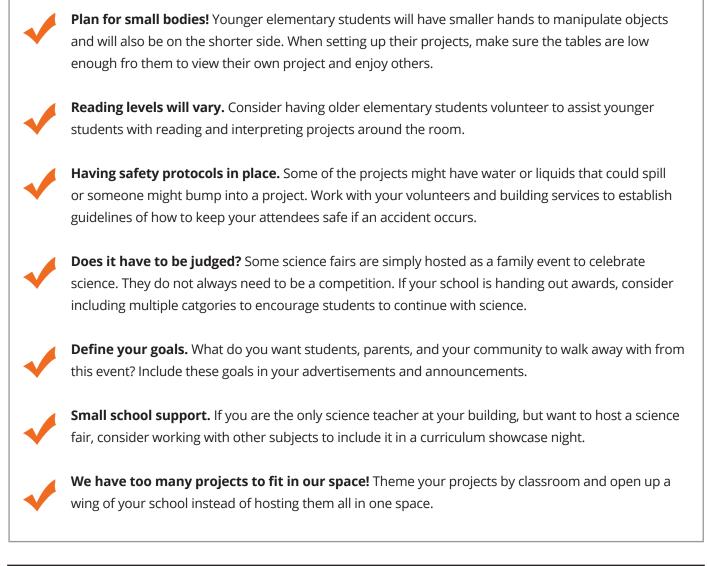
SCIENCE FAIR CENTRAL



Science fair projects are great interactive learning opportunities for young students! To ensure that the experience goes off without a hitch, consider using the following tips. They are designed to maximize and celebrate the curiosity and achievements of your young scientists!





Enhancing Participation

Family and community can play active roles in making the science fair experience fun and educational for students. Below are some ideas for involving parents and community members.

Hands On	Ask Questions
Include opportunities for parents to work on science-oriented challenges with their child.	Provide questions parents can ask their child while exploring the science fair:
 Tasks might include: Building a paper airplane and recording the distance thrown Building a boat out of 15 straws, tape, and 1ft x 1ft of cellophane and see which can hold the most pennies while staying afloat Constructing a tower out of spaghetti and gum drops Coloring a critter to camouflage in the school Creating a Grid Enlargement Tile Mural. Each family can contribute a square to build up the larger image. 	 Can you show me a project that taught you something new? Can you show me a project that used materials taht interest you? Can you tell me about your project? Where did you get this idea? What would you do differently next time?
Read	Learn Together
Recommend books and websites that parents can read with their child at home. Choose topics that showcase students investigating engineering and scientific challenges.	Invite science and engineering community members to lead small group explorations during the science fair event. This can engage parents and students while alleviating parent concerns that they need to be the expert as they attend the event.



