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SCIENCE MUSEUM TO VISIT “30 SCHOOLS IN 30 DAYS” TO BRING HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES TO STUDENTS

Flint Hills Resources and Science Museum of Minnesota partnership enhances science, technology, engineering, and math education

SAINT PAUL, Minn. – As the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) explores ways to improve science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education, the Science Museum of Minnesota and Flint Hills Resources are collaborating on a hands-on program for students that enhances the MDE’s initiatives.

The “30 Schools in 30 Days” program extends from Governor Tim Pawlenty’s Roundtable meeting of education, business, science and community leaders held in March to discuss STEM education. The program also supports the MDE’s goal to “link learning to life” by making science and math classes more experimental and connecting them to real-world situations.

Flint Hills Resources is providing Science Museum educational programs to 30 Minnesota schools in the Dakota County area in 30 days. Science Museum staff is giving a variety of hands-on presentations to more than 6,000 students throughout 30 days – which started on October 3 – to enrich science education and support each school’s curriculum.

“This program provides a fun and compelling way to engage students in STEM education and gives them an opportunity to take a close-up look at science and see how it applies to their lives,” said Dr. Eric J. Jolly, Science Museum president. “With the increasing demand for our state’s workers in STEM-related fields, we are intensifying our focus to further education efforts in our schools and spark students’ interest in these disciplines.”

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The Science Museum programs are 50-minute assembly presentations that include dramatic demonstrations and opportunities for audience interaction to accommodate a maximum audience of 300 students. Each school will receive one assembly program of their choice for primary students in grades kindergarten through three and one for intermediate students in grades four through eight. The 30 schools chose from six presentation topics – Antarctica; Electricity; Explain Your Brain; Three Rivers; Solids, Liquids and Gases; and Wonders of Science: Simple Machines – based on what best fits its curriculum needs.

About the program

This is the ninth year that Flint Hills Resources has provided Science Museum programs to local schools. This is the first year, however, that the program will reach as many as 30 schools in a 30-day period. Along with the presentations, the program will include a field trip with free admission to the museum for students during the next year, and bussing reimbursement for each school to bring its students to the site.

This program is one of several that Flint Hills Resources and the Science Museum offer to students and museum visitors each year.

“Through our partnership with the Science Museum, we have served more than 74,000 grade school students in the past eight years with our school outreach program, which includes educational field trips, school assemblies, and museum camp-ins,” said John Hofland, Flint Hills Resources’ communications manager.

The Science Museum of Minnesota is a national leader in providing fun, educational experiences for more than one million people each year through hands-on exhibits, Omnitheater films, classes for kids and adults, special events, and statewide outreach programs. For prices, hours, specific directions, ticket reservations, and tips to plan your visit, call 651/221-9444 or visit www.smm.org.

Flint Hills Resources LP is a leading provider of transportation fuels used in the Upper Midwest. Flint Hills’ Pine Bend refinery has a crude oil processing capacity of approximately 280,000 barrels per day and employs about 800 people full-time. Flint Hills Resources is headquartered in Wichita, Kansas and also has refineries in Corpus Christi, Texas and North Pole, Alaska, as well as a chemical facility in Joliet, Illinois. More information about the company is available at www.fhr.com.

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School

Date and Times

District 200 – Hastings

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| 1. Pinecrest Elementary School
975 W 12th St.
Hastings, MN 55033 | October 5 |
| 2. Kennedy Elementary School
1175 Tyler St.
Hastings, MN 55033 | October 16
9:15 and 10:45 a.m. |
| 3. Christa McAuliffe Elementary School
1601 12th St. W
Hastings, MN 55033 | November 1
1:30 and 2:30 p.m. |

District 199 – Inver Grove Heights

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| 4. Salem Hills Elementary School
5899 Babcock Trl.
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077 | October 3 |
| 5. Hilltop Elementary School
3201 68th St. E
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076 | October 23
8:45 and 10:45 a.m. |
| 6. Pine Bend Elementary School
9875 Inver Grove Trl.
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076 | October 25
1 and 1:45 p.m. |
| 7. South Grove Elementary School
7650 Clayton Ave.
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076 | October 26
1 and 2 p.m. |

District 196 – Rosemount, Apple Valley, Eagan

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| 8. Thomas Lake Elementary School
4350 Thomas Lake Rd.
Eagan, MN 55122 | October 6 |
| 9. Woodland Elementary School
945 Wescott Rd.
Eagan, MN 55123 | October 9 |
| 10. Shannon Park Elementary School
13501 Shannon Pkwy.
Rosemount, MN 55068 | October 10 |
| 11. Pinewood Community School
4300 Dodd Rd.
Eagan, MN 55123 | October 11
12:15 and 1:15 p.m. |
| 12. Diamond Path Elementary School
14455 Diamond Path
Apple Valley, MN 55124 | October 12
1:30 and 2:30 p.m. |
| 13. Rosemount Elementary School | October 12 |

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| 3155 144th St. W
Rosemount, MN 55068 | 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. |
| 14. Glacier Hills Elementary School
3825 Glacier Dr.
Eagan, MN 55123 | October 13
1:30 and 2:30 p.m. |
| 15. Greenleaf Elementary School
13333 Galaxie Ave.
Apple Valley, MN 55124 | October 13
9:30 and 10:30 a.m. |
| 16. Cedar Park Elementary School
7500 Whitney Dr.
Apple Valley, MN 55124 | October 17
1 and 2 p.m. |
| 17. Highland Elementary School
14001 Pilot Knob Rd.
Apple Valley, MN 55124 | October 17
9:30 and 10:30 a.m. |
| 18. Westview Elementary School
225 Gardenview Dr.
Apple Valley, MN 55124 | October 18
10 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. |
| 19. Echo Park Elementary School
14100 County Rd. 11
Burnsville, MN 55337 | October 24
1:30 and 2:30 p.m. |
| 20. Parkview Elementary School
6795 Gerdine Path
Rosemount, MN 55068 | October 24
9:30 and 10:30 a.m. |
| 21. Deerwood Elementary School
1480 Deerwood Dr.
Eagan, MN 55122 | October 25
8:30 and 9:30 a.m. |
| 22. Oak Ridge Elementary School
4350 Johnny Cake Ridge Rd.
Eagan, MN 55122 | October 26
9:30 and 10:30 a.m. |
| 23. Red Pine Elementary School
530 Red Pine Ln.
Eagan, MN 55123 | October 27
1 and 2 p.m. |
| 24. Southview Elementary School
1025 Whitney Dr.
Apple Valley, MN 55124 | October 27
8:45 and 9:45 a.m. |
| 25. Northview Elementary School
965 Diffley Rd.
Eagan, MN 55123 | November 1
8:45 and 9:45 a.m. |

Area Parochial Schools

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| 26. St. Joseph Elementary School
14355 South Robert Trl.
Rosemount, MN 55068 | October 3 |
| 27. St. Mary Elementary School
8433 239th St. E
New Trier, MN 55031 | October 4 |
| 28. St. John the Baptist School
111 Main St. W, Box 50
Vermillion, MN 55085 | October 9 |
| 29. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School
600 Tyler St.
Hastings, MN 55033 | October 16
1 p.m. |
| 30. St. Mathias School
23335 Northfield Blvd.
Hampton, MN 55031 | November 3
1 p.m. |