7th and 8th Grade Parents,

It's time again to make plans for Science Fair Projects. All 7th and 8th grade students are required to conduct a science fair project. The project begins in November and ends in February and the amount of work is significant. However, the application of the scientific method is essential to prepare students for the inquiry assessment on the PASS test and the application of science in the classroom. Due to the amount of work and the importance of the concept, the project will be graded as follows:

- Timeline: Classwork grade for each section
- Project Planning Sheets: One quiz grade for the completed packet
- PowerPoint Presentation: Two test grades for the completed presentation
- Oral Presentation: Optional - to replace a lower quiz grade or 10 extra credit points

The Science Fair Project Packet; which includes the timeline, planning sheets, and rubric will be copied onto the student's personal drive. It will also be available by accessing a PDF file from the school's homepage: www.greenville.k12.sc.us/hughes. If you do not have access to a computer, please check below so a hard copy can be sent home. Projects will be done as a PowerPoint presentation and students will save all of their work on their student drive. Although it is not required, it is a good idea for students to purchase a flash drive so they will be able to work on their slides at home. Student drives can be accessed from home through the portal but it can be problematic to save any changes made to the file.

Each science teacher will choose the top ten projects from each class on their team. These students will participate in the Science Fair Competition at the school level. Students who participate will receive a "100-A+" to apply to any low science grade for the fourth quarter. Only students who have been chosen to compete will print their projects and mount them on a science board. Winners from the school competition will be invited to complete at the district level. Please contact your child's science teacher if you have any questions.

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I HAVE READ THE SCIENCE FAIR INFORMATION FOR THE 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR:

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Student's Name Parent's/Guardian's Signature Date

____I do not have access to a computer; please send a hard copy of the science fair information home with my child.

____ I would like to be placed on the parent email group for reminders and updates for the science fair projects. My email address is: _____

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