

TECS Science Committee update for Leadership meeting – March 19, 2019

Science Committee met on Feb 15, 2019.

5th grade Science Day team met on March 6.

Summary:

1. Upcoming Events:

a. 5th Grade Science Day - April 3 (Wed) = (5th grade + hart street)

- i. Science Day team met on March 6 to finalize plans for Science Day.
- ii. Same format as last year, which all thought was a success.
 1. All partners are secured.
 2. A few items remain to tend to.
 - a. Hikes: We have 6 adults for hikes currently. Sondra and Reale requested additional volunteers for hikes and will recruit parents for this. Rena will work with Michael Glenn from US Fish & Wildlife to prep TECS 5th graders to help in hike leads
 - b. Green Energy/Solar station. Would be good if something is hands on for the kids. Kent will reach out to the presenters to advise.
 - c. Fish Dissection. Kent will request more fish from RCD so groups of students can each have a fish and Rena will provide charts that the students can fill in with information about what they discover.
 - d. Water – last year we needed more water. Steve will check school stores to see if we have a water dispenser to use. Kent will obtain compostable or other cups, as well as water bottles to hand out to students.
 - e.

b. Science Fair - April 9, 10 (Tues, Wed)

- i. Announcements sent: (Friday Focus, MySchool Anywhere App, printed flyers home in students' backpacks.)
- ii. Logistics:
 1. Tues (4/9) = poster drop off in morning, family viewing in evening with snacks and drinks (time TBD).
 2. Wed (4/10) = classroom viewing and poster judging → Need to be sure to establish judging and classroom viewing times with teachers. **LET'S DO THIS WELL IN ADVANCE of the date.**

3. **REQUESTS:**

- a. **can we get a teacher to coordinate the times that each classroom will be viewing on Wed, April 10?**
 - b. **PLEASE ANNOUNCE to Classrooms.** We have a strong response so far, but still want to get the word out with redundancy.
- #### c. Butterfly Day - June 2 (Sun) = Butterfly Day at the Mermaid – Save the date.
- i. Alisa Land has secured the Mermaid as well as several partners, including Malibu Monarch Society, Audobon Society, Topanga Town Council, and the National Wildlife Federation. Alisa has also secured two music performers, one current and one former TECS parent, who will perform for the day - more to come as we finalize details. This is a community outreach event – it's a great

learning/enrichment opportunity for the students, and a chance for the school to interface with the Topanga community and environmental science partners.