**MINK DISSECTION**

**Please Read Completely and Thoroughly**

**Clothing:**

* We provide aprons to wear during dissection.
* We provide goggles to wear during dissection. Goggles must be worn at all times.
* We provide gloves.
* You **must have** closed-toed shoes during dissection.

**Photography:**

* No unauthorized photos or video of any kind will be taken. *Doing so will result in 50% loss of lab grade*. Show respect. We are dissecting not playing.
* Photos should be taken with multiple devices if possible.
* No faces should be in the photos.
* Follow the instructions on the lab for pinning and labeling.

**Portfolios:**

* There is work time allotted for group portfolio work.
* This will be a group grade.
* Portfolios should be done in class and not at home!
* Photos should be printed prior to class or be readily available for printing at school.
* Everyone should look over the portfolio for correctness prior to turning the portfolio in.
* *If you are absent* on a portfolio work day, you will be asked to turn in your own portfolio separate from the group within one day of your absence. (This excludes students in AP testing- we will discuss that on an individual basis)

**Opening the Mink:**

1. The minks have been delivered in plastic bags.
2. With a sharpie, write your names in large print and class period on the bag so that they can be seen.
3. Hold the bag in the sink. Cut the bag with scissors at one end. (Do not cut off your names!)
4. Do not pour out the fluid in the bag.
5. This bag will be used for storage, so it is important to save the bag and this formalin solution to keep the mink from drying out. This can remain in the sink while you work on your mink.
6. When the mink is removed, place it directly on your dissecting tray.

**Putting the Mink away:**

1. While the bag is in the sink, place your mink back in its bag.
2. Fold the top over and twist. Tightly rubber band the bag closed.
3. Place the mink where the teacher instructs you to.

**Clean Up:**

1. Clean your tray and pad in the sink and dry it.
2. Rinse off the dissection utensils and pat dry.
3. Spray the lab table with cleaning solution provided.
4. Wash your hands.
5. Put your goggles away in the goggles container so that they can be cleaned.
6. Make sure that all surfaces and sinks are clean, and that your table is clean and clear before leaving!