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SCIENCE MATTERS PROGRAM TO BRING SCIENCE TO LIFE AT ALDEN-CONGER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*The Science Museum of Minnesota and Flint Hills Resources
partner to bring school assembly on February 19*

Alden, Minn. – Students at Alden-Conger Elementary School will investigate real-life science phenomena through large-scale, dramatic demonstrations on February 19. Sponsored by Flint Hills Resources, the Science Museum of Minnesota will bring its interactive *Science Matters* program to Alden-Conger to enrich students' science education and enhance their interest in the sciences. This year the *Science Matters* program will reach more than 4,000 students at 17 Minnesota schools.

Assemblies

Science Museum staff will visit Alden-Conger to present a *Science Matters* assembly to 125 students. Through a visual and interactive presentation on engineering, students will work together to solve engineering problems, like designing a high-speed train that makes limited noise while entering tunnels, and determining which types of gloves are best for various situations.

Camp-In at the Science Museum

As part of the *Science Matters* program, 90 students at Indus will attend an overnight Camp-In among the Science Museum's world-class exhibitions and interactive workshops on April 10-11. The Camp-In will provide students with a memorable opportunity to explore the magic of science through a unique overnight experience. Now in its 28th season, the Camp-Ins program is one of the longest-standing museum sleepover programs in the nation and has reached more than 75,000 Minnesota students. [Click here to see a video about the Camp-Ins program.](#)

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. Since 2004 Flint Hills has sponsored interactive Science Museum assemblies and Camp-Ins for thousands of students from 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.”

About the Science Museum of Minnesota

The Science Museum of Minnesota serves hundreds of thousands of 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 St. Paul. For specific directions, parking information, hours, show times and ticket information, call (651) 221-9444 or visit www.smm.org.

About Flint Hills Resources

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