Science Express Participants,

Welcome back to another school year! First let me start off by saying that the price per teacher is still \$300 per teacher per year. We are still offering a discount to schools that have 4 or more teachers in the program. No one school should have to pay more than \$1000 per year for participation in Science Express. We will be sending out invoices by the end of August. The invoices will be sent to a participant at each school. Please get it into the hands of the correct person. Also, I cannot bring you any equipment until I get a statement of assurances signed by you and your administrator.

Something new for this year is that we secured funding to hire a full time van driver. We are currently posting the position and will let everyone know when we fill it. Also, new this year, Monday and Wednesday delivery days have switched. I gave a lot of heads up last year about this change. The delivery map on the website has been updated to reflect this change. If you were a Monday delivery before you are a Wednesday delivery day now, and vice versa.

As it has been in the past, the equipment schedules are online so you can see when a piece of equipment is available. I will send out a set of equipment for one week per teacher at a time. If you would like to keep some equipment for two weeks let us know the week before your scheduled delivery date and if it is not in high usage at that particular time of the year, we should be able to leave it for two weeks. We will take it on a case by case basis.

We are very interested in hearing from you if there are changes you make to our labs. When we see trends for certain labs, we can modify them on our website to make them more user friendly for everyone. Also, if you are using Science Express equipment and using a completely original lab we would love to have it added to our website as well. Thank you for your help in this area!

Please remember that any and all Science Express equipment is to be used ONLY by teachers who are paid members of Science Express and are current in their three year recertification. If a teacher has had experience with a particular piece of equipment or even has had Science Express training, they are not eligible to use our equipment if they haven't had a recertification in the past three years and/or their participation has been paid for the current school year. Failure to comply with this rule could mean your school's dismissal from the Science Express program.

As always if you have any problems big or small please either call or email us as soon as you can. Email is preferable because I am out of the office quite frequently. After you have emailed me about the problem, please mark the piece of equipment by writing on a piece of tape and stick it to the instrument instead writing directly on the instrument, the box it came in, or baggy that it was in. This equipment is for you, the participants, and we want it complete and in good working order when it comes to each of you. Please follow the checklists and/or the training you received on the equipment, to look over the equipment the day it comes to you and before it is picked up again. Often, that equipment is going straight to another teacher. We will always do our best to give you notice if we will have to deliver less than the usual set. Also, much of the equipment and its accessory pieces are numbered. Please keep these same numbers together. Thank you.

Thank you for taking the time to read through this letter. We are looking forward to working with all of you this year.



## What's New in Science Express?

- Please remember no equipment requests will be taken before August 1<sup>st</sup> and no deliveries before August 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Equipment that doesn't require special training is shown in purple on the delivery schedules.
- We are working to add new ICP kits to the Science Express program. Once they are complete we will announce training dates.
- We have added some new labs and we are in the process of "cleaning up" some of the existing labs. If you have any suggestions, let us know. Thanks!

## **DELIVERY SCHEDULE:**

**Monday**: Benton Central, Faith Christian, Delphi, Harrison, Klondike, Kokomo, Logansport, Twin Lakes, West Lafayette, Western

**Tuesday**: Calumet, Crown Point, Lake Central, Lowell, Merrillville, River Forest, Thea Bowman

**Wednesday**: Brownsburg, Cardinal Ritter, Cathedral, Franklin Central, Hamilton Southeastern, Heritage, Guerin, Herron, New Palestine, Noblesville, Sheridan, Shortridge, Warren Central

**Friday:** Clinton Prairie, Crawfordsville, Frankfort, Jefferson, McCutcheon, North Montgomery, North Putnam, South Putnam

## **Upcoming Events**

- 8/1 Orders can be placed
- 8/12 Equipment delivery will start



## Happenings

- Two Physics labs have been updated you can find them here: <u>Physics of Guitar</u> and <u>Nature</u> of Resistance.
- Please find Science Express and like us on Facebook: @PurdueSE
- 2018-2019 was another great school year for Science Express! We had 39,583 student/instrument interactions. We made 1128 school visits to 103 teachers in 37 schools. We added 6 new teachers this summer!