Delaware Valley Regional High School

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Dear Parents, Guardians, Educators, and Student Scientists,

The first DVRHS Science Showcase will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023 and all Student Scientists in grades K-8 from our sending district area are invited to participate. The goal is to promote scientific interest and exploration among our future students while celebrating their efforts and successes.

OPTIONAL INFO SESSION

On Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 6:30 on Zoom, adults and their scientists may attend an optional info session to ask questions and review expectations.

REGISTRATION

Student scientists and their parents/guardians must register through the <u>Google form</u> no later than February 22, 2023 to participate in the competition. Late entrants may not be accepted into the competition. *You will receive an automated confirmation email from the Google form.*

STUDENT PREPARATION

Student scientists may participate in **optional** Zoom feedback sessions with high school juniors and seniors from February to April, but attendance is not required. The sessions will take place:

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 7:00-8:00 pm

Saturday, March 18, 2023 at 8:00-9:00 am

Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 7:00-8:00 pm

Zoom session registration is required through the Google form.

An adult guardian (18 or older) must be in the room with the student in order to attend the Zoom feedback sessions.

CONFIRMING PARTICIPATION

The week of February 27th all participants will receive an email to confirm their participation and showcase entry title and category for the program AND to identify any needs for presentations or tables. If you do not receive the email by March 3rd, please contact TaraCivitillo@dvrhs.org.

DAY OF SHOWCASE

Table set up begins at 9 am.

Innovation and Invention presentations will follow the welcome address in the auditorium.

Research/experiment showcases will be held in the cafeteria and/or gymnasium with tables available.

All innovation and invention showcases will be presented based on a schedule to be determined. Depending upon the number of entrants, a qualifying round may be implemented for final presentations. Presentations are limited to three (3) minutes or less.

Grade Bands: K-2 3-5 6-8

COMPETITION & PRIZES

All students in grades K-2 will receive feedback on their entry, a scholar's certificate and a participation pack.

All students in grades 3-5 will receive feedback on their entry, a scholar's certificate and a participation pack. These scientists will also be entered into the competition portion within their grade band and category.

All students in grades 6-8 will receive feedback on their entry and a scholar's certificate. These scientists will also be entered into the competition portion within their grade band and category.

FEEDBACK & JUDGING

All scientists will receive feedback on their entry.

The judging panel for prize categories will be composed of unaffiliated professionals.

SPONSORSHIPS

If you are interested in sponsoring an award or the program, please contact <u>TaraCivitillo@dvrhs.org</u>.

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must be in Kindergarten (age 5) through 8th grade and attend one of the Delaware Valley Regional High School sending districts (Alexandria, Frenchtown, Holland, Kingwood, and Milford) OR reside within the district's geographic boundaries.

Parents/Guardians must complete all required forms and permissions in order for students to participate.

Students, regardless of age, must sign a declaration on the day of the showcase that the work presented is theirs.

If students work with others, they will be placed within the oldest scientist's grade band.

Projects may only be entered into one category: Experiment/Research, Innovation, or Invention.

Student scientists must be present on the day of the showcase in order to participate in the competition component.

We look forward to seeing you and your showcase on Saturday, April 22, 2023!