



## Scientists Needed for 2012 Farmland Science Fair



### What's a 'Scientist' Reviewer?

1. You have expertise in some area of science, engineering or math. You have a spare white lab coat (preferable, but not required). You are willing to talk to kids about their projects.
2. You show up at the Science Fair at 6 p.m. on Feb. 23 at Farmland Elementary School. We evaluate projects in two shifts, K-2 first, then Grades 3-5. Depending on how many volunteers we get, you should have to "review" about four projects.
3. What you do: You go around to your assigned project, talk to the students and find out how they did their work. Then you write comments about the project on a card that you give to the students after you talk with them. One or two sentences are usually enough. Do not leave a card blank, even if you are reviewing a kindergartner. In the past, kids have complained in tears that their reviewer did not write comments on their card. You also give each kid a ribbon for participating. All this will be given to you the night of the fair.
4. Review of Science Fair Projects
  - Please make the children feel comfortable and good about whatever they have accomplished. Some children may be very shy and won't answer your questions. Just provide them with the comment card and ribbons. Remember every project is a winner!
  - Some questions you might ask:
    - ✓ Tell me about your project.
    - ✓ How did you decide to work on this project?
    - ✓ What did you learn?
    - ✓ Did you encounter any problems along the way? What were they?
    - ✓ For groups: How was working in a team?
    - ✓ Did you have fun working on the project?
    - ✓ Do you have any questions about my job?
    - ✓ You might want to make a connection to your own work or to a real-world application or consequence relevant to the project.
    - ✓ Remember to congratulate each participant on a job well done.
5. What do you get in return? Gratitude from the students, their parents and the PTA. Plus a free slice of pizza!!!

