POB-Middle School

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**Science Department**

# Welcome back to school!

*I want to take this opportunity to wish you an exciting and successful academic year. My greatest hope is that this year you will find life science to be enjoyable and intellectually stimulating. Please read the information written on the attached sheet and sign in the appropriate space. Share this information with your parents and have them sign it as well.*

I would like to outline some things about the course. Life science provides students with an understanding of the living environment. This is a full year course with a specific curriculum designed to reinforce the following scientific concepts.

* Structure, Function, and Information Processing.
* Growth, Development, and Reproduction of Organisms.
* Matter and Energy in Organisms and Ecosystems
* Natural Selection and Adaptations
* Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems

# **Materials for the Course**

During the course I will be distributing handouts and other materials, which are to be kept in a loose-leaf binder. The following are needed:

1. 3-ring loose-leaf binder
2. Loose-leaf paper and 4 folders
3. 2 Section dividers
4. Pens, pencils, colored pencils and highlighters

**POB-Middle School** rules apply under all circumstances.

**RULES FOR CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR:**

1. Follow directions the first time they are given.
2. Be seated and ready to work when the bell rings.
3. Bring **ALL** necessary materials to class.
4. Work quietly. Do not disturb other who are working.
5. Students are not to call out. (Raise your hand and wait to be acknowledged).

6. **Respect others. Be kind with your words and actions**

***Students Assessment***

Your quarterly grades will be determined by your performance in the following areas:

* **Full period or major exams 55%**
* **Quizzes/Labs 35%**
* **Homework 10%**

***Exams*** will always be announced. A review sheet for each will usually be available. There will be an exam at the end of each unit. If you are absent the day a test is given you must take the test upon your return to school.

***Quizze***s may be **unannounced.** The questions are usually fill-in, short answer, matching, essay, etc… Quizzes can cover homework assignments, review work, class discussions, videos, lab work etc…

***Homework*** will be assigned as often as possible. Late homework will **Not** be accepted unless you were absent from school on the date the assignment was collected. It is your responsibility to show me the homework the next day. Only legible assignments with proper heading will be graded. You will sometimes copy the assignment from the board or a handout will be given or may posted on google classroom.

***Class notes: should be kept in the binder.***

1. Notes and handouts

2. Homework and Lab reports

Chronological order is important therefore, every handout, homework, lab and notes must have dates on them.

***Participation*** in the classroom is essential. Listen to the teacher and to the other students in class. Be prepared so that you can get involved in class discussions and projects.

Sincerely yours,

Ms. Llinas

Parent Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**POB Middle School**

**Life Science**

**Ms. Llinas (PRINT CLEARLY)**

**Student’s Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Grade\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Guidance Counselor’s name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Do you have exams in a testing center or resource room\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (if yes)**

**Resource teacher’s name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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***I understand the requirements and grading procedures of this science class.***

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**Student’s signature Parent’s or guardian’s signature**

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**Parent’s or guardian’s signature**

**(Teacher only):**

Parental contacts and Assistant Principal and Guidance contacts.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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