

AMES B. EDWARDS
SCIENCE FAIR 2006



SHOOT FOR THE STARS!

We are excited to announce details of our annual James B. Edwards Science Fair. The fair's primary purpose is to provide an opportunity for students to experience using the scientific process, to meet state standards, and to motivate students to explore the world of science. **Mark your calendar now for Thursday, February 23, 2006 7pm-8pm** for a fun and enlightening evening.

****New procedure this year****

This year we are changing the Open House format to a Science Fair Exhibit so that students will have the opportunity to present their own projects. Everyone will enter at 7 pm and students will stand beside their own projects to explain them for the first 15 minutes. At 7:20 we will begin announcing the ribbon winners. Students will come to the stage to collect their ribbon and hang it on their project.

CONTEST RULES

The fair is open to all students in grades 1 - 5. Projects can be in one of four categories:

- 1) Model
- 2) Collection
- 3) Observation
- 4) Experiment

Refer to the entry application for other rules. Students are permitted one entry. Individuals or small groups (2-3 children) may enter a project, however all the children in the group must be in the same grade. If the project does not fit in a display area of 48" high, 25" wide, and 18" deep, please let us know on the entry form.

JUDGING

All students will receive a participation ribbon. Students in grades 1 and 2 will receive only participation ribbons and their projects will not be judged for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. This year, ribbons will **NOT** be placed on projects **prior** to the Science Fair Exhibit. They will be given out **during** the Science Fair Exhibit. Judging criteria are different for each project category. A summary of this criteria is attached, and may help you in choosing which format best suits your idea. These criteria should also help you in developing your idea and evaluating your project. **Judging will be blind, and projects should in no way identify the student by picture or name.** Winners will include 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for each category on grade levels 3, 4, and 5. There is also a special award for the Best in Show which is announced later at the next PTA meeting.

SCIENCE FAIR SCHEDULE

Entry forms - To participate in the Science Fair, the attached entry form must be turned in to your teacher and **approved by January 27, 2006.**

Project due - Projects must be completed and turned in on Thursday morning, February 23, 2006. When the projects are checked in, each project will be given a number and only the Science Fair coordinators, and not the judges will know who submitted each project. 5th Graders may be required to turn their projects in prior to the day of the Science Fair in order to present their project for a grade.

Science Fair Exhibit - **Thursday, February 23, 2006 7pm – 8pm**

7-7:15 Students explain their projects.

7:20 - Ribbons awarded. Students will come to the stage when announced to collect their ribbons.

8pm - Ribbon winners take projects to media center for display. All others go home or to the pods.