



Sharks Bio-Lab Research Fair Showcase Task List

(The following is a generic list of considerations or some possible ideas as you plan for your grade level team's/classes' showcase and one that will need to be customized to reflect your specific showcase requirements.)

When: Wednesday, November 5, 2014

Where: Shark Tank

Schedule of Events:

Set-Up:

Who Should We Invite:

To Complete	Details/Follow up	Who is Responsible?
Signage: welcome poster		Done
Create evaluation for judges		Julie
Project list with numbers		Julie
Package for judges: - evaluation forms - clipboard - pen - thank you gift - bottled water		Kirstin - emailed Sandy, grab first snack break on Monday
Sign out space and let appropriate faculty know (following protocols in place)		Julie - Done
Email judges with particulars		Julie

Viewing schedule for school classes		Not Applicable
Refreshments for guests		Julie - Foods Class
Email invited guests		Julie/Sandy
Email parents and post on SchoolZone		Kirstin - done
Acknowledgement of Community Partners		N/A
Livestream showcase		N/A
Coverage schedule		DONE
FOIP Consent Forms		Julie
Let front office staff know about showcase and guests to expect		Sandy
Set up of space (could include having to touch base with custodial staff)		Kirstin/ Julie/ Sandy
Clean up of space		ALL

Five Reasons to Showcase/Exhibit Student Work: Why Showcases are Important

Increase Student Engagement - Students feel great ownership of their work because they want to make a difference and they knew their work will have an audience beyond their teachers.

Increase Student Learning of Significant Content - Significant content, skills/objectives and competencies are at the core of project-based learning. Students experience great success in meeting these standards because they are compelled to prepare for the exhibition and to work to address an authentic problem.

Promote a Shared Instructional Vision Among Faculty Members - Energy levels, excitement and pride on the part of students is very high during an exhibition or showcase. Not only are students, parents and teachers energetic and enthusiastic, but so are all other invited guests. Teachers reflect and speak of changes they would make the following year so that a project will be even more successful. Given the positive experience of exhibitions or showcases, teachers are more committed to providing students transformative learning experiences in which they

learn the content and skills of the curriculum while making a difference locally, nationally, or globally. Exhibitions can help schools, catchment areas and districts scale up effective instructional practices by showcasing these practices.

Develop Parent-Ownership of an Instructional Vision – Exhibitions or showcases provide parents with insight into the instructional vision of a school or district. This expanded understanding is crucial for generating support for initiatives.

Experience the Joy of Teaching and Learning – Exhibitions or showcases are hard work, but they are also joyful. Exhibitions provide teachers, students, parents and members of the school and greater community with the joy of teaching and learning.

The above ideas about the importance of showcasing student work were adapted from the following blog: http://bie.org/blog/four_reasons_to_exhibit_student_work