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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The 8th Annual Douglas Middle School Science and Engineering Fair will be held on Thursday, March 29th, with students participating from 5:30-7PM. 7th and 8th grade students who want to pursue their scientific interests and challenge themselves are encouraged to complete a project and participate in the Fair. Please note that this will require a significant time commitment outside of school and during WIN at least once per week until the Fair. Students will need to plan and manage their time accordingly.

Students who wish to enter a project will have the opportunity to participate in weekly Science/Engineering Enrichment meetings during WIN. During these meetings, Mrs. GravesonPayne will offer guidance and support. Students will be given project guidelines and timelines, and student progress and next steps will be discussed. It is expected that students who choose to participate in these meetings will be fully engaged in the process, including meeting deadlines. Please note that much of the work will be self-directed and completed outside of school, as students have had more directed Science and Engineering Project experiences during the school day as 6th graders. Parents are encouraged to offer support and encouragement to meet project deadlines, while allowing students to do the projects independently. Please review the Science and Engineering Fair Due Date Calendar with your child. Please note that due to the variability of the school schedule, due dates are subject to change and students will be given adequate notice if that occurs. Information related to the Science and Engineering Project can be found on Mrs. GravesonPayne's website at
http://douglasms.ss13.sharpschool.com/staff_directory/mrs__graveson_payne_s_website/science_and_engineering_project/

We hope your child will choose to participate in this valuable and enriching experience that promotes career awareness, enhances 21st Century Skills, and excites students about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. We are so proud that many students from Douglas have excelled at the regional, state, and even national level in previous years. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. GravesonPayne if you have any questions or concerns at kgravesonpayne@douglasps.net . Thank you very much in advance for your support!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Karen Cristian, 7th Grade Science Teacher
Mrs. Kelly GravesonPayne, 8th Grade Science Teacher

All students: *Please have a parent/guardian complete the bottom portion and return it to your Science teacher by January 22nd.*

We have read the **Parent/Guardian Information Letter** concerning the Science/Engineering Enrichment opportunity and have reviewed the Science and Engineering Project Due Date Calendar. We understand that **participation is voluntary** and requires a **commitment to meeting during WIN block** approximately once each week, as scheduled, and to **complete the majority of the project outside of school**.

_____ My child plans to complete a Science and Engineering Fair project this year and will have a composition book to use as a logbook by January 22nd. We understand that much of the work will be done outside of school and that it is important that deadlines are met. My child will complete the 2018 Science Project Proposal Form, located on Mrs. GravesonPayne's Science and Engineering Project website and at https://goo.gl/forms/CwAplLFZXDZf1HBb2, by January 22nd.

_____ My child does not plan to complete a Science and Engineering Fair project this year.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____Date _____

Student Printed Name/Signature_____Science Block_____Date_____

Parents/Guardians: If you or another adult you know of is willing to serve as a judge at the Fair (3/29 from 4-7), please provide an email address so we can send a sign-up form. _____

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