



So you want to present, but what's it like?

Family Science Night is an enrichment event held in February every year from 6-8 PM. It is a two-night event with age-appropriate content for grades K-2, held this year on **Tuesday, Feb 11, 2020** and grades 3-5 on **Thursday, Feb 13, 2020**. Each evening consists of about 18-22 hands-on science presentations given by STEAM professionals and amateur enthusiasts in the community. These volunteers may present on either one or both evenings, depending on the age groups most appropriate for their material.

Each presenter is given their own classroom, and arrives around 5:30 PM to check-in, set-up their classroom and enjoy dinner that's provided for them. MES families receive a ticket to go to 3 different 20-minute presentations and will attend their session as a family. The sessions are assigned based on the student's indicated interest/preferences on their registration form. Families rotate through their assigned sessions as follows:

Plenary Session - 6:00-6:30
Session 1 - 6:40 - 7:00 PM
Session 2 - 7:10 - 7:30 PM
Session 3 - 7:40 - 8:00 PM

Presenters will give the same content 3 times per night, or on a single night of their choosing, and will have 10 minutes in between sessions to "reset" their classroom.

What makes a successful session?

1. Enthusiasm! Love of your topic and science is general is always contagious!
2. Give a brief overview of your topic or concept, then plan on an activity or experiment to demonstrate the scientific principle or topic.
3. HANDS-ON or ENGAGING DEMONSTRATIONS! Our children get a lot of sit-and-listen time everyday. This is an opportunity for them to fully engage in a live learning session. Sometimes the simplest experiments/interactions can be the most memorable.
4. Don't run out of materials! You should plan on having ~10-15 children per session. Presenters may request class-size maximums, and we are happy to communicate the number of students registered for a particular session in advance.
5. We can assist with providing projectors, assigning classrooms with a sink (if needed), etc. Presenters indicate these needs to us during the registration process. However, we do ask that if you need a computer that you provide your own.

Being a presenter at Family Science Night is an amazing and rewarding experience and we look forward to counting you as a part of this exciting evening.

Shoot us an email to let us know you're interested in presenting!

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