October 31, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Now that we are adjusted to the 2018-19 school year, it is time get involved in **The 2nd Annual Hammond Eastside MYP Science Fair**! This year, participants will be students who elect to take action to complete their own inquiry process of discovery and share their journey with us at our school science fair, and compete to advance to the regional competition. Students that meet all of the requirements in completing this project will receive an extra test grade for being on schedule in the 3rd 6 weeks grading period, and for successful completion of research and presentation in the 4th 6 weeks grading period. The school fair is a preliminary to the Regional Science Fair hosted by Southeastern, and we cannot wait to see what the inquiring minds of our MYP Programme will discover and share with us! The Hammond Eastside MYP Science Fair will held on January 10, 2019**.** Parents are welcome to attend the presentation orientation event on the evening of January 9, which will allow our participants to practice presenting as well as receive feedback before official judging the following day. Details will follow.

The MYP science department will maintain a guidance role in 1) approving the project proposal, 2) communicating expectations and monitoring adherence to the given timeline requirements, 3) providing points of reference for ideas, examples, and outside expertise, and 4) organizing the events that will celebrate these investigations; however, the responsibility of the project lies solely on the students who will be embracing each of the learner profiles as they take this on (with required parental help as needed).   Students can complete the project independently, or they may choose to work in pairs/groups of 2 – 4, as long as responsibility and involvement is proven to be as equal as possible.   Students are expected to complete all of the project outside of school, and materials for completing the project are the responsibility of the participants.

Each project will require a trifold display meeting requirements, a research report, a project journal completed by EACH participant, and a five-minute oral presentation to judges at the Science Fair. Requirements regarding all of these can be found in the packet that will go home upon receipt of parental permission form.

Students will be given a **Student Project Guide,** which contains important information and will help students complete their project. Please read through the guide. Additionally, information regarding the Hammond Eastside Science Fair will be posted in the 2019 Science Fair Participant Info Google Classroom page. To get to this, open your student email account from www.tangischools.org and click on the "waffle" in the top right side. Select the green Classroom icon, then click the "+" in the upper right side to add a new class. The code for our 2019 Science Fair Participant Info Google Classroom page is **io924pr**

Students wishing to participate in the Science Fair must submit a project proposal **by Friday, November 9, 2018** to their science teacher**.** Final projects are due the morning of Wednesday **January 9, 2018** and students will have an opportunity to report to HEM's gymnasium that day to ensure their projects are ready & prepared for practice presentations with visiting parents later that evening. Students may volunteer for community service to help with Science Fair setup, organization and cleanup. An announcement will be made approximately one month before the event regarding volunteers needed. If you would like to help out at the Science Fair or if you have any questions or concerns, please email your science teacher at becky.tobin@tangischools.org alicia.deffes@tangischools.org, maria.sunderraj@tangischools.org . Thank you and please encourage your child to participate in this year's Science Fair. ***The attached proposal form/permission slip MUST be returned by NOVEMBER 9 to your child's science teacher.***

Sincerely,

Becky Tobin, 6th grade
Alicia Deffes, 7th grade
Maria Sunder Raj, 8th grade