



Dear Parents and Advanced Science Students:

Science is such an important and dynamic field and I am excited that your son or daughter has chosen to sign up for Advanced Science this year. In doing so, they take on the opportunity to investigate a topic of their choice. This year at De Portola, Advanced Science students are required to take on the challenge of demonstrating their scientific skills by entering a project into the district level Science Fair. We will discuss the methods/components involved in completing the project during class, however, most of the work is to be done at home. The project is divided into small assignments to be completed over time and adhere to specific due dates. These individual assignments unfold as rough drafts and over time come together to complete a polished final project notebook. In order to keep up, each component is an important piece of the overall project and non-completion of one or more of the components will negatively affect your grade in science as well as the completion of the project. Therefore, in order to stay on track and focused, **please post the attached calendar to help keep track and adhere to the assignment due dates.**

It is important to note that each student must work on this project individually. Having a partner for this project is not allowed. Parents, please assist your child in any way you see necessary, but please remember this is your **child’s project and learning opportunity**. Materials used for the experiment should be inexpensive if possible. From my experience last year and the recent changes in the format of the district science fair, we will not be creating science fair presentation boards, rather a binder/notebook that documents their investigation and findings. I will inform each student of any changes to the guidelines if they occur. **The due date for the completed science fair project notebook at De Portola is tentatively set for January 16, 2017.** If a student is selected by the screening process to represent De Portola Middle at the district level, he/she will then need to create and submit a power point (describing your project) to the science fair committee. **The deadline for submitting our selected student projects to the committee is February 5, 2017.** Then if selected by the committee, the student will create a board to display their project at the event in March. If you have any questions, you can contact me anytime at mbridges@sandi.net or visit me in room 335.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mike Bridges
8th Grade Science Teacher

I have read and review the science fair project packet and understand the obligations and due dates as outlined in the packet (Please check the box).

Student Name (print) _____

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Please return this page along with a completed Project Proposal worksheet to Mr. Bridges by September 19th.
***The Project Proposal can also be filled out electronically, the PDF can be accessed at www.mrbridges.weebly.com.*