MEMORANDUM

To: Parents and 4th-6th Grade Teachers in public/private schools

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 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 27, 2015. Students who are enrolled in private and public schools in Galveston, La Marque, Texas City, Hitchcock, Santa Fe and Dickinson as well as those who are home-schooled are eligible to apply. Applicants outside of the listed areas will be considered, if space is available. Applicants will be notified by email and mail whether they have been accepted into the program.

The UTMB Saturday Biomedical Science Academy will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on April 11, April 18 and May 2. Student participation in the academy is free of charge. Applicants must commit to attending all three sessions, and previous participants will not be considered. Class size is limited to 25 students.

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. Interested students should apply online at www.utmb.edu/oeo. Click on “Student Programs.” Scroll down to “Saturday Biomedical Science Academy.” For more information about the UTMB Saturday Biomedical Science Academy, contact Alicia C. Simmons in the UTMB Office of Educational Outreach/Science Education at acsimmon@utmb.edu or (409) 772-9119.

The UTMB Office of Educational Outreach encourages interaction between UTMB's scientific community and area schools through summer science camps, professional development for science teachers and other programs. Through these programs, UTMB plays an integral role in enhancing pre-college students' knowledge about science and encouraging students to pursue science careers.