

THEME CONTEST - LEARNINGSPHERE 2017-2018

LearningSphere is an awesome **Academic Fair** held each year at Prairie Vista. It gives students an opportunity to research and present a special project that interests them. They can choose to research a project from a variety of areas. This year's LearningSphere will be on **Thursday, February 1, 2018**.

Each year we choose a new **theme** for this fair. Past themes have been:

- * *Get in Gear* for LearningSphere
- * *Living It - Loving It - Learning It*
- * *All Aboard* for LearningSphere
- * *Capture Your Curiosity*

We need a theme for LearningSphere for this year!

All theme ideas are **due by Friday, September 29, 2017**.

The winning theme will receive a \$10 gift card! Once a theme is selected, there will be another contest to design a button (more on that later). Start thinking!

Student's name _____ Grade _____
Teacher _____

Theme Idea

What is LearningSphere?

If you are new to Prairie Vista, you may be asking what is LearningSphere and why should my child participate, even in Kindergarten? It's not the science fair you experienced as a child. It's an **academic fair** that gives our students the opportunity to research, create a display, and present a special project that interests them from a variety of areas-*fine arts, math, social studies, and science*.

If they choose to enter a science project, students then decide whether they want to a general research project, or enter a science project that follows the scientific method. The top science experiments from 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will be considered for a Regional Science and Engineering Fair (NIRSEF) at Notre Dame. We've had many Prairie Vista students go on to win numerous awards and cash.

The ultimate purpose of LearningSphere is the joy found in discovering something new about a topic of interest to your child. We hope you will encourage your child to enter a project and take advantage of this valuable experience.

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LearningSphere Chairs