

**Subject:** Re: 5th Grade Weather Assembly

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**Date:** 3/7/2024, 11:12 AM

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I can't wait! The students are going to love this!

On Thu, Mar 7, 2024 at 10:57 AM Sharon Horvath <[horvaths@mokena159.org](mailto:horvaths@mokena159.org)> wrote:

We were thinking 10:30-12 on April the 26th.

Thank you Traci for volunteering.

On Thu, Mar 7, 2024 at 8:57 AM Kristin Johnson <[johnsonk@mokena159.org](mailto:johnsonk@mokena159.org)> wrote:

I spoke with the presenter this morning and we have planned a 1.5 hour presentation on 4/26. I said we would prefer the morning, so I would need to know what time you would want to start. Please respond with that so I can pass that along as soon as possible.

In addition, he needs a teacher volunteer with long hair (and he emphasized long) without product in it on the day of the program. Any takers?

The program will cover our local severe weather climatology, focusing on thunderstorms (including lightning and thunder), hail, winds, and tornadoes. He is a storm chaser so will be sharing photo and video footage from the field throughout his presentation. He will have multiple interactive demos including a tornado demo, electricity demo for lightning, and a thunderstorm simulation with a large vapor cloud he will make to name a few.

Dave, would it be possible to use the gym for this event? I know this puts Andy out, but he needs a large space for some of the demos. He wants the students on the floor, not in the bleachers.

I think this sounds very exciting and I think the students will really like it. Please get back to me with the start time and the teacher volunteer.

Kristin

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On Wed, Mar 6, 2024 at 3:25 PM Kristin Johnson <[johnsonk@mokena159.org](mailto:johnsonk@mokena159.org)> wrote:

I have a phone call scheduled with the presenter tonight to discuss April 26th and more details of the content of the presentation. I will keep you all posted!

Kristin

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On Wed, Mar 6, 2024 at 1:30 PM Fabiola Huerta <[huertaf@mokena159.org](mailto:huertaf@mokena159.org)> wrote:

The 26th sounds great too! Thank you so much!

On Wed, Mar 6, 2024 at 12:28 PM Carrie Ballantine <[ballantinec@mokena159.org](mailto:ballantinec@mokena159.org)> wrote:

This is awesome! Thank you for setting this up!

On Wed, Mar 6, 2024 at 12:27 PM Traci Frainey <[fraineyt@mokena159.org](mailto:fraineyt@mokena159.org)> wrote:

Hi Kristin!

How wonderful - this is so exciting. My vote is that we have the assembly the morning of

April 26th. We would be unable to do the May 15th date as that is the week of our Camp Manitouqua field trip and some classes are going on that day. Thank you so much for reaching out to set something up!

On Wed, Mar 6, 2024 at 11:28 AM Kristin Johnson <[johnsonk@mokena159.org](mailto:johnsonk@mokena159.org)> wrote:  
Hi 5th Grade ELA,

When I met with you all yesterday, I mentioned the potential for a PTA sponsored 5th grade weather assembly/presentation. (If you weren't there, hopefully the others can fill you in).

I reached out to the PTA and they would be excited to sponsor this for you! It is about \$1000.

The program would be 1.5 hours long and would include information about severe weather, being prepared for severe weather, stories from storm chasers, photos and videos from the field, interactive demos, and a thunderstorm simulation!

The company has 2 dates available this spring so we would need to act quickly. Does either April 26 or May 15th work for the grade level?

Please talk it over and get back to me on 1) if you want to do it 2) which date works best. I will then work to get everything going behind the scenes for you.

Kristin

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