Science Clubbers,

Second semester is here, and it's time to kick science club into gear! If you want to be a part of science club this year (ex. go on field trips) you have to get involved in one of our activities or events, so find something below that looks interesting and get started! Here's an update on our current groups:

- **Sibling Science** - Haven't heard from me about what group you're in yet? Then Sibling Science is might be for you! We're developing science activities that can fit in a small tote that can be taken home by third grade students to perform science activities with their families. If you want to participate, find a friend and begin developing an activity with a kid-appropriate science explanation! Stop by my room for more details.

- **Science Squires** - Starting later this week, groups of RHS students will be heading out to Northmoor & Kellar to put on science demonstrations for 3rd grade classrooms. This group is closed for this year, but if it goes well we hope to make it a yearly activity. Keep it in mind for next year!

- **Lead Leaders** - Lead poisoning is a big problem in Peoria, with over 10% of children tested in the 61603-61606 zip codes having high levels of lead in their blood. This can be extremely harmful for children ages 6 & under, with complications such as low IQ, speech and hearing difficulties, increased antisocial behavior and ADHD. A group of RHS students is working to address this problem, partnering with the Peoria Health Department and community group to increase the number of children tested, get the effected families financial help to remove lead from their homes, as well as building a public awareness campaign to educate families about how to reduce the amount of lead dust in their homes.

- **Science Newsletter** - We'll hopefully get this going in the next month as our other groups get active and we have something to brag about! Let me know if you're interested in being a write for the group and I'll add you to the list.

- **Radon Video Contest** - The American Lung Association sponsors an Illinois Radon Awareness video contest, with cash prizes! Interested in participating? See the link below!

- **Other groups** - Want to be a part of science club but don't fit into any of the other groups? Start your own! Contact me and let me know what you'd like to do - put on a science movie night, recruit a speaker, etc - and we'll see what I can do to help you get your idea off the ground!

Want more details about each group? Go to [https://www.peoriapublicschools.org/Domain/5305](https://www.peoriapublicschools.org/Domain/5305) and click on the link under the heading "Activities" then "Science Club" to learn more!
~Mr. Baumgardner

Radon Contest Links