

Science Express Participants,

Welcome back to another school year! First let me start off by saying that the price per teacher is still \$300 per teacher per year. We are still offering a discount to schools that have 4 or more teachers in the program. No one school should have to pay more than \$1000 per year for participation in Science Express. We will be sending out invoices before the end of August. The invoices will be sent to a participant at each school. Please get it into the hands of the correct person. **Also, I cannot bring you any equipment until I get a statement of assurances signed by you and your administrator.** Please remember we also need your participant information sheet filled out each year, even if the information on them has not changed. Thank you for your help in this area.

Something new for this year is that the Science Express reservation sheets will be filled out and signed electronically on a tablet. We will no longer leave a yellow carbon copy with you when we pick up equipment. If you would like a log of your instrument usage for the year, let Zach know and he can send you the electronic copies. We are trying our best to keep this transition as painless as possible, but please bear with us if we have some small hiccups along the way.

As it has been in the past, the equipment schedules are online so you can see when a piece of equipment is available. I will send out a set of equipment for one week per teacher at a time. If you would like to keep some equipment for two weeks let me know the week before your scheduled delivery date and if it is not in high usage at that particular time of the year, I should be able to leave it for two weeks. I will take it on a case by case basis.

Science Express worked with roughly 40 teachers this summer. In doing so, we found out that many of our labs get tweaked by almost everyone before they have their students perform them. We are very interested in hearing from you if there are changes you make to our labs. When we see trends for certain labs, we can modify them on our website to make them more user friendly for everyone. Also, if you are using Science Express equipment and using a completely original lab we would love to have it added to our website as well. Thank you for your help in this area!

Please remember that any and all Science Express equipment is to be used **ONLY** by teachers who are paid members of Science Express and are current in their two year recertification. If a teacher has had experience with a particular piece of equipment or even has had Science Express training, they are not eligible to use our equipment if they haven't had a recertification in the past two years and/or their participation has been paid for the current school year.

As always if you have any problems big or small please either call or email us as soon as you can. Email is preferable because Bill and I are out of the office quite frequently. After you have emailed me about the problem please mark the piece of equipment by writing on a piece of tape and stick it to the instrument instead writing directly on the instrument, the box it came in, or baggy that it was in. This equipment is for you, the participants, and we want it complete and in good working order when it comes to each of you. You will start to see 5 minute checklists in the equipment boxes. Please follow these checklists and/or the training you received on each piece of equipment, to look over the equipment the day it comes to you and before it is picked up again. Often, that equipment is going straight to another teacher. I will always do my best to give you notice if I will have to deliver less than the usual set. Also, much of the equipment and its accessory pieces are numbered. Please keep these same numbers together. Thank you.

Thank you for taking the time to read through this letter. We are looking forward to working with all of you this year.

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What's New in Science Express?

- Equipment that doesn't require special training is shown in purple on the delivery schedules.
- We have added a lot of new equipment in the last few months and much more is coming so please take a look at the instrumentation list once in a while.
- We have added some new labs and we are in the process of "cleaning up" some of the existing labs. If you have any suggestions, let us know. Thanks!
- The 2015-2016 school year was a record breaking year for Science Express! We had 48,405 student/instrument interactions. We made 1242 school visits to 107 teachers in 38 schools. We added 11 new teachers this summer so let's break some records!

DELIVERY SCHEDULE:

Monday: Brownsburg, Cardinal Ritter, Cathedral, Franklin Central, Hamilton Southeastern, Heritage, Herron, New Palestine, Noblesville, Warren Central

Tuesday: Calumet, Crown Point, Lake Central, Lowell, Merrillville, New Tech, River Forest, West side, Wirt/Emmerson

Wednesday: Benton Central, Central Middle, Faith Christian, Frontier, Harrison, Klondike, Kokomo, Logansport, North White, Pioneer, Tri County, Twin Lakes, West Central, West Lafayette, Western

Friday: Clinton Prairie, Crawfordsville, Fountain Central, Frankfort, Jefferson, McCutcheon, North Montgomery, North Putnam, Seeger, South Putnam, Tecumseh

Upcoming Events

- Orders can be placed starting Aug 1st.
- Equipment delivery will start Aug 8th.

We have not set any refresher dates as of yet so if you need to do that give me a date that would work for you and I'll put it on the calendar.



Happenings

Please remember no equipment requests will be taken before August 1st and no deliveries before August 8th.

Thank you to all that participated in the Science Express summer workshops! We added 11 new teachers this summer!

