

# Helen Doherty Virtual Science Fair 2021

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*Photo or video submissions are due by:*

***Sunday, May 16, 2021***



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## ATTENTION VAN DERVEER STUDENTS AND FAMILIES!

We are excited to extend the invitation for you to participate in our virtual science fair. This is an excellent opportunity to explore a science topic that interests you.

The Helen Doherty Science Fair is non-competitive. Each participant is awarded a ribbon and a certificate of participation. You may complete a scientific model or a scientific experiment. For example, a scientific model would be an erupting volcano or an orbiting solar system. A scientific experiment would be growing plants with light and without light and then comparing the results. Here are some links of easy-to-do science experiments at home: <http://www.sciencefun.org/kidszone/experiments/> ,

<https://sciencebob.com/category/experiments/> , <https://kidactivities.net/kids-science-experiments/>.

## HOW DO I PARTICIPATE IN THE HELEN DOHERTY SCIENCE FAIR?

Take a photo or video that is thirty seconds or less of your science fair project. Then ask an adult to submit the photo or video to the shared Google Form by **May 16, 2021**.

This Google Form will be shared through your student email, Somerville District Weekly Message, and our district website. **Projects will not be brought to school.** Instead, your photo or video will be part of a Van Derveer Elementary School Science Fair video that will be shared on our school website and in class on May 28th.

## WHAT ROLE SHOULD FAMILIES PLAY?

Families may work on a project together provided the majority of the work is completed by you, the student. This is a perfect opportunity to work together as a family while developing the love for science!

## WHAT ABOUT SAFETY?

**\*\* Do not undertake an experiment that is dangerous to you and others. Do not work with dangerous chemicals, open flames, or any animals. Please make sure the content is school-appropriate.**



The Helen Doherty Science Fair photo and video submissions are due no later than **May 16, 2021**. You should get started soon!

Please email Nancy Kishbaugh at [nkishbaugh@somervilleschools.org](mailto:nkishbaugh@somervilleschools.org) or Amanda Duckworth at [aduckworth@somervilleschools.org](mailto:aduckworth@somervilleschools.org) if you have any questions regarding the Helen Doherty Science Fair.

