

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Re: 2012 LM Science Fair

Due to the fact that this is a home-based project, our increasing student population, and taking into consideration the numerous time constraints on families, we have decided to make this year's school science fair *optional* for students in grades 4-6. We believe student participation in this event needs to be a family decision, and ask that you discuss this with your child in the days ahead.

Mrs. Proude, one of our grade 5 teachers, will be holding an information evening for parents on Jan. 24th, from 7 – 7:30 at the school. This would be a good time for parents to view past projects, to ask any questions, etc. around the fair.

The teachers in grades 4-6 will continue to support students who choose to participate in the fair in a variety of ways in the days and weeks leading up to our school science fair on Feb. 28th, with lab time available, feedback on written work, etc. As in the past, students participating in science fair will still be asked to share their presentation with their class in the week leading up to the fair (Feb. 21st – 24th). This will allow teacher's to give further support and feedback before the projects are shared with judges.

We recognize that students have a variety of interests, and that families can provide a wide range of supports to their children. We also recognize the wonderful benefits that can be derived from participating in an enrichment activity such as this, and so hope that many students and families decide to join in!

Please take some time to have a discussion in your home around science fair, then sign the form below and return it to your child's teacher.

I, _____ give consent for my child to participate in LM Montgomery's School Science Fair for 2012. I understand that this is largely a home –based project, and will support my child in his/her endeavors.

I, _____ do not give consent for my child to participate in LM Montgomery's School Science Fair for 2012.

Signed _____

Date: _____