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Science Competition Information

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Dear Middle School Students,

We would like to share information about two exciting science competitions that you may qualify to participate in!

First, we are seeking students interested in chemistry to represent Mars Area Middle School at the annual "You Be the Chemist Challenge". This competition is sponsored by the Chemical Education Foundation and locally by the BASF Corporation. It is a fun and innovative academic competition focused on important chemistry concepts, discoveries, and chemical safety. In addition, it is also a wonderful way for you to enhance and expand your knowledge of chemistry while at the same time providing an opportunity for you to challenge yourself academically outside of the classroom. This qualifying exam will be given on **November 21st - during activity period**. The local challenge will be held on March 7th.

Second, the Mars Area Middle School is looking for a team of students to compete at the Southwest PA Regional Middle School Science Bowl, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy. The Science Bowl is a competitive science event among teams of middle school students who compete in a fast-paced verbal forum to solve technical problems and answer questions in all branches of science and math. Each team is composed of four students and one alternate student. The regional event will be held on February 29th at CCAC-South in West Mifflin, PA and features middle school teams from the Pittsburgh Area. The qualifying exam to join this team will be given on **December 19th - during activity period**.

If you are interested in either one of these competitions, please join us in room 123 for an information meeting on Thursday, October 24th - during the second activity rotation. At this time, we will provide you with more information.

In the meantime, if you have any other questions or comments, please see Mrs. Phillips or Mrs. Stavish.

Thank you!

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