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Events - Each month, January thru May 2021 will carry a WESO theme made up of a combination of past WESO events. Themes can be found on the [WESO website](#) and will be communicated through each school's head coach. **Hands-On Activities** and **Learning Modules** will be released weekly. The Learning Modules will include the *content* students will be learning and the Hands-On Activities will help to reinforce the lessons. Students will earn credit for each hands-on activity by sharing a photo of their completed project with their school's head coach.

Q: Can a student participate in multiple WESO months?

A: Absolutely. Students are encouraged to participate in whichever months interest them. Just be sure to let your school's head coach know you are interested in participating to ensure that you receive all the important communications.

Q: Are themes age and grade specific?

A: Yes. Two age/grade options will be given for each month and students may choose from the grades 2 & 3 activities and materials or grades 4 & 5 activities and materials.

Q: Can a student participate in a grade that is not their current official grade?

A: Yes. Activities and Materials are student lead meaning that a student may compete at the level they feel they are at.

Q: May a student complete all the activities for a month's theme (both their grade level and the alternate grade level)?

A: Absolutely! Students may only receive one pin for each month but our goal is for students to *have fun with science* so if they'd like to complete all the activities for the month they are free to do so!

School Participation - All schools who registered for WESO 2019-2020 are eligible to participate in WESO 2021.

Q: Is there a fee for a school to participate?

A: All fees have been waived for WESO 2021.

Practices: Students will be participating on their school team but they will be competing individually, therefore for WESO 2021 there will be no established teams. **This means that there will be no limit as to how many students of each grade may compete each month.**

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Student Tracking - School Head coaches will track all students who participate for their school in WESO 2021. The WESO Board has always sought to maintain a level of anonymity when it comes to student identities. Head coaches will create and provide each student with a student number that will be used for assessment purposes. **Any Student from a participating school who wishes to participate in WESO 2021 should reach out to their head coach to ensure that they are included on their school list. Not sure who the head coach is for your schools? Reach out to weso.science@gmail.com and we'll point you in the right direction.**

Q: Will participating students use their student id for assessment purposes?

A: No. Students will be given a WESO-specific id from their school head coach.

Volunteers - There will be no WESO volunteer requirement for WESO 2021.

Assessments - At the end of each month participating students will be given an online assessment using **Pear Deck** to demonstrate what they have learned over the course of the month.

Q: Will all students receive the same assessment?

A: Assessments will be given according to grade level. Grades 2 and 3 will receive one assessment and grades 4 and 5 will receive another assessment. Head coaches will receive the link for each assessment and assessments will be given within a general timeframe. Students may login at any time during that time frame to take the assessment. Example: Trending Today assessment for grades 2/3 will be given on Saturday, January 30th from 9am-12pm.

Q: How will the students be expected to know the material contained in the assessments?

A: All the material covered on the assessment will be provided in the weekly learning modules and hands-on activities.

Q: Will students require any special equipment for the monthly assessments?

A: Assessments will be given via Pear Deck which is part of the google platform.

Q: How will students/head coaches know how to use Peardeck?

A: WESO will provide a series of trainings for using Peardeck. Keep an eye on the WESO website and communications from your head coach with respect to when each training will take place.

Proficiency/Recognition: Students who show *proficiency* each month will receive recognition in the form of a WESO lanyard (awarded for the first month a student participates) and an event pin (awarded for each month completed).

Q: How will proficiency be determined?

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A: Students will demonstrate proficiency by successfully completing one hands-on activity per week (3 over course of month) and by scoring 65% of above on the online proficiency. Students must also complete one hands-on activity each week and submit photo proof of completion to their head coach.