March 13, 2010:** MDUSD 21st annual science fair 8:00 to 4:00 p.m. (lunch provided)

Students in grades 3-5 **must use the scientific process** on their project if they wish to participate in the MDUSD science fair. In addition, the district is asking for projects to have a connection to a workplace situation. Other than these restrictions, students may follow his or her own interest and may work with another child or small group. When displaying the project please insure that it is **free standing**. The student's name, grade, and room number must be clearly displayed on the project board.

Sincerely,
Kristy Smith

P.S. If you have questions that cannot be answered by information on the MDE website, please email me at kristinsmith@yahoo.com.