**OPTIONAL**Date

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This year our class is excited to participate in the Amgen Biotech Experience (ABE), an innovative hands-on biotechnology program that introduces students to foundational technologies used in the discovery of human therapeutics. The Amgen Biotech Experience provides students the opportunity to use research-grade scientific equipment, practice their critical-thinking skills, and glimpse into the field of biotechnology and related careers.

ABE began over 30 years ago as a collaboration between Amgen scientists and local high school teachers. Today, the [accomplished](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/stemworks.wested.org/amgen-biotech-experience__;!!Azzr!NSY6y8Q17671KHjJQ8l5gEPYBTBTkvPxECCjdLrMxuV0i2L52i6jKM9lSQamNQ$) hands-on program is now available across 16 countries, and virtual laboratory simulations are accessible to anyone through [LabXchange](https://www.labxchange.org/library/clusters/abe), a free online platform for science education.

**OPTIONAL**This program supports our unit on [DNA/add in relevant Unit name and standards if desired]

**OPTIONAL**Your student will be participating in ABE on the following dates: [insert dates]

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**OPTIONAL**Sincerely, Teacher Name/Signature