

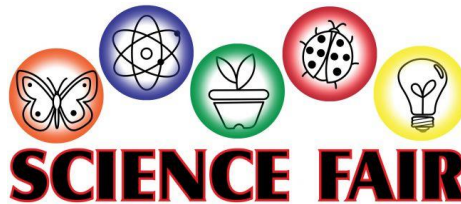
# Um Al-Qura Islamic School

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March 30, 2017

Dear parents,



We would like to announce our annually Science Fair event will be held on **March 29<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. The Science Fair for grades 4 to 8 will be held on the first day and grades 1 to 3 will present on the second day. The award ceremony will take place March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at 1:45pm. We would like to share with you some science fair tips so that you can help your child/ren succeed in this event.

The following tips are:

1. Chose an exciting topic:
  - Choose a topic that will interest and challenge you.
  - Do not be afraid to try something new; this is an opportunity to learn about something new!
  - Remember that “complicated looking” projects do not guarantee a win!
2. Preparing for science fair judging: practice makes perfect!
  - If you can present your science fair project well, you maximize your chances of winning! (See back of page for marking details)
  - Write up a short “speech” (about 5 – 10 minutes long) summarizing your science fair project. You will give this speech when you first meet the judges. (Remember to talk about the theory behind your science fair project; why your project turns out the way it does).
  - Organize a list of questions you think the judges will ask you and prepare/practice answers for them. Practice explaining your science fair project to others and pretend they are judges.
  - Practice explaining your science fair project in simple terms so anyone can understand it.
3. The project has to be done on a Bristol board or 3D Bristol board (small size 3D Bristol board for grades 1 to grade 4 and big size 3D Bristol board for grades 5 to grade 8).
4. Students are encouraged to display a model for their project in order to enhance their creativity.
5. Ideas for the project can be taken from different websites, public library books, science magazines, etc...
6. All students must complete a science fair project because the marks from the project will be included in the final report cards.



7. It is important that students and parents understand that winning the competition is not the goal of this project. It is the process that students go through (for example: research, gaining knowledge, presenting) that is more beneficial. The learning process and the knowledge gained from it is a reward in itself.
8. Students must bring their projects to the school by March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**THE STUDENTS WILL BE EVALUATED ACCORDING TO THE ATTACHED COPY OF THE RUBRIC WITH THIS LETTER.**

Wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

Grade 1-8 Science Teachers

