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25 Students 21 Projects

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## Welcome to the official site of the 38th Annual Chester Science Fair!

The 38th Annual Chester Science Fair will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2018

Since our first Fair in 1980, Chester hosts one of the largest annual Science Fairs in NJ.

The Chester Science Fair is open to any K-8 student living in the Chesters, NJ.

Need Help Getting Started or Picking a Topic? Email our Science Fair Mentor

New Project Registration is OPEN. It will close Feb 12.

**Check out UPDATES for the 2018 Fair** 

Congratulations to William Li, a Broadcom MASTERS Semifinalist!!

Broadcom MASTERS Press Release Press Release in the Mendham Patch

Missed a note/email/flyer? Check the Communications from Fair tab. Questions? Email Us.

A sincere thank you to our 2018 sponsors!





"It's not just the winner of the Super Bowl who deserves to be celebrated, but also the winner of the Science Fair."

President Obama, State of the Union speech, February 25, 2011

## First Saturday in March by Anita M. Kurisko

'Twas a week before the Science Fair and all through the house

Not a project was finished; I was beginning to grouse. The children were sprawled out upstairs on their beds While tables of test data danced in their heads. Their Scientific Method notes and guides to judges' scores,

Their labbooks and pencils were all scattered on floors. And down in the office, there's another huge sprawl: Colorful printouts and posters are spread wall to wall. The computer has a virus, the printer's out of ink... I take a deep breath. "I need some perspective", I think. Children's science projects shouldn't be viewed as a chore.

A science fair project teaches them quite a bit more. They get better at science- at figuring things out. They pick out fun topics to learn something about. They challenge assumptions; they ask questions "Why?"

They learn to take data, and learn not to be shy. They ask "Why does it do that?" and "What is the cause?"

"Which experiments work great?" and "Which ones have flaws?"

They learn Excel and some PowerPoint and they pick them up fast.

In fact, this year's data analysis went smoother than last.
They learn to use cameras to document their work;
To work with partners as a team, and to not act like a
jerk.

It's all good experience: taking data, presenting results,
And defending their conclusions to interested adults.
Each year that they do it, they pull it together.
They present a solid project and hope for good weather.
The Fair is worth the time and effort, but I confess
That science and creativity often involve mess.
So three cheers for the Science Fair, and for scientific
ambition!

It's great to take part in this Chester Tradition!

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