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The science department held its science fair on February 19th. The annual event is in its fourth year and all science class students in grades 7-12 participated. A total of 83 projects from the 7th – 9th division and 54 projects from the 10th – 12th division contributed to the over 130 presentations. The students worked since early November on research, performing experiments, collecting data and formation of conclusions in order to be prepared for the culminating activity of presenting to their peers and judges. Projects covered a wide range of topics including: plant growth, alternative energy, ballistic measurements and sensory testing, among many other categories. The students presented their findings to judges from Dresser-Rand and BOCES. In what is becoming a partnership between Hinsdale and Dresser-Rand, the company sent close to 20 judges. “We look forward to this day of work all year,” said Amy Ehmann of Dresser. Lead judge, Jim Sorokes, also commented on the overall quality of all of the projects. “All of the projects are the best they have ever been,” he said. Winners were awarded cash prizes from donations of area businesses and individuals.

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