

# Galesburg-Augusta Primary School Learning Fair

*Where passion and imagination collide with education!*

## ~ The Family Guide ~

(The What, When, Where, Who, Why and How's of the Learning Fair!)

**Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Preparation for the **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Galesburg-Augusta Primary School Learning Fair** has begun! This is a non-competitive, voluntary Learning Fair to be held on **Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019** in the **Primary School Gym and Cafeteria**. It is a hands-on opportunity for your **PreK-4<sup>th</sup> grade** child to show off the product of his/her imagination! Projects could be from any topic of interest: art, creative writing, science or social studies. Projects will be done at home with some adult assistance, and brought to school for the Fair. This is a child-led, parent-supported enriching activity.

There are **TWO goals** in this event:

→ **Goal #1: HAVE FUN!**

→ **Goal #2: BE CURIOUS AND DISCOVER SOMETHING NEW!**

Remember, these are early elementary school-age kids. The learning fair was created to help children enjoy the process of completing a project with their family or project partner all while learning something new. It really can be fun to learn!



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## **PROJECT STEP-BY-STEP “HOW TO’S”:**

### **1. Choose a Project:**

Choose something of natural interest to your child. Together, brainstorm on how to portray that information, such as in an experiment, by using the written word or a photograph, or even creating a sample of the work.

Project Topic Help: If you need help finding a topic for your project, the internet has many websites with learning or science fair projects topics and ideas (visit the <http://gaprimarylearningfair.weebly.com> website for links). The school's library will also have a collection of project type books available for you as will the Galesburg-Charleston Memorial Library.

Safety Reminder: No open flames or live animals permitted at the Fair. All liquids must be clearly labeled (even water!) and doubly contained.

### **2. Select Supplies and Materials:**

If you need supplies or help with printing material, please let us know at [gaprimarylearningfair@gmail.com](mailto:gaprimarylearningfair@gmail.com) or contact your grade-level teacher liaison (see next page for list).

### **3. Create A Display:**

When the experiment, demonstration, or research is complete, it is time to tell the story of what happened. Putting together the display may take more time than the actual project! Your child can be as creative as they like: drawing pictures, adding photos, and telling the story in their own way. Words can be printed on a computer, hand-drawn, or in writing. If your child needs access to a computer for printing, please contact us!

The display can include a display board and / or parts or products of the project, such as small models, plants, crystals, artist tools, or other visual aids, as long as they are small enough to fit on the table top space (2-foot x 4-foot display area typical). IF your project requires more than the 2-foot x 4-foot table-top space allotment, please email us at [gaprimarylearningfair@gmail.com](mailto:gaprimarylearningfair@gmail.com) so that we can prepare for the extra space requirements.

Be sure to provide the following information on the Display itself:

- Project title and the student's name.
- Student's grade and their teacher's name

**Important Reminder to Parents/Mentors:**

**Remember this is a kid's project, and it's supposed to look like a kid's project- eraser marks and all! ☺**

**4. Project Set-up**

The **majority** of displays should be set up by child and parent the evening of **Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> between 3:00pm - 5:00pm** as most displays will be too large to transport on the school bus. In addition, the teachers typically take classes on tours of the projects during the day on Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 so you will want to have this set up before-hand (Reminder: Please review the "Rules and Safety Reminders" listed below).

Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, early-morning (before-school) set up will be available from 7:30am-7:50am for any last-minute changes/needs.

**Valuables:** It is also understood that some projects with very delicate/valuable (\$ or personal) items, may have to be set up right before the actual Learning Fair itself so that it/they may be monitored at all times by the student's responsible adult.

**5. Presentation: Finally At the Learning Fair!**

Learning Fair Projects will be on display for classes to view during the school day. During this time, the project displays will not be attended by their presenters or Learning Fair Volunteer Staff. The Learning Fair will be open to families and our community members the evening of **Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm.**

It is our hope that students and their mentors will attend and be presenters for their displays during the evening session but they are also encouraged to mingle and observe other displays during this time as well. The evening session is informal and inviting.

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**RESOURCES:**

**1. Contacts:**

If you have any questions, need help with any portion of a project or would like more information, please contact any one of the following Learning Fair Team Members:

Parent Learning Fair Organizers:

Wendy Lockner

[gprimarylearningfair@gmail.com](mailto:gprimarylearningfair@gmail.com)

Grade-Level Teacher Learning Fair Organizers:

Pre-K: Joan Person-Bell

[JPersonBell@gacsnet.org](mailto:JPersonBell@gacsnet.org)

Kindergarten:

1<sup>st</sup> Grade:

2nd Grade:

3rd Grade:

4th Grade:

Other Learning Fair Organizers:

Principal: Shaun Sportel

[SSportel@gacsnet.org](mailto:SSportel@gacsnet.org)

Library/ Resources: Jeff Russell

[JRussell@gacsnet.org](mailto:JRussell@gacsnet.org)

Other:

You may also call the office at 269-484-2040 during school hours for further assistance.

**2. Project Resources**

- G-A Primary Library
- Galesburg-Charleston Memorial Library (any student enrolled in the G-A School District may access the Galesburg Library regardless of where they live!)

- Other Libraries near you
- The internet also provides a wealth of information and resources to develop learning fair project ideas and specific instructions for projects. Visit our website, <http://gaprimarylearningfair.weebly.com>, for helpful links. As always, we strongly recommend any internet research and use (including these websites) by children be monitored with adult supervision and with the expectation that adult assistance will be required.

## SO... FAMILY GUIDE RECAP:

**What:** 8<sup>th</sup> Annual G-A Primary Learning Fair

**When:** Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 5:30pm – 7:00 pm  
(*Register project by Friday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019*)

**Where:** GA Primary School Gym and Cafeteria

**Who:** Pre-K, K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Graders

**Why:** Have Fun; Be Curious and Discover Something New!

**How:** 1. Choose a Project, 2. Select Supplies & Materials,  
3. Create A Display, 4. Project Setup, and 5. Presentation!



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**READY?**

**SET?**

**REGISTER!**

(Register project on-line at [www.gaprimarylearningfair.weebly.com](http://www.gaprimarylearningfair.weebly.com) or  
turn in a completed paper registration form to the office or to your child's teacher.)

**Remember the goal is to have fun and learn. Everyone who participates is a winner!**

Questions? Concerns? Need help helping your child with the project or obtaining the necessary supplies?  
Contact a Parent or Teacher Learning Fair Member listed above.

We want every child to participate who wants to regardless of circumstances.

## Rules and Safety Reminders

And then there is the fine print of any event, noting the rules and reminders of safety of others. The below rules and safety reminders are not all encompassing but are several highlights:

1. If there are any liquids, the **liquids MUST be labeled** (even if it is just water!). **All containers of liquid are to have a secondary container around them** to help eliminate spills and to help protect the gym floor.
2. Please make sure to **CLEARLY LABEL** each chemical, liquid, powder, etc.
3. No flammables, hazardous materials, potentially dangerous items or weapons.
4. Please, no live pets, animals, reptiles, etc.
5. It is expected that parents/guardians will provide the necessary oversight during this project and the Fair itself to keep their children safe as well as, all other participants.
6. There will be young children present so please double check that your display is safe for all ages to visit. Reminder, the displays are unattended/unsupervised during the school day.
7. The Learning Fair Team is unfortunately unable to guarantee the safety of any of the projects or eliminate the potential for mysteriously disappearing parts and pieces. If you have items in the presentation of high value to you or your child, we ask that you please bring it with you to the Thursday event and then remain by your presentation the entire 1-1/2 hour duration of the show. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you or your child, however, as I am sure you can understand, this is a liability the Learning Fair Volunteer Team is not able to take on at this time.
8. We are on school property and providing a school event, therefore, the rules of the school, etc. apply to everyone at all times during the event and any set-up/take down periods of the event as well.