

**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

**Your child is invited to participate in the 2011 Lincoln Public School Science and Engineering Fair. This is an exciting event that encourages students to think like young scientists. The educational benefits to participating in this event are many. It is hoped that this opportunity will allow students to explore a current topic of interest as well as initiate a life-long enthusiasm for science.**

**In the upcoming weeks your child will be designing a science or engineering project that uses the Scientific Method/Engineering Design Process to solve a problem of their choosing. Each participant will be given a guide to assist with researching and crafting a well designed experiment/project. In addition, during this process students will gain practice in effective time management.**

**During this process it is important to encourage and support your child in this endeavor. As this is an independent project outside of the school curriculum, you may want to monitor your child's progress and offer encouragement when needed. We do ask that as much as possible you try to maintain a peripheral role as you guide your child through this process. We want to assure equity and promote enrichment and extension for your child as well as others.**

**We look forward to watching your child in the undertaking of this exciting scientific endeavor.**

**Sincerely,**

**The Science Fair Committee**

***Elizabeth Averch: Science and Technology Fair Coordinator***

***Sharon Hobbs: Principal***

***Mary Sterling: Assistant Superintendent***