Dear Science Fair Teachers:

I know many of you have been busy planning for science fair competitions, and I want to make sure you have information about the East Central Indiana Regional Science Fair.

The ECI Regional Science Fair will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2014. The location is once again in the Ball Gymnasium on the Ball State Campus. Registration will begin at 7:15 a.m., and judging will run from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m, and the exhibit hall will be closed for final judging until noon. Parents, teachers, students and the public may view the projects starting at noon, and may pack up their displays from 1:00-2:00 pm. The awards ceremony will begin at 2:30 in Emens Auditorium.

Teachers at each school should log into the SEFI Registration site soon. The address for this site is:

   http://www.sefireg.org

If you have not yet “activated” your login for that site, please go the site and do so. Click on the “For Teachers” link in the top menu bar to do this. Once you have activated your account, you will be able to create student IDs. Students will then be able to fill in the information for their projects.

As you and your students work on projects, please note that we would like teachers to create an entry on the SEFI Registration website for ALL students at your school who will be entering your LOCAL fairs. We would like to have some data on the number of students in each grade who take part in science fair. These entries will only need to include the students’ name, grade, school, teacher, and project title and category. You will be able to identify those going to Regional Science Fair at a later date.

Once students have their accounts, they can revise their files until 5 days before the Regional Science Fair. On February 17, I will lock those files so we will have time to create the registration files. Please make sure your students know they should not wait until the day before the Regional Fair to finalize their online information.

***IMPORTANT - Please note that any students using human test subjects, live vertebrate animals or bacteria are subject to limitations and must complete the Safety Review Committee (SRC) form. The online system will help you identify those requirements. The SEFI site with guidelines for projects will be used as the rules for the ECI Regional Science Fair.

I’m looking forward to another year with some great projects from your students. Don’t forget to visit our web page
(http://cms.bsu.edu/academics/collegesanddepartments/biology/researchandcommunity/ecisciencefair) for more information.

Sincerely,
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