

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## Media Alert

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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:**

## **Over 350 students scheduled to participate in annual Physics Day event**

**10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Thursday, September 13, 2012 • Tulare County Fairgrounds, Tulare**

The Tulare County Office of Education's sixth annual **Physics Day at the Fair** will be held Thursday, September 13 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Tulare County Fair in Tulare. At this time, over 350 sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students from nine Tulare County schools are scheduled to participate in physics-related activities.

The event is modeled after Paramount's Great America "Physics Day" and coordinated by Jennifer Janzen, science instructional consultant for the Tulare County Office of Education, Mike Milanesi, science coordinator for Tulare City Elementary School District, and Larry Owens, a physics professor at College of the Sequoias.

**Station 1 – Competition:** This station will allow small groups of students to participate in activities such as Egg Drop, Buoyancy, Paper Airplane Toss, Evil Egg Eliminator and Water Bottle Rockets.

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**Station 2 – Hands-On Mini-Labs:** Led by College of the Sequoias physics professor Larry Owens, this station allows students to examine interesting science topics.

**Station 3 – Robotics Center:** New this year, the Robotics Center will engage students in hands-on activities involving simple robots.

**Station 4 – Midway Rides:** Students will ride select carnival attractions to collect data using available Vernier LabPro Portable Sensors or using their own homemade accelerometers.

“The event is a fun way for students to see physics concepts first-hand, and to understand the effect they have on so many aspects of our modern world,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak.

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