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SCIENCE MATTERS PROGRAM TO BRING SCIENCE TO LIFE AT LESTER PRAIRIE SCHOOL

*The Science Museum of Minnesota and Flint Hills Resources
partner to bring school assembly on February 8*

Lester Prairie, Minn. – Students at Lester Prairie School will investigate real-life science phenomena through large-scale, dramatic demonstrations on Friday, February 8. Sponsored by Flint Hills Resources, the Science Museum of Minnesota will bring its interactive *Science Matters* program to Lester Prairie School to enrich students' science education and enhance their interest in the sciences. This year, the *Science Matters* assembly program will reach more than 4,500 students in 15 Minnesota schools.

Assemblies

Science Museum staff will visit Lester Prairie School, located at 131 Hickory St. N., to present a *Science Matters* assembly to 187 students at 1:00 p.m. These highly visual and exciting presentations invite students to explore:

Dinosaurs: Students will learn what the world was like when dinosaurs roamed the earth, help a paleontologist discover fossils, and reconstruct a life-sized dinosaur.

Electricity: Students will learn the shocking science and technology behind electricity, using a human circuit to demonstrate the movement of charges.

Camp-In at the Science Museum

As part of the *Science Matters* program, 68 Lester Prairie School students will attend an overnight camp-in among the Science Museum's world-class exhibitions and interactive workshops in April. The camp-in will provide students with a memorable opportunity to

explore the magic of science through a unique overnight experience. While in Saint Paul, the students will also tour the Minnesota State Capitol.

About *Science Matters*

As part of its partnership with the Science Museum of Minnesota, Flint Hills sponsors educational outreach programs that bring teachers from the museum to elementary schools throughout Minnesota that might not otherwise be able to take advantage of the museum's world-class resources. This year the *Science Matters* program will reach more than 4,500 students in 15 schools across the state.

“Through hands-on activities, *Science Matters* encourages students to explore science in new ways,” said Heather Rein, manager of community investment for Flint Hills Resources. “This program shows students how the wonders of science impact their everyday lives, sparking their interest in science.”

Since 2004 Flint Hills has sponsored interactive Science Museum assemblies and camps through the *Science Matters* program for thousands of students from across the state.

About the Science Museum of Minnesota

The Science Museum of Minnesota serves more than one million visitors each year with its hands-on exhibits, breathtaking giant screen films, special events, and unparalleled education programs. It is located at 120 West Kellogg Boulevard in downtown Saint Paul. For specific directions, parking information, hours, show times, and ticket information, call 651-221-9444 or visit www.smm.org.

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Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend in Rosemount, Minn., has a crude oil processing capacity of about 320,000 barrels per day. Pine Bend employs about 900 people full-time; an additional 400-2,000 contractors work at the refinery daily on construction and maintenance projects. More information about the company is available at www.fhr.com.

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