

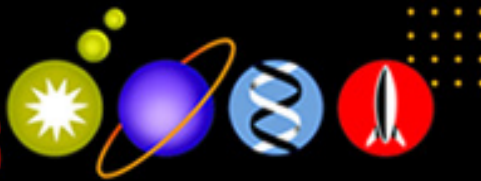
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## Science Buddies Member Newsletter

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### Quick Survey

What articles would you like to see in our next issue? [Take this quick 1-question survey](#) to help us tailor a newsletter that meets your needs!

*Dear Science Buddies Member,*

*Welcome to our first issue! You will be kept in the loop about the latest Project Ideas, Science Buddies resources, important science events, and more! Take a quick survey, on the left, to let us know what you would like to see in upcoming newsletters. And find more information about the features in this issue on our website at [www.sciencebuddies.org](http://www.sciencebuddies.org).*

*Sincerely,*  
*Kenneth Hess*  
*Science Buddies Founder and President*  
[www.sciencebuddies.org](http://www.sciencebuddies.org)

### New Renewable Energy Project Ideas

Renewable energy is a hot topic today, and Science Buddies writers have recently developed three new Project Ideas in this area, ready for you to investigate. Science Buddies thanks PG&E, whose grant support underwrites development of energy-related Project Ideas, like these:

- [From Trash to Gas: Biomass Energy](#)
- [Leaky Clues to Dam Design: How Reservoir Height Affects Hydroelectric Power Production](#)
- [Tireless Tides: Extracting Energy from Ocean Tides](#)

Visit our [Energy & Power Project Ideas](#) page for a complete list of all energy projects.

## Introducing Science Buddies' Internet Safety Guide

The Internet can be an excellent resource as you perform research for your science fair projects; however, there are also risks you might not even have considered. Science Buddies recently completed an [Internet Safety Guide](#) to help keep you safe. Do any of your usernames or passwords include your birthday, part of your address, or your name? Are your Facebook photos public? Are you tempted by those online ads to play a simple game to win a free ringtone or game console? The Science Buddies [Internet Safety Guide](#) offers tons of insightful information and tips to help you protect your identity and your privacy. Science Buddies thanks Symantec Foundation, whose grant support underwrote the development of our Internet Safety Guide.

## Brand-New Parent Resources Now Available

Science Buddies recently launched a new [Parent Resources](#) page! Whatever your background, whatever your level of scientific knowledge, we've compiled valuable resources to increase parents' confidence and motivation to help children with science fair projects. Topics include:

- [Why Are Science Fairs Important?](#)
- [Science Fair Project Overview](#)
- [How to Help](#)
- [Symantec Internet Safety Video Tips](#)

## New Academic Outreach Partnership Program

From its launch in 2001, Science Buddies has worked hand-in-hand with corporate, government, and academic science professionals to create engaging science fair Project Ideas for students. Science Buddies has always welcomed new and exciting Project Idea suggestions and collaborations and has launched its first formal Academic Outreach Partnership (AOP) program. The goals are to:

- Bring academic research into the classroom by giving students the opportunity to do science investigations built around current academic research.
- Better serve our students by increasing the number and breadth of new Project Ideas created annually.
- Work with academic partners to develop successful science outreach plans that leverage Science Buddies' audience of over 9 million visitors, including assisting with grant preparation in order to secure funding for both our partners' scientific investigations and our joint science outreach.

Maybe you know (or are yourself) a researcher or professor who'd like to share his or her work with a broader audience, or needs an academic outreach vehicle to secure grant funding. Our [Research Grants & Academic Outreach Partnerships](#) page explains more about the program.

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