

## Middle School Programs

### Environmental and Earth /Space Science

Students follow a rigorous curriculum covering a wide variety of topics in mathematics and science, as well as thorough study of computer technology. While specific topics and emphasis vary in each of the schools, all students will have the opportunity to take the high school exam in either Earth & Space Science or Environmental Science at the end of Grade 8. Students who are successful on the exam will receive high school credit for the selected course. (*GT science magnet students can take Biology in Grade 8 and earn a third high school credit.*)

**Earth & Space Science:** Earth science involves students in instructional activities concerning geology, erosive forces, seismic activity, volcanology, oceanography, astronomy, meteorology and geologic time. Activities will include rock and mineral study, refinement of mapping skills, presentation of origins of the universe, investigating earthquakes and volcanoes, catastrophic weather events, ocean currents and tides, space exploration, and recent space technology advancements.

**Environmental Science:** This course emphasizes a laboratory approach to the study of the environment along with specific case studies. Topics include a required unit on principles of ecology and selected modules on acid rain, the Chesapeake Bay, deforestation, endangered species, erosion/siltation, eutrophication, global warming, populations, solid and hazardous waste, and urbanization.



*-available at Sudbrook Magnet Middle School (SMMS)*

### Sudbrook Middle Magnet School

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### Program Title: Environmental and Earth/ Space Science

Applications are accepted for Grade 6 from students in all attendance areas. Transportation is provided for students who are zoned to attend Arbutus, Catonsville, Deer Park, Franklin, Lansdowne, Old Court, Pikesville, Southwest Academy, Windsor Mill, or Woodlawn Middle School.