



Quarter 3 is going to be filled with many STEM opportunities! In our STEM lab the focus will be on **Life Science Standards** found in the [Next Generation Science Standards](#):

- Kindergarten: Survival Needs of Plants & Animals
- Grade 1: Structure & Function of Living Things
- Grade 2: Plant & Animal Diversity within Habitats
- Grade 3: Biological Evolution & Data from Fossils
- Grade 4: Information Processing: the Human Brain
- Grades 5 and 6: Energy Transfer in Ecosystems



Congratulations to the 6th grade students who will proceed to our [Windward District Science & Engineering Fair](#). The event will take place at Windward Community College on Friday, Feb. 9th, 2018. Our finalists are Sofia Viar, Sebastian Michalski, Jane Williams, Victoria Hunter, Kyron Fielder and Skyler Rusher. Our 6th grade students worked very hard on their projects. They learned so much. It was amazing to see their results, which will be showcased at Mokapu's STEM night in March. Mahalo to all 6th grade students and their families who encouraged and facilitated in these long-term projects. A special shout out to Mrs. Angel Yelton, grade 6 science teacher, who worked with these students since school began in August!



There are STEM opportunities all around us! Your kids really enjoy asking questions and seeking answers. [Check out 239 cool sites about STEM!](#)

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about Mokapu's STEM program: paula_evans@notes.k12.hi.us

Other STEM-y Stuff:

REMINDER:

Students in **grades 3-5**: it is now YOUR turn to shine! **Your science fair projects are due Thursday, February 8th** for registered participants. Winners will be announced on our STEM night on **March 14th**. Please see *Paula Evans* if you have any questions regarding **Mokapu's Science Fair**.

Are your kids interested in dinosaurs? Answer (from what I have observed): **YES!** Bishop Museum's exhibit entitled "Expedition Dinosaur" opens on February 17th, and is a great opportunity to explore how we use fossil evidence to understand earth's changes over time (plus, the dinosaurs are really cool!) [Check out it out here!](#)



Interested in helping Hawai'i's sustainability efforts. In STEM classes we learn about invasive species. On Feb. 27th, Waikiki Aquarium will host an event on this important topic, entitled "[Marine Alien Species in Hawai'i](#)"

