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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Over 425 students scheduled to participate in annual Physics Day event

10:00 am – 1:00 pm, Wed., May 11 • Porterville Fairgrounds, 2700 W. Teapot Dome Ave.

The Tulare County Office of Education's annual **Physics Day** will be held Wednesday, May 11 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Porterville Fairgrounds in Porterville. Over 425 students from nine Tulare County schools are scheduled to participate in physics-related activities. The schools include Alpine Vista School (Tulare), Bartlett Middle School (Porterville), Carl F. Smith Middle School (Terra Bella), Cherry Avenue Middle School (Tulare), El Monte Middle School (Orosi), Pioneer Middle School (Porterville), Pleasant View School (Porterville), Saucelito School (Terra Bella), and West Putnam Elementary (Porterville).

Station 1 – Mini-Competition: This station will allow small groups of students to participate in activities such as egg drop, buoyancy and airplane aerodynamics.

Station 2 – Robotics Center: The Robotics Center will engage students in hands-on activities involving simple robots.

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Station 3 – Physics Experiences: Conducted by students in Porterville Unified pathway academies, this station allows students to examine interesting science topics.

Station 4 – Midway Rides: Students will ride select carnival attractions to collect data using available Vernier LabPro Portable Sensors. The sensors collect data that students use to study acceleration, inertia and momentum, which they can analyze when they return to school.

“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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