

CroSSLinks

The purpose of the program is to link the science community and the school community in an effort to improve science education for Albuquerque elementary school students. Volunteers partner with teachers to advance the teaching of hands-on science in support of district standards and required curriculum.

Goals:

- To partner with teachers by providing volunteers to assist with inquiry-based science instruction
- To support Sandians and science volunteers who want to promote science in elementary school classrooms
- To provide technical role models to Albuquerque youth

Specifics:

- Follow-on to the successful SCIAD program which promoted a inquiry-based science instruction as a systemic change in instruction
- Introduced to support APS adoption of inquiry-based science materials in 1999 (one of the goals of the SCIAD program)
- Volunteer serves at school of their choice (private and public)
- Time commitment negotiated between school and volunteer
- Physical Science focus

Thanks to Gil Benavides for his extraordinary efforts in providing quality instruction in science. We have witnessed excitement and increased enthusiasm among the children toward science inquiry. Thank you for "lending" him to us. We learned a lot by watching him do what he knows best – science!

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