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Dear Parents/Guardians of Elementary Students,

The Ballston Spa Central School District is excited to announce that we will be launching a new program in 2020 called Parents as STEM Partners.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite your family to participate in as many of the Parents as STEM Partners activities as your schedule allows. This program will allow families to experience together the excitement and wonder that is created around using the science and engineering practices. All of these events will be free of charge to district students and families but some will require pre-registration.

The kick off to this event will be **Super Science Saturday**, an event organized by the four elementary PTAs, which will be held on **Saturday, January 18th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**. The theme this year is Oceanography and there are many fun hands on activities planned. You just need to show up to participate in this event. However, the organizers are still seeking parent volunteers to work on science projects with student volunteers. Information about volunteering was sent out by your PTA before the holiday break.

We have developed a number of activities and resources to help students design and run an experiment or test a solution to a problem. These resources will be shared at upcoming **STEM Exploration Nights**. **Space for these programs is limited and pre-registration is required.** These evenings will be hosted by the Ballston Spa High School FIRST Robotics Competition team OXBE4 and families will have the opportunity to conduct hands on activities using the science and engineering practices. The **STEM Exploration Nights** will be held from **6:15 pm to 7:15 pm in the Milton Terrace/Wood Road Cafetorium** on the following dates.

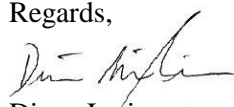
**January 23rd - Coding Night**  
**February 6th - Science Night**  
**February 27th - Engineering Night**

To register for the STEM Exploration Nights please go to <https://forms.gle/Po4S2TUW1o2GyegM6>. You can also go to the district calendar for any of these dates to click on the link to sign up.

We will culminate the Parents as STEM Partners program with a district-wide **Elementary Science & Engineering Fair** which will be held on **March 5, 2020 in the Milton Terrace/Wood Road Cafetorium from 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm**. At this event students will have the opportunity to share a project from one of the STEM Exploration Nights or one that they have done at home with reviewers from the High School and earn their "Investigator's License".

We hope your family will consider participating in as many of these events as your schedule permits. Please email me at [dirwin@bscsd.org](mailto:dirwin@bscsd.org) if you have any questions.

Regards,



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