



STEPS FOR SCIENCE

September 16, 2011

Dear Parents:

On Friday, October 7th 2011, the Pocantico Hills School Foundation's annual community walk will take place at Swan Lake in the Rockefeller Park Preserve. This year's event, **Steps for Science**, is dedicated to raising funds for equipment to support the STEM program. Integrating Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, STEM engages students with hands-on experiments, encouraging them to solve authentic problems and work with others to build real solutions. Every student at Pocantico will benefit from our efforts; the more funds we raise, the more equipment we can provide for our children's STEM experiments. As always, contributions are **tax deductible**. Here's some more info:

- Please return your pledge envelopes by Tuesday, Oct 4th.
- Children who gathered pledges will leave school in buses at 8:45 and return to the school at 11:00.
- We hope that you can join us! Parents are welcome to accompany their children. Meet us at the main entrance to the Rockefeller Preserve, off of Rte 117 anytime up to our conclusion at 11:00.
- In the event of rain, we will postpone to Tuesday, Oct 11th, but let's all hope for lots of sunshine.
- The distance around Swan Lake is about one mile. Wear comfortable shoes!
- Grades K-2 will walk one mile, grades 3-5 will double that and grades 6-8 will go a full three miles to meet their sponsored challenges.
- Students in grades 6-8 will receive **two hours community service credit** for their participation.

Please encourage your children to fully participate in this effort. This is a wonderful opportunity to excite young learners with STEM and most importantly, have fun. Help us reach our goal: if 250 students each raise \$25.00, they will contribute over \$6,000 - enough to provide for an outstanding combination of equipment and materials needed to teach higher-level, observational skills!

We hope to see you at Swan Lake.

Sincerely,

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