



Astronomy Night at SPA



All 6th and 8th grade science classes, including parents, are invited to attend our second evening under the stars **Saturday, May 11 from 8:30 to 9:30 PM** in the **parking lot near SW corner of campus**.

We plan to have 3 telescopes set up to view the **first quarter moon, the double star in Big Dipper, and possibly other objects**; weather permitting. You are welcome to bring binoculars.

Some things to consider:

- When pulling into parking lot, drive with caution and try to avoid shining headlights toward telescope area.
- A flash light with red cellophane covering, or a dim red light is preferred.
- When viewing, please try to avoid bumping telescope. Gently approach eyepiece, and look briefly at each setup; consider the people behind you waiting their turn.
- The 6th and 8th grade science teachers, as well as the SPA STEM Club members, will be operating or assisting with telescopes, and acting as “docents”.
- Visit the Griffith Observatory Sky Report to get idea of what’s visible this week:
- <http://griffithobservatory.org/sky/skyreport.html>

Students: The same rules of the classroom apply for this event:

- 1) Please no running or horseplay, the equipment is expensive and sensitive, and difficult to realign.
- 2) Please keep noise to a minimum; listen to instructors and STEM Club members. You may just learn something.

