



ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE PARTNERSHIP

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Questions?

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Dear Grier Students-

As a student in the Grier school district, YOU have been given a special opportunity to apply for a unique science-based after school program called the Environmental Science Partnership- more commonly referred to as "ESP."

WHAT? The Environmental Science Partnership program is a *free*, competitive after school science enrichment program. Established in 2005 as a joint effort between Grier Middle School and the Schiele Museum, and funded by a grant from the Burroughs Wellcome Fund, the program was designed to identify, educate and stimulate student interest in the world of science activities and opportunities including citizen science programs, volunteer options and professional careers. ESP only has funding through June 2011, so be sure to take advantage of this opportunity NOW!

WHEN? This school year, ESP will be offered as a **full year program beginning on September 20th**. Students may choose after the Fall semester to drop ESP, and we will accept new students in January. Preference will be given to students that can participate all year. ESP functions much like an after-school club: after school, students will meet in a classroom and have a snack and then participate in a variety of activities themed for the program. Typically, the program lasts from 3:30 pm until 5:30 pm one afternoon a week, although there are some exceptions with field trips.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AROUND US

For 5 years, Grier students have been learning about the soil, water, air and about the environments that comprise this area. We will continue on this track, learning hands-on and prepare for the "Envirothon" completion in March. If you like, compete with your teammates for pride and prizes!

- Program dates (Mondays and Wednesdays) beginning 9/20/10 through 3/16/2011
- Special Trips, off-site visits, guest speakers and teachers, and more!
- *Only 26 participants will be selected*

WHO can apply? Any *current* Grier Middle School 6th, 7th or 8th grader with an *interest* and *aptitude* in science may apply. Students should be willing to participate in the curriculum-based after school program for the *full year*. If you have participated in the program before, you are still subject to the application and review process.

HOW do I apply?

Fill out the application on the back of this paper, OR you download an application online from either the Grier Website or The Schiele Museum site, www.schielemuseum.org.

Completed applications must be returned to the Schiele Museum by September 10, 2010. No faxed applications will be accepted. Students will be informed of program selections by September 13, 2010.



ESP PROGRAM 2010 APPLICATION

This is a competitive application, please review your work and follow instructions.

Completed applications are due to the Schiele Museum by September 10, 2010. Selections will be made by September 13, 2010
FOR GUARDIAN TO COMPLETE

Student Name: _____

Circle Gender: Male Female Circle Preferred Meeting Day: Monday Wednesday

Circle Student Grade: 6 7 8

Circle Student Race: Hispanic/Latino Black/African Native American Bi-racial White/Caucasian Asian/Pacific Islander
Other _____

Tshirt size (adult) XS S M L XL XXL

Guardian Name: _____

Relationship to Student: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Guardian Email: _____

Phone: *(please circle which number is best to reach you, or if you prefer email, please circle address).

Cell: () _____

Home: () _____

Work: () _____

If your student was selected, would s/he need to get a bus ride home (5:30 end time)?* Yes No

Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

* This will not affect student selection.

FOR STUDENT TO COMPLETE:

Please answer the 3 parts of the application as accurately as possible. Please circle:

1. Do you have time to commit to coming regularly to this program? Yes No

(If you miss 2 classes your spot will be relinquished to another student).

2. What is your interest in Environmental Science? Please check the box that applies to you.

TOPIC	Not interested	Somewhat interested	Very interested	Don't know
Amphibians				
Ecology				
Fungi				
Insects				
Maps				
Mammals				
Plants				
Reptiles				
Rocks/Minerals				
Soil				
Technology				
Water				
Weather				
Being Outside				
Lab Equipment				

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Please write short answers (100-200 words) to each of the questions below:

- A. Why are you interested in participating in ESP?
- B. What do you like *most* about science?
- C. Describe an experience you have had with science that has left an impression on you.

**** 6th Graders only have to choose 1 question to answer.****

Your short answers help to evaluate your potential interest, aptitude and commitment to the program.



**TEACHER RECOMMENDATION
FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE PARTNERSHIP
TRIMESTER 2008-2009 PROGRAM**

Teachers- *Please seal in envelope for student to turn in with application. Applications are due by May 31st, 2008. Students will be informed of selections by June 30, 2008.*

FOR THE STUDENT TO COMPLETE:

Student Name: _____

Applying for trimester(s):

Fall 2008 Winter 08-09 Spring 2009

Teacher Name: _____ Subject(s): _____

FOR THE TEACHER TO COMPLETE:

1. How long have you known the student? _____
2. Please rank the student on the following criteria:

The student exhibits...	Never	Sometimes	Always	Don't Know
Responsibility				
Self -motivation				
Good Behavior				
Creativity				
Critical Thinking				
Aptitude in Science				
Interest in Environmental Science				

2. What is the student's average grade in *science*? _____

3. Would you recommend this student to the ESP Program, why or why not? (Feel free to use additional space if needed).

Teacher signature: _____ Date: _____

