ORGANELLE ELECTIONS

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The Nucleus has had a long, prosperous career, but it is time for it to retire. You, as campaign manager for your organelle have been charged with running a campaign to get your assigned candidate (organelle) elected as The Most Important Organelle. Whichever organelle is crowned Most Important, will take over the Nucleus’ job of running the cell. You will have to argue that without your organelle, the cell and the organism and consequently, the world as we know it will collapse! So, to do this expertly, you must understand the details of the organelle whose campaign you are running.

Here’s what you have to do:

**Campaign Poster – 20 points**

The poster should be visually striking and in color. Posters can be digitally generated. The program you use is up to you. There are lots of free poster generators out there! Your poster must champion the greatness and good deeds of your organelle. You may include a description of why voters should choose your organelle above all others for the election.



**Campaign Video – 30**

You will prepare a **5 minute video** on behalf of your organelle. You must relate the structure of the organelle to its function. It is crucial for you to make the connection for your voter about why your organelle is the most important. So tell your voter why your organelle is important for survival of the organism. Can you link that to survival of an ecosystem? The whole entire world? Okay, maybe I’m being dramatic, but that is how campaigns can be! Get into this. You will want to point out how you will work with “other organelles” if you win the election.

You need to “mudsling” in your video against 5 other organelles. Look up what diseases are associated with malfunctions of those organelles and create some kind of slogan/ad against it. You should highlight their weaknesses and/or explain why yours is more important for the survival of the cell.

All videos should NEVER be obscene, personally hurtful, or inappropriate. Keep it clean!

You will need to provide references at the end of the video. Your video must be uploaded to me via Schoology by January 20.

All students will vote on voting day but may NOT vote on their own organelle. Winners will receive a reward of the “sweet” kind and the notoriety of their organelle.

You can start campaigning as soon as you can but the **Election Day** will be: **OCTOBER 3rd**

Your poster must be hung in my room by Tuesday January 17, but earlier the better to get more voters on your side!

Beyond what I have required, you can be as creative as is ethically correct to win this campaign. No threatening or bribing. But extra posters, T shirts, buttons, stickers, pencils, face paint...I don’t know. You come up with the ideas!

And above all…have some fun with the organelles and learn something awesome about cells!