Einstein Science Expo Q & A

How is a Science Expo different than a Science Fair?

A science fair has a set of rules and processes that are judged and awarded at various levels. At Einstein, we have an Expo that leans on students demonstrating their learning and awards participation ribbons.

Who can come to the Expo?

Everyone is invited to attend the Expo. You do NOT have to do a display board to come. This is a schoolwide family friendly event.

What will my family experience the night of the Expo?

Lots of fun learning! There will be the student display boards to browse through, a room full of interactive experiments and scientific demonstrations with hands on components, an informative and entertaining Wax Museum of Scientists performed by some of Einstein's 4th & 5th graders, and the Scholastic book Fair will be open in the library.

Does my family have to stay the whole 2 hours?

Families can visit the expo for as much time as they want throughout the two-hour expo window.

What is the different between an experiment and a display?

An experiment follows a scientific process and starts with a question, while a display shows facts of what a student researched and learned regarding a scientific topic.

What ages can do a display board?

All Einstein students can participate.

How do I get a display board for my student?

Currently there are display boards for sale in the library for \$5. Office supply stores also carry them.

When does my student bring their display board and when do they take it home?

Display boards are brought to school the morning of March 23rd which is the day of the expo. They will be put on display by volunteers. The board should then be brought home when your family leaves the expo that night.

Does my student have to stand by their display board and present their learning or experiment?

No, students are encouraged to view others display boards and enjoy the interactive exhibits around the perimeter of the room. Students are not demonstrating a live experiment or talking about their learning. This is all displayed on the board.

What can or should my student put on the display board?

Refer to the handouts for directions and samples of what can and cannot go on a display board. Students can access these packets through their teacher, the library, front office, or parents can request a digital copy from Mrs. Johnson at <u>lkjohnson@lwsd.org</u>

Can my student bring models, collections and or experiment materials that were used?

The only item allowed is the tri-fold board. Everything you want to show should be attached to the board.

What is the Wax Museum?

This is an optional extracurricular activity offered to our 4th and 5th graders. The students will be working with Mrs. Johnson to research and get to know all about a famous scientist. The night of the expo the students will be dressed as their scientist and speak in first person as they share the information they learned with their audience.

Can I volunteer at the Expo?

This event cannot happen without volunteers. You help is very much appreciated in many different areas. A separate volunteer signup sheet is available through Ottermail or by requesting one from Mrs. Johnson at kjohnson@lwsd.org. A form will also be emailed to every family.