



Keatsway STEAM Fair Information Packet 2025

Tuesday, February 25th, 2025

This year's topic: Wonders & Dangers of Technology

Who: All Keatsway students (JK-6) interested in exploring a topic of their choice with their families

What: A voluntary, non-competitive project-based fair (projects may integrate science, technology, engineering, arts and math); students are encouraged to centre their project around this year's topic, but this is not mandatory to participate!

Why: To pursue personal interests, foster curiosity about our world, to build creative and critical thinking, problem solving and planning skills

Where: Keatsway gym

Cost: FREE!

Questions? Interested in volunteering?

Please direct any questions to parent volunteers at <u>keatswayschoolcouncil@gmail.com</u> We welcome all parents who are interested in volunteering to help with this event and/or know STEAM professionals in the community that would be willing to lend their expertise.

Schedule and Important Deadlines

Registration deadline - Friday, Feb 7th

<u>Display Board Distribution:</u>

Before and after school on (09:00-09:20 am and 3:40-4:00pm) Thursday, Jan 30th Tuesday, Feb 4th Tuesday, Feb 11th Tuesday, Feb 18th

It is recommended that parents assist with pickup of the boards since the boards are large. A registration form MUST be submitted (online or paper copy) for each student participating in the fair BEFORE boards will be given to students.

Schedule for the day of the Fair - Tuesday, Feb 25th

8:45-9:20 am: Bring projects to the school gym for set-up; parent volunteers will be available for questions and to assist

During school: Class visits - Teachers may ask participants to present their projects to their class during this time.

3:15 - 3:45 pm Presentations: Participants will stand in front of their display boards and present their projects to a volunteer expert. Supervision by staff is provided.

This presentation is informal. Students should be prepared to explain their project and answer three or four questions about their topic in a one-on-one conversation with a friendly and engaged volunteer expert (our volunteers are parents and University of Waterloo students). At the end of this short conversation, each participant will be given a certificate and a medal.

- * Participants will remain in the gym once the end of day bell rings. They can be joined by parents and their families beginning at 3:45.
- 3:45 5:00 pm Open House: Keatsway families are invited to view all projects at this time. Students are expected to take their projects home at the end.

Additional Notes:

- Students should **NOT bring valuable objects** to school in the morning. Items may be added to presentations after school when students are present at their displays.
- Students are requested to NOT offer candy or other food prizes as part of their project.
- Feel free to send after-school snacks with your child if needed.