Dear Parents and Guardians,

Barnett Elementary will be hosting a school Science Fair on February 10, 2015. All students K-6 are invited to participate. Sixth grade students at Barnett are required to participate. This will be the majority of their grade in science 3rd term. Awards will be presented at the school level. In an effort to “go green” we are asking that you log onto our school website to print helpful information. We have provided websites and links to help you pick an exciting project, an outline of the scientific method students should use, rules of the Fair, as well as a schedule for the Fair. Sixth grade students have been given a packet that they must use to compete in the fair and must also have their project okayed by their teacher.

Our ability to solve present and future problems depends on children’s abilities to question the world around them in new and creative ways. With our knowledge of the world growing rapidly, we must emphasize the thinking skills that put those facts to use, and create organization for new facts as they emerge. This is what we hope the Science Fair can provide for our students.

The thinking skills a child develops while doing a Science Fair project are the same basic skills he or she will use daily throughout his or her life; to make sense of and clarify problems that exist, and to find creative solutions for these problems.

Please encourage your child to select projects that match their interest and abilities. Please be aware of the difference between an experiment using the Scientific Method, and a demonstration. If a project is simply showing how something works, it is probably a demonstration. The Science Fair experience should be fun for your child -something he or she really wants to explore.

Thank you for your continued support in your students education. Should you have any questions regarding the Science Fair, please contact the school and your students teacher.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Peterson
Barnett Science Committee