Kingswood Science & Engineering Fair 3rd - 5th Graders: Projects DUE November 15, 2021



The purpose of the Science and Engineering Fair is to inspire, nurture, and develop our young scientists and engineers through a hands-on project of their choice. This fair is a great opportunity for our students to explore STEM in a fun and educational way while sharing their findings with the school.

We are confident your child will gain:

- *Reinforcement of grade level science, literacy,
- math skills, curiosity, awareness, and creativity
- *Increased scientific knowledge
- *Learning research techniques
- *Growth in independent work
- *Fun with STEM project

What to expect:

*Students will work on projects at home. They will need adult supervision with experiments and inventions.

*3rd graders should be able to do many parts of the project by themselves.

*4th and 5th graders should be doing almost the entire project by themselves.

*Judging will be done by professionals within the STEM community. Their education, experience, and skills are valuable when scoring projects.

*Our fair rules, project guidelines, scoring rubrics, and judge qualifications are in compliance with the Regional, State, and International Science and Engineering Fair. All results are final.

* More information and suggestions on how to get started can be found at <u>https://www.wcpss.net/Page/50233</u> *If you have any questions, need help with your project, or have comments along the way, please contact Adé Lee (adelee275@gmail.com) or Steven Greene (<u>shgreene@ncsu.edu</u>). You can also ask your STEM teacher, Mr. Stinson.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing all the wonderful projects!

Adé Lee & Steven Greene Science Fair Coordinators

Calling all Kingswood Elementary Scientists and Engineers!

Do you love STEM? Prepare for the journey of a lifetime. Grab your notebook and get ready to test those hypotheses! Start your project soon. You will need time to experiment or invent.

Important Dates:

- Sat Oct 16th : Virtual Project Selection Help Session, details to be announced later.
- Mon Oct 25th : Project Selection Forms due
- Mon Nov. 15th : Project due
- Wed Nov. 17th: Judging takes place
- Fri Nov. 19th : Project Pickup. Projects will be shared with the Kingswood community through the PTA social media.

There are no categories this year. However, you might want to choose a project from the following disciplines:

*Computer Science & Mathematics *Earth & Space Science *Engineering *Life Science *Physical Science

Your project should be either an experiment or an invention.

Experiments: You will follow the scientific method. It is important for your experiments to have data based results. For example, your problem may be, "How does the angle of a paper airplane launch affect the landing?" Through several trials, you will collect data that helps you answer the question.

Inventions: You will follow the engineering design process. We ask that you create something that helps solve a real world problem or addresses a person or group's needs. You may have a way to create an alternative form of energy. You may discover a way to build an inexpensive robot that helps kids with Autism.

Every participant will receive a certificate. The top projects will receive ribbons. Some students will move on to represent Kingswood Elementary at the Regional Science Fair in early **February 2021.**