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### MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR RESULTS

Ten middle school projects that placed first, second or third at the recent DSISD Science Fair will advance to regional competition. The Austin Energy Regional Science Festival will be held at Palmer Events Center Feb. 21-24, 2018.

First-place projects were Karsten Bobb's "Preventing Coral Bleaching," Brant Melton's "Perception Makes Perfection," and Hayden Dunn and Jaden Batte's "Lowering the Speed of Light." All three projects were completed by Dripping Springs Middle School students.

Placing second were:

Kate Ginther, DSMS, "The Effects of Stressing Plants"

Maddie Johnson, SSMS, "Which Wick"

Weston Kirk, DSMS, "Natural Filtration"

Emma Maebius, DSMS, "Evaluating Noctoc Commune as an Alternative to Nitrogen Fertilizer"

Trevor Thrasher and Aidan Johannsen, DSMS, "Radical Reactions"

Placing third were:

Kaylie Tipton, Kylie Tipton and Sara Dunn, DSMS, "Rethink Your Drink"

Gracie West, DSMS, "Ready, Set, Rust"