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Welcome Back To School!

The members of the Science Olympiad committee invite you to participate in the fifth annual Edison School Science Olympiad on Wednesday, February 23, 2005. Last year, nearly 250 students and 100 teachers, experts and parent volunteers experienced the thrill of hands-on learning and science exploration. We would love to have you aboard this time!

Science Olympiad provides children in grades K-12 with activities designed to spark the imagination and illuminate the world of science. In our non-competitive elementary school program, students cycle through three events per grade level in a 90-minute period, working in teams of up to four to solve problems, build structures, test their scientific knowledge and stimulate their creativity. This one-night, free event is open to all Edison students and parents.

In 2004, we showcased the link between science and careers with the help of meteorologist Doug Sisterson from Argonne National Labs (Weather or Not), evidence technicians from the Elmhurst Police Department (Science Crime Busters), "The Worm Ladies" from the Glen Ellyn recycling education center (As The Worm Turns), professors from DeVry University (Circuit Wizardry) and environmental educators from the Lakeview Nature Center and Brookfield Zoo (Animal Trackers). We hope to find new partners in the community to assist us this year, so if anyone in your family has a connection to a science-oriented business or professional, please let us know.

Any questions, comments or suggestions? Call Jenny Kopach. More information about Science Olympiad can be found on the national web site at www.soinc.org.

Science Olympiad facts:

- Science Olympiad . . . is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of science education.
- Science Olympiad . . . has been holding national tournaments at the middle school and high school level since 1985. More than 15,000 schools across the U.S. currently participate. Winning students are awarded medals, trophies, scholarships and opportunities to study with organizations like NASA and the Centers for Disease Control.
- Science Olympiad . . . strives to create a passion for learning science, celebrates the outstanding achievement of students and teachers, and promotes partnerships between business, industry, government and education.
- Science Olympiad . . . brings science to life, emphasizes problem solving and teamwork, promotes high levels of achievement and excellence, and encourages students to seek out professional and technical careers in science and technology.

Committee Members: Jenny Kopach, Patti Reher and Christine McFadden, Co-Chairpersons,
Mavis Barkley, 5th Grade Teacher and Building Science Specialist