

# **WE WANT TO SEE YOUR PROJECT AT THE SPECIAL INTEREST FAIR TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2009**

HEY KIDS – it’s time again for the Special Interest Fair! Were you one of the nearly 80 students who shared their special interest with friends, teachers, and families last year? If so, we hope you’ll participate again. If not, please think about it for this year!

All kids from kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to submit a project! The fair is non-competitive, and you may work alone or in a group. Please remember that projects are meant to be done by kids.

Your project can be on (almost) any topic. Examples from last year include “Popular Horse Breeds,” “Inside the Pyramids,” and “The Human Body.” Although it’s up to you, we’d like to encourage you to make a project that relates to this year’s multicultural focus on Treasures of the Arab World (Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan, Palestine, Syria). Collections are welcome, as long as you include some text. For example, a football card collection could include a report about your favorite quarterback.

Here’s what to do:

1. **CHOOSE!** Pick a topic. Think about interests or hobbies. Share a special talent or experience. Think of a question you want to answer or explore something you talked about in class.
2. **REGISTER!** Fill out the registration form attached to this letter and return it to the school by March 13, 2009. Be sure to have your parent sign it.
3. **INVESTIGATE!** Gather as much information as you can. Visit libraries for books or magazines or surf the web with your parent’s help (be sure to ask your parents for permission before you go online!). Take a family trip or visit places that might be able to help. The more you investigate, the more you can include in your project.
4. **CREATE!** Make sure your project is accurate and neat. Space is limited, so make sure your project fits within a 3’ x 2’ area. Wall space is limited, so please use a freestanding cardboard project board (available at local supply stores) or other freestanding display. Please include your name and grade on your project.

**REMEMBER** – NO LIVE ANIMALS OF ANY KIND! Also, no projectiles or open chemicals. Please do not bring any valuables that can’t be replaced.

Questions? Have a parent get in touch with one of the Special Interest Fair co-chairs. Their phone numbers and email addresses are on the other side of this letter.

**HAVE FUN! WE LOOK FORWARD TO ALL THE GREAT PROJECTS!**

PARENT INFO →

# **WE WANT TO SEE YOUR CHILD'S PROJECT**

**AT THE**

## **SPECIAL INTEREST FAIR**

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2009**

Hey Parents – It's time again for the Special Interest Fair! The fair is a Burns Park tradition, and we hope you'll encourage your student(s) to participate. Last year, nearly 80 students shared special interests with their classmates, teachers, and families.

All students from kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to submit a project! The purpose of the fair is to encourage students to pursue a topic of their interest and provide a showcase for their efforts. The fair is non-competitive, and students may work alone or in a group. Please remember that projects are meant to be done by kids.

The back of this page tells students everything they need to know to submit a project. A registration form is attached to this letter. A resource guide your student might find helpful if he or she is having trouble choosing a topic will be provided. Although we welcome student projects on (almost) any topic, this year we are encouraging students to make projects that relate to our multicultural focus on Treasures of the Arab World (Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan, Palestine, Syria).

Here's the timeline for this year's fair:

- Registration forms due Friday, March 13
- Registration confirmations sent home Wednesday, March 18
- Fair Day, Tuesday, March 24
  - Project check-in: 8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.
  - Class viewing all day
  - Family and friends viewing: 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. (projects must go home that evening)

Please remember that this is meant to be a fun project for your student. It's well worth any trips to the library or supply store. Students are so proud when they create a truly "kid" project for the whole school to see. Enjoy!

Questions or comments? Please contact one of the Special Interest Fair co-chairs:

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←KIDS INFO

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## REGISTRATION FORM

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher and grade \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # and email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title

\_\_\_\_\_

Category – circle the one that best fits your project:

History

Animals

Hobbies

Literature

Math and Science

Visual art

Treasures of the Arab World

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please note that we cannot supply any machines (TV, DVD, etc.), but check her if you need access to an electrical outlet. \_\_\_\_\_

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**RETURN THIS FORM TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY  
MARCH 13!**