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MEMORANDUM

To: Principals and Fourth-Sixth Grade Teachers in public/private schools in Dickinson, Galveston, Hitchcock, La Marque, Santa Fe and Texas City

From: Alicia C. Simmons, Program Coordinator
The University of Texas Medical Branch Office of Educational Outreach

Re: UTMB Saturday Biomedical Science Academy

Greetings! The University of Texas Medical Branch Office of Educational Outreach/Science Education announces its Spring session of the *Saturday Biomedical Science Academy* for 4th-6th grade students. **The application deadline is Monday, Feb. 16.** Students from Dickinson, Galveston, Hitchcock, La Marque, Santa Fe and Texas City who are enrolled in private and public schools as well as those who are home-schooled in the listed areas are eligible to apply. Applicants will be notified by mail or email whether they have been accepted into the program.

The UTMB Saturday Biomedical Science Academy will be held from **9 a.m. to noon on March 28, April 4, April 25, May 2 and May 16.** Student participation in the academy is free of charge.

The academy is designed to provide elementary and middle school students access to a wealth of basic research and clinical science information through hands-on experiences in the laboratory with cutting-edge scientific techniques. Through this program, the UTMB scientific community plays an integral role in enhancing pre-college students' knowledge about science and encouraging students to pursue science careers.

Our goal is to provide a medium that will allow 4th-6th grade students an opportunity to:

- * Experience a broad range of participatory science activities.
- * Stimulate student knowledge, appreciation and interest for science and related fields.
- * Participate in fun, hands-on activities in basic chemistry, physics, biology and space science.
- * Develop awareness for the "world of science."
- * See how creative, fun and applicable science can be.

Please share this information with your 4th-6th grade students. We look forward to having them participate in program.

For more information about the UTMB Saturday Biomedical Science Academy, contact Alicia C. Simmons in the UTMB Office of Educational Outreach/Science Education at (409) 772-6970 or acsimmon@utmb.edu.