

Grant Ranch Paw Prints

AN ECE-8 SCHOOL

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MARCH 2023

Patricia Hurrieta,
Principal



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<http://grantranch.dpsk12.org>

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February 27-March 3

- PTO Book Drive and Read Across America Celebration

February 28

- Grant Ranch Roller Skate Party 4-6 pm @ Skate City

March 3

- Read Across America Day- PJ Day

March 15

- Student Recognition Assembly @ 10:15am

March 21-April 13

- CMAS testing for grades 3-8

March 27-April 3

- No School Spring Break

March Recognition Assembly

The Culture Committee is putting together another Recognition Assembly. The assembly will take place on **Wednesday, March 15th at 10:15am**. The goal of this assembly is to recognize students for different achievements. We will be recognizing our students with outstanding attendance, extracurricular achievements and we would also like your help in awarding some specific students from each of your classes!

CMAS Testing Begins March 21

Dear Grant Ranch Families:

Starting on March 21, 2023, Colorado students begin taking CMAS, the **Colorado Measures of Academic Success**. CMAS measures student proficiency on the Colorado Academic Standards. These standards provide clear and consistent guidelines on what students should know and be able to do at the end of the year, across grade levels and subject areas.

Grades 3-8 will take English language arts and math assessments. Qualifying Spanish speakers in grades 3 and 4 may take the Spanish language arts assessment, in place of the English language arts assessment. Grades 5, 8 and 11 will take a science assessment.

CMAS is the *only* common measurement of student progress across the state. Although CMAS is just *one* measurement of learning, results help provide answers to these important questions:

- What is my child's level of proficiency on state standards?
- How is my child doing academically following pandemic disruptions?
- Does my child need additional support?
- How well is my child doing compared to their peers at school and across the district and state?

Review the enclosed **CMAS Schedule** to see when your child will be testing. Students can best demonstrate what they know after getting plenty of sleep the night before testing, followed by a healthy breakfast. To prevent missed instruction due to makeup testing, ensure that your student(s) arrive on-time for school, and that appointments and vacations are planned for non-testing days.

Your support during CMAS is appreciated as state assessments are vital tools that contribute towards student success. If you do plan on excusing your student from CMAS, please do so in the Parent Portal by the end of February. This allows enough time for the school to plan and schedule accordingly.

Student practice resources can be found here: <https://coassessments.com/practice-resources/>. More information about assessments in DPS can be found here: <https://assessments.dpsk12.org>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. Thank you, and go Grizzlies!

Pat Hurrieta, Principal Grant Ranch
Denver Public Schools

The following are additional resources from the Colorado Department of Education:
<http://www.cde.state.co.us/communications/cmaspurposeandvalue22-0>
<http://www.cde.state.co.us/communications/resourcesforparents>

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Grant Ranch CMAS SCHEDULE

MARCH				
Monday Mar 20, 2023	Tuesday Mar 21, 2023	Wednesday Mar 22, 2023	Thursday Mar 23, 2023	Friday Mar 24, 2023
NO TESTING TODAY	Grades 3-8 ELA Unit 1	Grades 3-8 ELA Unit 2	Grades 3-8 ELA Unit 3	MAKE-UP TESTING TODAY

Spring Break

APRIL				
Monday Apr 3, 2023	Tuesday Apr 4, 2023	Wednesday Apr 5, 2023	Thursday Apr 6, 2023	Friday Apr 7, 2023
NO SCHOOL	Grades 3-8 Math Unit 1	Grades 3-8 Math Unit 2	Grades 3-8 Math Unit 3	MAKE-UP TESTING TODAY
Monday Apr 10, 2023	Tuesday Apr 11, 2023	Wednesday Apr 12, 2023	Thursday Apr 13, 2023	Friday Apr 14, 2023
MAKE-UP TESTING TODAY	Grades 5 & 8 Science Unit 1	Grades 5 & 8 Science Unit 2	Grades 5 & 8 Science Unit 3	MAKE-UP TESTING TODAY
Monday Apr 17, 2023	Tuesday Apr 18, 2023	Wednesday Apr 19, 2023	Thursday Apr 20, 2023	Friday Apr 21, 2023
MAKE-UP TESTING TODAY	MAKE-UP TESTING TODAY	MAKE-UP TESTING TODAY	MAKE-UP TESTING TODAY	MAKE-UP TESTING TODAY
Monday Apr 24, 2023	Tuesday Apr 25, 2023	Wednesday Apr 26, 2023	Thursday Apr 27, 2023	Friday Apr 28, 2023
MAKE-UP TESTING TODAY	MAKE-UP TESTING TODAY	MAKE-UP TESTING TODAY	MAKE-UP TESTING TODAY	NO TESTING TODAY



2/27/28

Estimadas familias de Grant Ranch:

A partir de 21 de marzo del 2023, los estudiantes de Colorado comienzan a tomar la prueba CMAS, las Medidas de Colorado para el éxito académico. La CMAS evalúa el dominio de los estudiantes respecto a los Estándares Académicos de Colorado. Estas normas establecen lineamientos claros y coherentes acerca de lo que los estudiantes deben saber y poder hacer al final del año escolar, a través de todos los niveles de grado y áreas de las materias.

Los grados 3 a 8 presentarán pruebas de lengua y literatura y matemáticas. Los estudiantes calificados de 3.^{er} y 4.^{er} grado que hablan español podrán presentar la prueba de arte y literatura en español, en lugar de en inglés. Los de 5.^{er}, 8.^{er} y 11.^{er} grado presentarán una prueba de ciencias.

La CMAS es la única evaluación común del progreso de los estudiantes para todo el estado. Aunque la CMAS es apenas una de las evaluaciones del aprendizaje, sus resultados ayudan a responder estas preguntas importantes:

- ¿Cuál es el nivel de dominio de mi estudiante en estos estándares del estado?
- ¿Qué tal le va a mi estudiante en el área académica después de las interrupciones causadas por la pandemia?
- ¿Mi estudiante necesita apoyo adicional?
- ¿Cómo le va a mi estudiante en comparación con sus compañeros de la escuela y a través del Distrito y el estado?

Revisen el Cronograma de CMAS que se adjunta para ver cuándo debe presentar la prueba su estudiante. Los estudiantes pueden demostrar mejor lo que saben después de dormir bastante la noche anterior y tomar un desayuno saludable. Para impedir que su estudiante se pierda alguna instrucción por tener que presentar pruebas de recuperación, asegure que su estudiante llegue puntualmente a la escuela, y que las citas y vacaciones se planifiquen para días en que no haya pruebas.

Se aprecia mucho su apoyo durante las pruebas CMAS, ya que las evaluaciones estatales son herramientas vitales que contribuyen al éxito de los estudiantes. Si planean excusar a su estudiante de tomar la prueba CMAS, háganlo en el Portal para Padres, a más tardar, a fines de febrero. Esto dará suficiente tiempo para que la escuela planifique y programe según corresponda.

Los recursos para que los estudiantes practiquen pueden encontrarse aquí: <https://coassessments.com/practice-resources/>. Pueden encontrar más información acerca de las evaluaciones de DPS aquí: <https://assessments.dpsk12.org>.

Si tienen alguna pregunta, no duden en comunicarse conmigo. Gracias y arriba Los Grizzlies!

Pat Hurrieta, Principal
Grant Ranch
Escuelas Públicas de Denver

A continuación se dan recursos adicionales de parte del Departamento de Educación de Colorado:
<http://www.cde.state.co.us/communications/cmaspurposesandvalue22-0>
<http://www.cde.state.co.us/communications/resourcesforparents>



2/27/23

Kính gửi các Gia đình của Grant Ranch :

Kể từ ngày 3/21/23, học sinh Colorado sẽ bắt đầu làm bài thi CMAS, Các Biện pháp Đánh giá Thành công trong Học tập của Colorado. CMAS đánh giá mức thông thạo của học sinh theo Các Tiêu chuẩn Học tập Colorado. Các tiêu chuẩn này cung cấp quy định hướng dẫn rõ ràng và nhất quán về những gì mà học sinh phải biết và có thể thực hiện vào cuối năm, trong toàn bộ các cấp lớp và các môn học.

Học sinh từ lớp 3-8 sẽ làm bài thi thẩm định môn Anh ngữ và toán. Các học sinh nói tiếng Tây Ban Nha hội đủ điều kiện trong lớp 3 và lớp 4 có thể làm bài thi thẩm định môn ngữ văn tiếng Tây Ban Nha, thay vì thẩm định Anh ngữ. Lớp 5, 8 và 11 sẽ làm bài thi thẩm định môn khoa học.

CMAS là biện pháp đánh giá chung duy nhất về tiến độ của học sinh trong toàn tiểu bang. Mặc dù CMAS chỉ là một biện pháp đánh giá về học tập, nhưng các kết quả đó giúp giải đáp các câu hỏi quan trọng này:

- Mức độ thông thạo của con tôi theo các tiêu chuẩn tiểu bang là gì?
- Con tôi đang học tập như thế nào sau khi bị gián đoạn vì đại dịch?
- Con tôi có cần hỗ trợ thêm không?
- Con tôi đang học tốt đến mức nào so với các em đồng trang lứa tại trường và trong toàn Học khu và tiểu bang?

Hãy xem Lịch thi CMAS kèm theo để xem con quý vị sẽ thi khi nào. Học sinh có thể thể hiện tốt nhất những gì các em biết sau khi ngủ đủ giấc vào đêm trước ngày thi, và có bữa ăn sáng lành mạnh. Để tránh bỏ lỡ hướng dẫn do việc thi bù, hãy đảm bảo rằng (các) học sinh con em quý vị đến trường đúng giờ và các cuộc hẹn bác sĩ và ngày nghỉ được lên lịch vào những ngày không tiến hành thi.

Chúng tôi đánh giá cao sự hỗ trợ của quý vị trong thời gian tiến hành CMAS, do các kỳ thi thẩm định của tiểu bang là các công cụ thiết yếu, góp phần tạo nên thành công của học sinh. Nếu quý vị dự định xin phép cho con quý vị không tham gia kỳ thi CMAS, vui lòng thực hiện việc đó trong Cổng Thông tin dành cho Phụ huynh trễ nhất vào cuối Tháng Hai. Điều này cho phép nhà trường có đủ thời gian để lên kế hoạch và xếp lịch cho phù hợp.

Có thể tìm nguồn hỗ trợ luyện thi cho học sinh ở đây: <https://coassessments.com/practice-resources/>. Thông tin thêm về các kỳ thi thẩm định tại DPS có thể tìm thấy tại đây: <https://assessments.dpsk12.org>.

Nếu quý vị có thắc mắc, vui lòng đừng ngại liên lạc với tôi. Trân trọng cảm ơn và Grizzlies hãy cố lên!

Pat Hurrieta, Principal
Grant Ranch
Học Khu Công Lập Denver

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*Two Teams
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- If students come to school with a drink in the morning, they will be asked to finish it prior to going to class
- This helps ensure a safe and clean school for all students
- Please do not let your students bring in Caffeinated drinks to school. They will be taken and given back at the end of the day.

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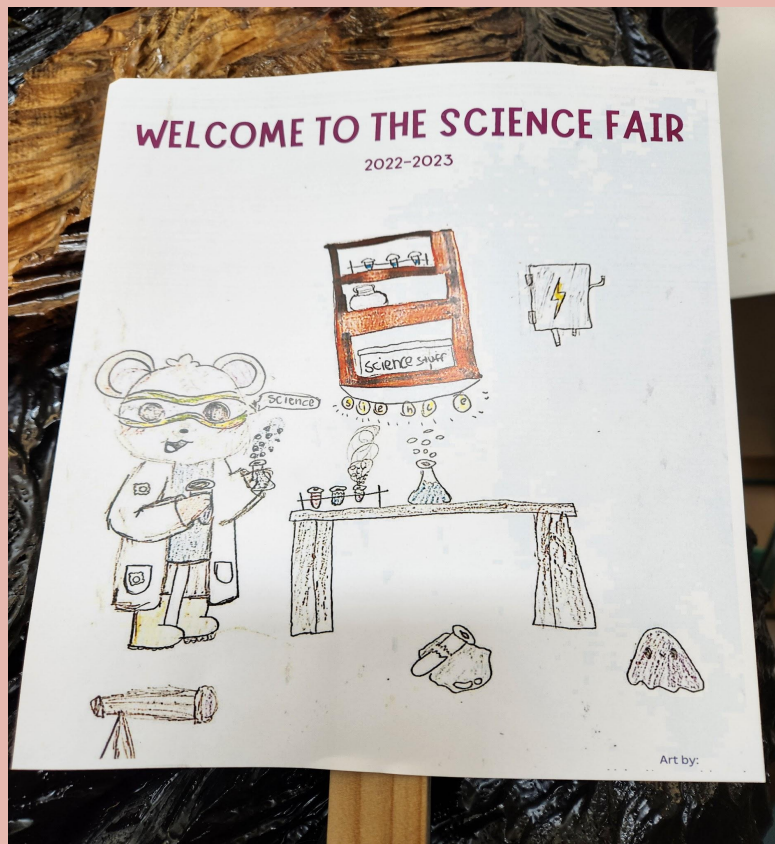
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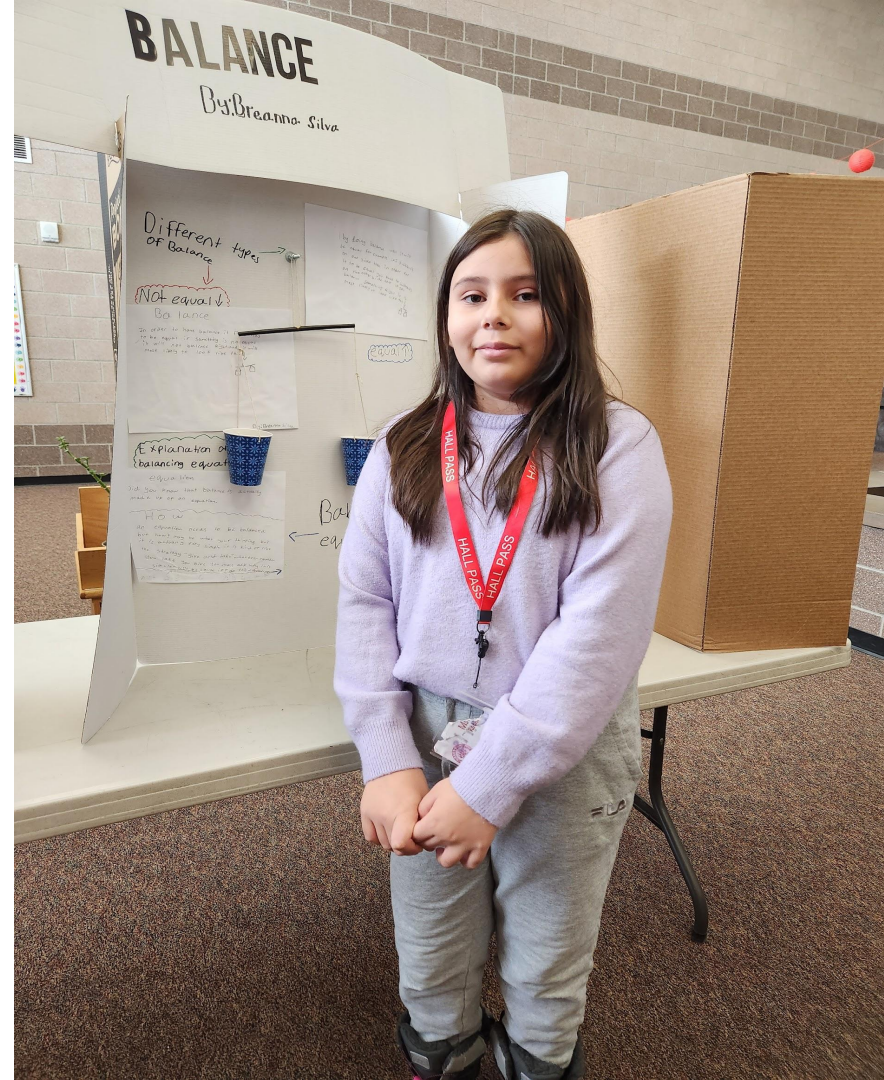
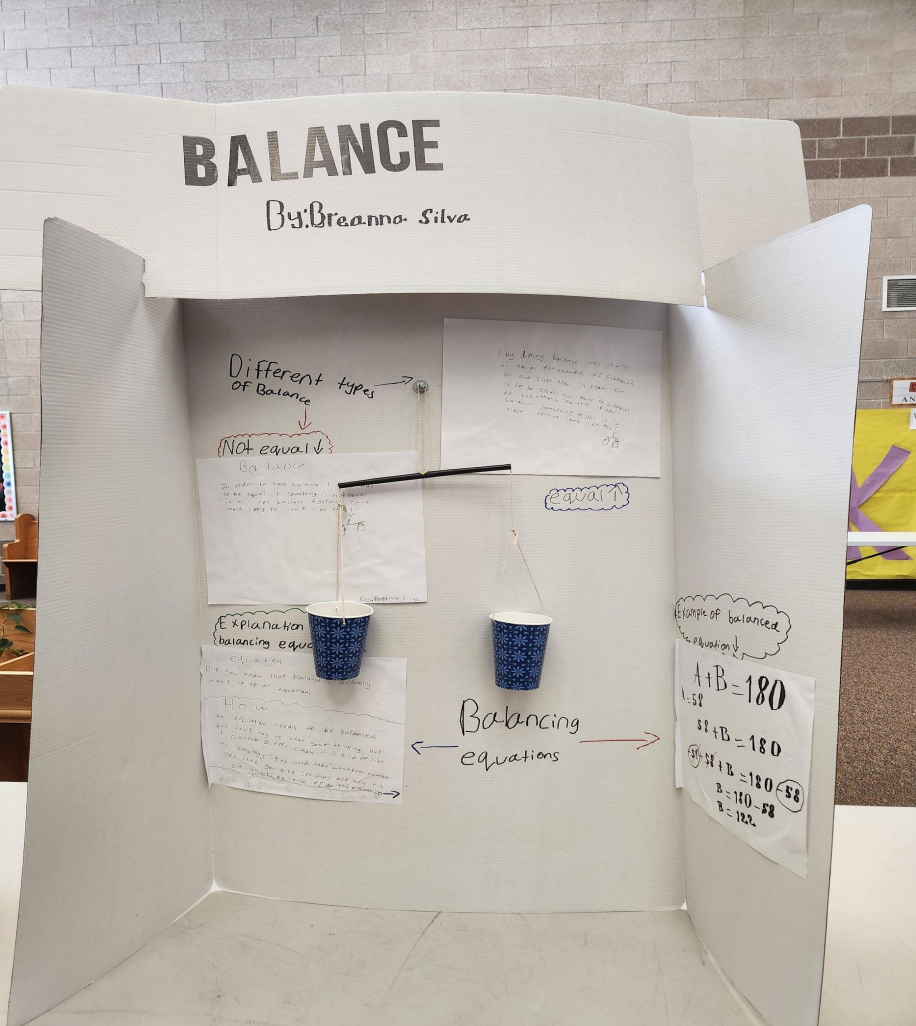


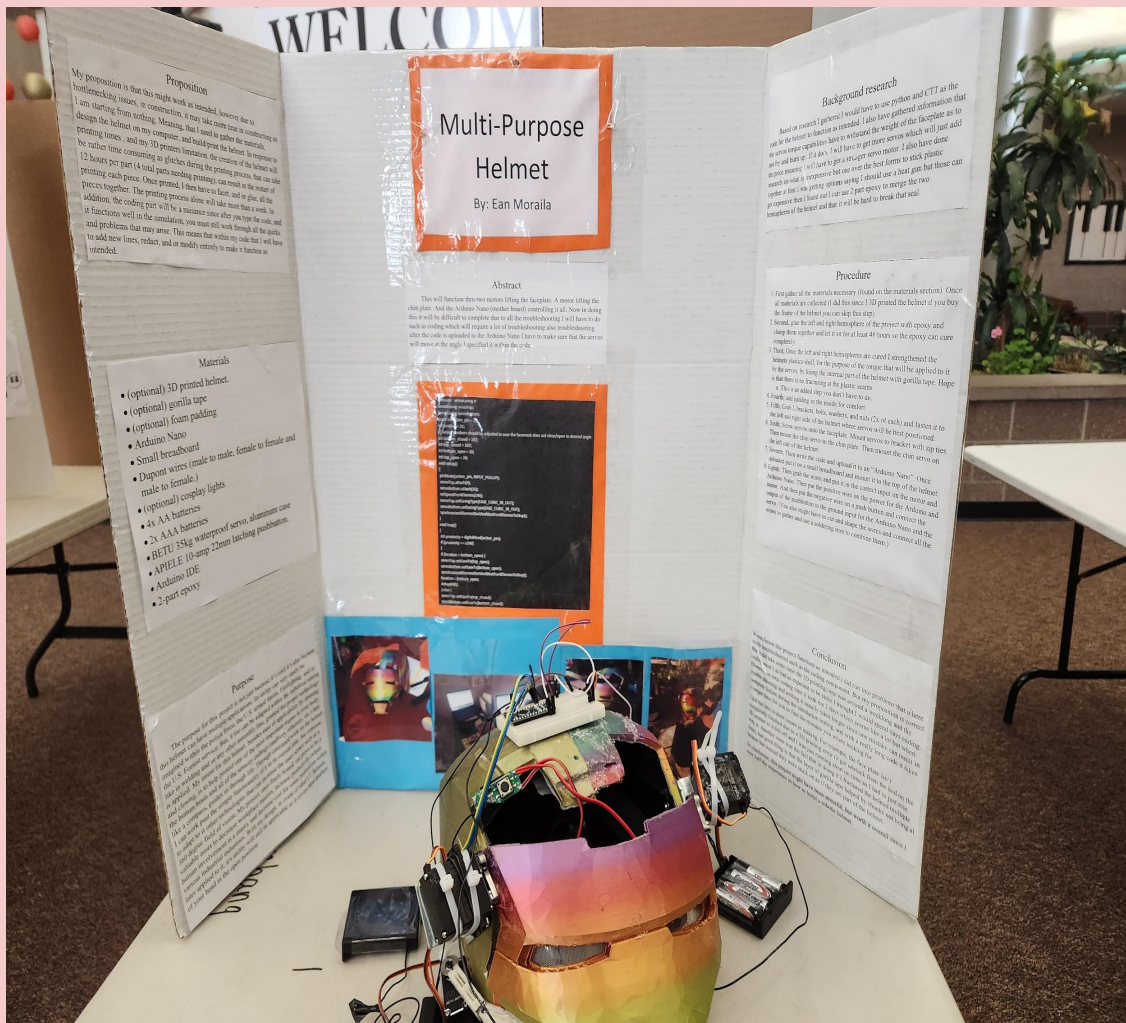
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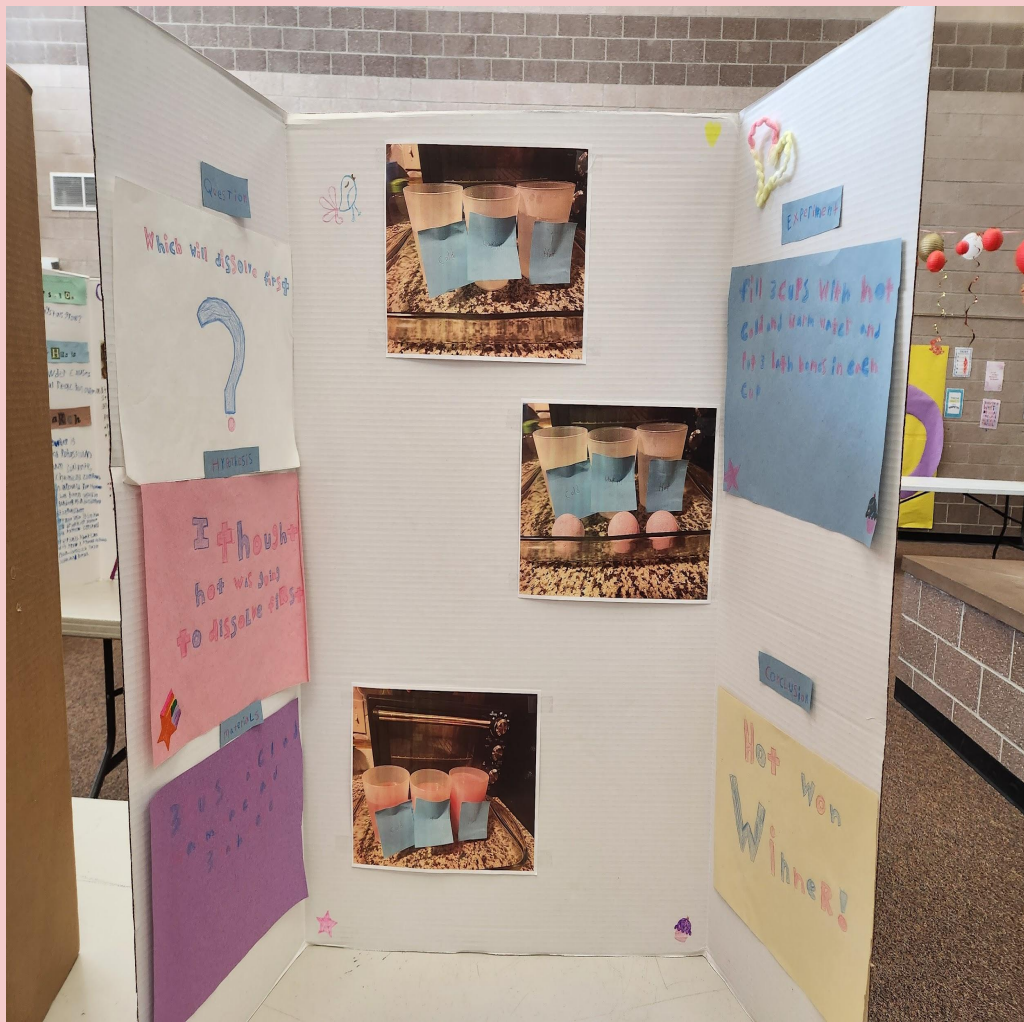
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Congratulations to these hard working
students for participating in our Science Fair!
We are proud of your efforts.







Q u e s t i o n

How do crystals grow?

GROWING CRYSTALS

h y p o t h e s i s

The Powder causes a physical reaction over time.

R e s e a r c h

- Alum Powder is also called Potassium aluminium sulfate which is a chemical compound. It has been around for many a lot of years and has been used in many different ways. And in some cases it is used in the perfume industry. It is also used in the food industry. Other materials that can also be used are Epsom salt, sodium citrate, and citric acid.

a b s e r v a c e

Crystals grow under specific conditions. A solution of alum powder and water as the water evaporates over time the powder molecules attach to one another.

Materials used: Water, Plastic cups, Alum Powder, sticks, metal jewelry Different types of glue, Crafts, Super and hot glue gun.

P r o c e d u r e s

- Placed glue on Metal Piece of jewelry
- Poured Alum Powder on glue
- Pressed down to make it stick
- Waited 3-12 hours to stick
- Heat 1/2 cup water and place the Plastic Cup
- Add 7-12 tablespoons of Alum Powder stir to dissolve
- When solution has cooled attach jewelry to sticks and strings to a craft stick to stick the jewelry into cup of solution so it is not touching the cup
- Let the jewelry sit in the solution for 48 hours!

A n n i a

R e s u l t s

Crystals did not form when using super glue or hot glue and when using craft glue. Alum Powder & glue fell off the stick and no crystals on the bottom of the cup.

When using a different Alum Powder no crystals grew at all.

Even though I changed the conditions I'm not sure why the crystals did not grow on the other materials.

C o n c l u s i o n

Crystals grow on the bottom of the cup because the Alum Powder and the water make a solution that caused a physical reaction of the water to evaporate.

D a t a

Poured Alum Powder This turns into seed crystals - While the crystals should form after the particles dissolve and the molecules attach.

As the water in the solution evaporates the Alum Powder molecules stick to one another which is how crystals form.

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PURPOSE

Does the paper towel soaking up water affect the marker ink?

MATERIALS



RESULTS

The marker ink followed the water up the paper towel.

An added discovery is the water also had color trails coming from the paper towel.

PROCEDURE

- Cut the paper towel in half.
- Colored the ends of the paper towel.
- Placed both ends of the paper towel in the water.

HYPOTHESIS

Marker color will move up the paper towel.

CONCLUSION

The hypothesis was correct. The marker ink moved up the paper towel and met in the middle.



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