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### ***SCIENCE MATTERS* PROGRAM TO BRING SCIENCE TO LIFE AT BADGER SCHOOL**

**Flint Hills Resources and the Science Museum of Minnesota partner to enhance students' scientific exploration**

MINNEAPOLIS – Badger School students will investigate real-life science phenomena through large-scale, dramatic demonstrations on Tuesday, February 7. Sponsored by Flint Hills Resources, the Science Museum of Minnesota will bring its interactive *Science Matters* program to the school to enrich students' science education and enhance their interest in the sciences.

#### **Assemblies**

Science Museum staff will visit Badger School, located at 110 Carpenter Ave, to present two highly visual and exciting *Science Matters* assemblies to 50 students. The first presentation, which starts at 9:15 a.m., will invite students to explore what life would have been like for dinosaurs, help a paleontologist discover fossils, and reconstruct a life-sized dinosaur. At the second presentation, students will learn how water cycles around Earth, discover the impact of pollution on the planet's water supply, and learn about environmental stewardship.

#### **Camp-In at the Science Museum**

As part of the *Science Matters* program, 39 students will attend an overnight camp-in among the Science Museum's world-class exhibitions and interactive workshops on March 8-9. The camp-in will provide students with a memorable opportunity to explore the magic of science through a unique overnight experience.

#### **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 19 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](http://www.smm.org).

#### **About Flint Hills Resources**

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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 200-2,000 union contractors work at the refinery daily on construction projects. More information about the company is available at [www.fhr.com](http://www.fhr.com).

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