

7th/8th Parents,

We are starting to look toward the spring already. I know, hard to believe since winter has just seemed to come. However, in the spring the 7th and 8th grade class has a rocketry day. During this time the class travels to an open field and launches their rockets. The students seem to truly love the experience, and all that participate seem to enjoy watching their rocket soar high into the sky. We begin planning for this now due to the prep-work involved in getting ready for this day. Each of the students has the option of purchasing a rocket, and then constructing it. I will take care of purchasing the engines for the rockets. With this in mind there is a wide variety rockets to choose from, and with this variety in rockets, comes a variety in pricing. Rockets can range anywhere from \$5 to \$75. Students need to realize that no matter the price, the craftsmanship is the key to the rocket functioning correctly. If not put together correctly, the rocket can and usually will crash after just one launch. So, I would not recommend to the students who only want to take part on this day to buy an expensive rocket. The \$5 rockets work well, however, you do get what you pay for and some of these rockets seem to have more malfunctions than others. Also, please stay clear of any rockets over a Skill Level of 4, and any multi-stage rockets. Below I have listed a few model rocket sites that students can search for and find rockets at. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

-Mr. Mills

Sites:

1. **Estes Rockets:** www.estesrockets.com
2. **Apogee Rockets:** www.apogeerockets.com
3. **Discount Rocketry:** www.discountrocketry.com
4. **Hobby Link:** www.hobbylinc.com/rockets/rockets.htm
5. **A2Z Hobbies:** www.a2zhobbies.com