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## Liberty Science Center to Present Chemistry Program for Elementary School Students

**November 3, 2010, NEWARK, NJ**—On Monday, November 8, 2010 at 9:00 a.m., eighth grade students from Newark's McKinley Elementary School will attend a chemistry assembly presented by Liberty Science Center. As part of their Traveling Science Program, the *Chemistry: What's your Reaction?* program will discuss the study of matter, its properties and the changes it undergoes. The visual program will show students how chemical reactions cause color changes, expanding bubbles and even shooting flames.

"The students are currently studying properties of matter, which includes physical and chemical properties. They are also studying the different states of matter, as well as learning about the metric system. Programs such as this one makes Science fun for our students and gives them an up close and personal chemistry experience," said Frank Verducci, Vice Principal of McKinley School.

The Newark Public Schools has formed numerous partnerships with companies and organizations to give more hands on learning experiences to students. "Each year, Newark Public Schools students and parents visit the Science Center and its great to have a program come to the school and show chemical reactions up close," said Dr. Clifford B. Janey, Superintendent.

In keeping in line with President Obama's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Initiative, the school district encourages students to take a deeper interest in the sciences. Each year the Newark Public Schools sponsors a district-wide science fair. McKinley Elementary School is located at 1 Colonade Place in Newark.

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*The Newark Public Schools is the largest and one of the oldest school systems in New Jersey. The district serves approximately 39,000 students in 74 schools ranging from Pre-K to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The district also offers a variety of programs to prepare students for college and the workforce. The Newark Public Schools employ approximately 7,000 staff within schools and the Central Office.*

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