What’s New in Science Express?

- We are in unusual times. Science Express is adapting as best we can to recent events and circumstances. We have not received word yet if we will be able to resume deliveries starting in August or not, but we are proceeding as though we are. Unfortunately, we do already know that we will not have the funding for the van driver next year. This alone means drastic changes to equipment delivery. We will move back to a 3 day delivery week. We will have to stop service to some schools. The decision as to which schools will still get service will be based on two main criteria: past usage for the school as a whole and distance from Purdue and other Science Express schools. We have not made the final list yet, but as soon as we have it we will share it with all participants. This will hopefully be temporary.

- Please remember our Multimedia/Videos section on the website. It has some really good online resources for science teachers.

Science Express is changing our training this summer as well. New teacher training is postponed indefinitely. We have to focus on current teachers and keeping up their recertification. The Science Express board has decided unanimously to go to virtual workshops for this summer’s recertification. The training will occur during the week of June 29th-July 3rd. You will need to register by June 8th. It would be helpful if you register as soon as you can, so we know what equipment needs to be addressed. If you already registered for the July 6th date we are automatically assuming you are still planning to attend. If you need to drop out please email Zach ASAP. Once the registration closes we will send out the schedule of equipment training times. Due to the complexity and time allotment, this will be the only available recertification workshop we can offer this summer.

Upcoming Events

- 6/29-7/3 – Science Express Recertification Workshop
- 8/1 – Equipment requests can start
- 8/10 – Science Express deliveries start

When Science Express resumes deliveries there will be some procedural changes. There may need to be changes or additions as we continue through this learning process.

- All equipment will come back to Purdue to be disinfected. This means equipment can no longer go from one school directly to another.

- Science Express personnel will wear a face covering and gloves while in a school. If your school requires extra precautions please notify Zach as soon as you can.

- The phone will be disinfected before and after each signature.

- If Zach needs to self-quarantine then Science Express deliveries will cease until he tests negative for COVID-19.

Biology – Isidore      Physics – David      Science Express - Zach