

## Science Museum bringing interactive assemblies to Staples

Staples Elementary is one of 14 schools in Minnesota that was selected to participate in this year's Science Matters program, a partnership between the Science Museum of Minnesota and Flint Hills Resources. As part of Science Matters, the Science Museum is bringing its interactive assembly program to Staples Elementary, providing 185 students with fun, hands-on activities and demonstrations designed to enrich their interest in science.

Science Matters strives to bring science to life for students who live outside the Twin Cities Metro Area and cannot easily access the museum and its world-class resources. Since 2004, Flint Hills Resources has sponsored the Science Matters program for hundreds of thousands of students in Minnesota.

Instructors from the Science Museum of Minnesota will present Science Matters assemblies at Sta-

ples Elementary on March 9 at 11:45 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. At the 11:45 a.m. dinosaur-themed assembly, students will learn what the world was like when dinosaurs roamed the earth, help a paleontologist discover fossils and reconstruct a life-size dinosaur skeleton puzzle. At the 1:15 p.m. engineering-themed assembly, 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.

### Museum sleepovers

The second part of the Science Matters program includes a sleepover at the Science Museum of Minnesota. On March 10-11, 77 students from Staples Elementary will travel to St. Paul for a memorable opportunity to explore the magic of science through a unique overnight experi-

ence. Now in its 30th season, the Camp-In program is one of the longest-standing museum sleepover programs in the nation.

The Science Museum of Minnesota is the Upper Midwest's most popular museum, inspiring more than one million people each year to explore their changing world through science. The Science Museum of Minnesota conducts research, collects artifacts, produces, distributes exhibits and giant screen films and offers educational programs for all ages.

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