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## YOUNG SCIENTISTS CLUB REVEALS 2010 THEMES: SOLAR ENERGY, ANIMAL TRACKS, AND DINOSAURS

*Experiment and Play With the Newest Science Kits and Games at Toy Fair Booth 5233*

Jamestown, RI (February 14, 2010) – Ever wonder what the mothers of little Albert Einstein [future Nobel Prize winner] or little Valerie Frizzle [future Magic School Bus teacher with the moniker Ms. Frizzle] gave to their brainy kids to satisfy their growing curiosity beyond their school lessons? They would have craved the award-winning collection of science kits created for budding (dare we say) Einsteins. The Young Scientists Club is delighted to announce its newest releases for 2010 with solar energy, animal tracking, and dinosaurs as themes. The newest products will be on display for play at the 2010 American International Toy Fair Booth 5233.

The Young Scientists Club continuously wins the top toy industry awards, year after year, for their novel approach to science education. New for Spring 2010 are science kits to unlock the secrets of animal tracks, recreate global warming in a bottle, and design a diorama for dinosaurs! These new kits join dozens of best sellers that teach a wide range of topics and instill a love for science.

Harvard-educated Esther Novis founded The Young Scientists Club to fill a void of good quality science products for young children that would engage girls as well as boys in an exciting and positive manner. As a mom herself, she believed children should be exposed to the exciting fields of science at an early age with fun and engaging hands-on games, activities, and experiments that are accompanied by age-appropriate information on specific science topics.

Visitors to The Young Scientists Club booth at February's Toy Fair can meet Ms. Frizzle and be the first to experiment with:

**Magic School Bus Solar Energy to the Rescue • \$19.99 • Ages 5+**  
Ms. Frizzle and her students take Young Scientists on a wild ride with solar energy to the rescue. Young Scientists explore the greenhouse effect, collect real carbon dioxide, recreate global warming in a bottle, use a solar panel to spin a fan, make a solar secret code, design solar spinners, watch solar energy inflate balloons, and much, much more!



**Magic School Bus Back in Time with the Dinosaurs • \$19.99 • Ages 5+**

On this school bus ride, Ms. Frizzle and her students take Young Scientists back in time with the dinosaurs through these marvelous experiments. Young Scientists create a timeline, design a diorama, build a wooden dinosaur replica, make cast and mold fossils, mold clay dinosaur teeth, simulate a dino dig, fold 3D dinosaurs, and much, much more!



**Science on a Tracking Expedition • \$29.99 • Ages 4+**

Young Scientists will learn about animal tracking through exciting hands-on science experiments and activities. Identify animal tracks, learn about the animals that make the tracks, cast animal tracks, play the tracking game, create animal track prints, design an animal track poster, and explore real animal tracks in nature. The eight realistic animal footprint molds, large colorful poster, and eighty animal game cards are some of the unique enclosed items that will inspire all Young Scientists to become animal track explorers!

**Animal Tracks • \$14.99 • Ages 5+**

Here is not one but three traditional games with a science twist! Match the animals to their tracks while playing *concentration*, *bingo*, and *guess the tracks* games. This unique game is exciting, fun, and educational as players match cards of photographed animals to their tracks. Animal Tracks comes with 80 high quality and colorful cards, a plastic storage tray, and detailed instructions for three games. Best of all, it's a fun series of games for everyone in the home.



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## THE YOUNG SCIENTISTS CLUB'S GREEN SCIENCE KITS HAVE OTHER SCIENCE KIT COMPANIES GREEN WITH ENVY

### *The Young Scientists Club's "Green" Science Kits Receive A Pair Of Spring 2009 National Parenting Center Seals of Approval*

Jamestown, RI (July 15, 2009) – There has been much pomp and circumstance when it comes to “going green.” Recycled newspapers are filled with articles printed in organic inks about how more and more companies are creating sustainable products. And for good reason; our planet needs healing. Unfortunately, what constitutes being green is not cut-and-dry. But according to the judges at The National Parenting Center, that is not the case with The Young Scientists Club's new Green science kits.

The Young Scientists Club's kits are not only educational and fun products that teach children the actual meaning of green and sustainable, they also give kids the opportunity to learn how to heal the world. For these reasons and more, The National Parenting Center has awarded The Young Scientists Club's *Magic School Bus Going Green* and *Science On A Gardening Adventure* a pair of 2009 Spring Seals of Approval.

Here are some other things The National Parenting Center had to say about *Magic School Bus Going Green* and *Science On A Gardening Adventure*:



#### **Magic School Bus Going Green**

Award Category: Educational Products

Recommended Age: 5 and Up

Price: \$19.99

“In case you missed the memo, the theme of the year, at least in the toy world, is going green. The Magic School Bus team was prepped and ready to go, being a science oriented gang of kids, so it came as no surprise to see them design a kit that captured the essence of becoming

ecologically aware. There are loads of kid friendly experiments where the lessons of recycling are taught in an age-appropriate manner. Other experiments include what happens when you take something out of the freezer and place it in boiling water (with parental supervision of course). How do you make paper out of pulp? What plastics can be recycled and many more. Everything in the kit comes clearly labeled so that you know you are using the right parts for each experiment.”



### **Science On A Gardening Adventure**

Award Category: Educational Products

Recommended Age: 5 and Up

Price: \$29.99

“There is no shortage of fun with this wonderfully educational kit from The Young Scientists Club. A great teaching tool with superb directions you'll also find everything needed to get started right

away. Of course you and your children will discover all about plant and animal life and how they co-exist, but you will also learn what lives in soil, how to test your tap water, how to make a sun dial and more. Parents were impressed at how engaged their children were and how it really encouraged them to ask questions. The small plastic terrarium became a center of attention each day as eager farmers watched their efforts sprout from the soil.”

### **ABOUT THE NATIONAL PARENTING CENTER**

The National Parenting Center was founded in July of 1989 with the intention of providing the most comprehensive and responsible parenting advice to parents everywhere. The advice provided is furnished by some of the world's most respected authorities in the field of child rearing and development.

The National Parenting Center's Seal of Approval program, created in 1990 as an adjunct to TNPC's support services, identifies the finest products and services being marketed to the parent/child audience. From educational and entertainment products and equipment to travel destinations, the consumer oriented testing process solicits evaluations from parents and their children. This award signifies to other parents that their peers have acknowledged a product's quality and desirability based on a wide variety of determining factors.

It is the sole intention of The National Parenting Center to advise, support and guide parents with sound, responsible advice.

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## THE WHEELS ON THE BUS GO “WIN! WIN! WIN!”

### *The Young Scientists Club’s Science Kits Receive Three Mr. Dad and Great Dad 2009-2010 Holiday Seals of Approval*

Jamestown, RI (December 22, 2009) – If you ask most kids what they think about science you’ll probably get a huge eyeball roll, a faux-yawn and the word, “BO-RING!” But if you asked kids who were familiar with The Young Scientists Club’s science kits, some of which are based on the awesome television series, *The Magic School Bus*, you’d get a wide-eyed, thumbs-up accompanied, “COOL!” A thumbs-up is also what The Young Scientists Club just received because its science kits have been awarded three Mr. Dad and Great Dad 2009-2010 Holiday Seals of Approval.

Here’s why Mr. Dad and Great Dad said “COOL!” to The Young Scientists Club’s *Science Kits*:

Magic School Bus “Diving into Slime, Gel, and Goop” Science Kit  
Magic School Bus: “Going Green” Science Kit  
“Science on a Gardening Adventure” Science Kit



“Release the mad scientist who's lurking deep inside you! These science kits are full of everything you need to conduct exciting (and perfectly safe) experiments with your children. Each one explores a different theme (slime, gardening, and protecting the environment) and takes your future Nobel Prize winner through the scientific method of stating a hypothesis, observing, and writing up conclusions. Sounds suspiciously like school, but none of our reviewers ever heard a word of complaint from a child. If your memories of high-school science haven't faded too much, you can show off a little. Otherwise, these kits offer a great way to learn something new alongside your child.”

#### **About GreatDad.com**

Headquartered in San Francisco, CA, GreatDad.com is a leading source of experience, recommendations, inspiration, and advice for dads -- all delivered from the male perspective. GreatDad.com has a library of over 2,500 articles on all aspects of parenting, all from dad's point of view, as well as the only weekly pregnancy newsletter written by and for dads.

**About MrDad.com**

Headquartered in Oakland, CA, MrDad.com, along with founder, Armin Brott, has helped millions of men around the world become the fathers they want to be. The author of seven bestselling books on fatherhood, Armin also writes the nationally syndicated newspaper column, "Ask Mr. Dad," and hosts the syndicated "Positive Parenting" radio show. His most recent book, *The Military Father: A Hands-on Guide for Deployed Dads*, was released this year.

**About The Young Scientists Club**

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## CREATIVE CHILD AWARDS YOUNG SCIENTISTS CLUB FIVE PRIZES FOR PROBING THE BACKYARD AND BEYOND

### *'Science on a Gardening Adventure' Kit Named Toy of The Year*

Jamestown, RI (July 13, 2009) – The expression “scratching the surface” took on a whole new meaning to the judges at this year’s Creative Child Awards when they took a look at The Young Scientists Club’s five educational kits where kids get to explore their own backyard and beyond. *Science on a Gardening Adventure* was named **2009 Toy of the Year** plus four other TYSC kits won high honors, sweeping the Educational Science Kits category.

To win honors at Creative Child’s annual Toy Awards, products are thoroughly reviewed by both moms and educators. Several people who fit the same profile as the targeted audience reviewed each of the science kits. Only one product per category can win a Toy of the Year award, as well as, CD, DVD and Book of the Year. The remaining finalists receive the prestigious Preferred Choice Award. The Seal of Excellence is another prominent award that is given to those products that are not finalists but do exceed expectations based on the criteria for nurturing creativity and education in children.

The Young Scientists Club continuously wins the top toy industry awards, year after year, for its novel approach to science education. Look for these five award winners in Creative Child’s big Holiday issue, distributed in early November.

#### **2009 TOY OF THE YEAR**

##### **Science on a Gardening Adventure • \$29.99 • Ages 5+**

Young Scientists will learn about the fun of gardening through exciting hands-on science experiments. In this handy carry-all kit, kids create a terrarium, learn about underground habitats, explore the different parts of plants, test the soil, design a mini-garden, grow all kinds of seeds, perform plant experiments, identify bugs and their habitats, make a working sun dial, and much more. The enclosed mini-garden tools and watering can will certainly become an instant hit and will encourage all junior scientists to become young botanists!



#### **2009 PREFERRED CHOICE AWARD**

##### **Magic School Bus Going Green • \$19.99 • Ages 5+**

Ms. Frizzle and her students take Young Scientists on a wild ride by going green with experiments and activities that can save our Earth! Young Scientists recreate the water cycle, build a compost tube, shrink plastic, magically make packing peanuts disappear, decompose food with fungus, form pulp, create new paper, design recycled paper shapes, learn about the 3 R’s, and much, much more! Buckle those seatbelts, kids! Get ready to explore and go green!



### **Magic School Bus Diving into Slime, Gel, and Goop • \$19.99 • Ages 5+**

Ms. Frizzle and her students take Young Scientists diving into slime, gel, and goop with fun and fabulous experiments. Young Scientists discover oobleck, produce glue from milk, grow jiggly marbles, make snow from super-absorbent crystals, form a bouncy ball, create slime, expand super-absorbent gel crystals, melt fake snow, learn about polymers, and much, much more! This polymer kit includes extra gels, super-absorbent crystals, and marbles to repeat the fun! Seatbelts everyone! Get ready to dive into slime, gel, and goop!



### **2009 SEAL OF EXCELLENCE**

#### **Explore Space Mini-Kit • \$9.99 • Ages 5+**

Get ready to Explore Space with this exciting mini-kit! Young Scientists recreate a solar eclipse, match planets to their descriptions, make their own “moonlight,” recreate the phases of the moon, construct a constellation box, identify mystery constellations, and design constellation cards. Explore Space will make Young Scientists want to be future astronomers!



#### **Go Green Mini-Kit • Save the Earth • \$9.99 • Ages 5+**

Get ready to Save the Earth with this exhilarating mini-kit! Young Scientists learn about acids and bases, use pH paper to test rainwater, make Styrofoam magically disappear, create pulp from old newspapers, recycle paper, make new paper, recycle leaves in a peat pellet and learn about the three R's! Go Green teaches Young Scientists all about recycling and how they can help Save the Earth!

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## THE YOUNG SCIENTISTS CLUB REAPS REWARDS FOR WHAT IT HAS SOWN

### *The Young Scientists Club's "Green" Science Kits For Kids Receive Three Spring 2009 Parents' Choice Foundation Approved Awards*

Jamestown, RI (June 3, 2009) – When a farmer sows seeds, he or she reaps fruit and vegetables. When a toy company sows seeds, it reaps smiles from children. Sometimes it even reaps rewards from the Parents' Choice Foundation, a pre-eminent and respected award organization. And right now farming is an apt metaphor because The Young Scientists Club has just received three **Spring 2009 Parents' Choice Approved Seal** for its very cool, very educational, very "green" science kits.

Here is what the Parents' Choice Foundation judges had to say about *The Young Scientists Club* and why it was awarded three Spring 2009 Parents' Choice Approved Seals:

**The Young Scientists Club - Magic School Bus  
Going Green**  
Spring 2009 Toys  
Recommended Ages: 5 & Up  
Price: \$19.99



"It is no secret that the importance of taking care of our environment has become a daily topic of discussion between parents and children. The Magic School Bus Going Green kit comes with twelve science projects that introduce children to the concept of the environmentally friendly three R's: reduce, reuse and recycle. The projects demonstrate how water is recycled, how to decompose a variety of items, and how to recycle and make your own paper. The instruction book guides each activity and provides space for children to write out the steps of the scientific method - a hypothesis, observations, results, and conclusions."

**The Young Scientists Club - Magic School Bus  
Diving into Slime, Gel, and Goop**  
Spring 2009 Toys  
Recommended Ages: 5 & Up  
Price: \$19.99

"When our testers were first presented with this Magic School Bus science kit, we heard, "Mom, what the heck is a polymer? And what does it have to do with me?"



If Mrs. Frizzle were in the room she'd reply, "Polymers are in plastic toys, Styrofoam cups and chewing gum. But they're also found in fingernails and turtle shells. And in skateboard wheels and car tires. Polymers are everywhere!"

In this introductory kit, inquiring 5-8 year olds will learn about polymers as they perform hands on experiments with slime, goop, and gel. Experiments include making snow from crystals, learning what happens when a pencil is pushed through a plastic bag filled with water and how to mix two substances together to make something that is solid and liquid at the same time are just a few examples of the fun learning. However, before jumping into the deep end, Mrs. Frizzle insists that all experiments be conducted with adult supervision. And as we all know, Mrs. Frizzle knows her science.”

### **The Young Scientists Club - Science on Gardening Adventure**

Spring 2009 Toys

Recommended Ages: 5 & Up

Price: \$29.99



“Science on Gardening Adventure is a do-it-yourself indoor gardening and science experiment kit. It includes eight peat pellets, pH chart, gardening tray, pipette, eight popsicle sticks, plastic terrarium, pebbles, charcoal, paper towel wicks, one plastic cup, data notebook, ruler, construction paper, circular cardboard, foil, clay, wooden dowel, four plastic bugs (ant, spider, beetle, and dragonfly), sticker sheet, six packets of seeds (wheat, spinach, beans, zinnia, marigolds, and mixed seeds), shovel, rake, watering can, and instruction manual.

Well-designed, engaging, and educational, the kit teaches children a variety lessons beyond the basic gardening. Children conduct experiments and explore concepts such as the scientific method, pH levels of soil, bugs and insects, effects of sunlight and water on plants, plant biology and more. Patience and persistence are key elements in the scientific process.”

*The Young Scientists Club* received three Parents’ Choice Approved Seals in the “Toys” category. **The Parents’ Choice Awards™ Program’s mission** is to identify the best products for children of different ages, backgrounds, skills, and interests. Parents’ Choice Awards are given to products that meet and exceed standards set by educators, scientists, performing artists, librarians, parents, and yes, kids themselves.

During its 29-year history, the Parents’ Choice Awards program has established the benchmarks of achievement in children’s media; trust for the consumers and credibility with the press.

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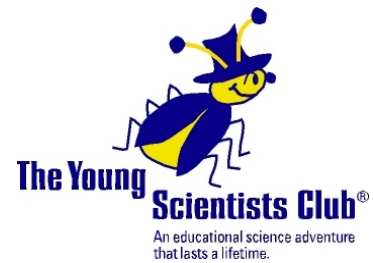
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<b>Company Name</b>	<i>The Young Scientists Club® , LLC</i>
<b>Mission Statement</b>	To offer children quality, science-related products that will fascinate them with the wonders of scientific discovery and spark their interest in future scientific endeavors.
<b>Company Snapshot</b>	The Young Scientists Club was started in 1999 when Esther Novis (a Harvard graduate with degrees in biology) became frustrated by not being able to find good quality science kits that would provide hands-on science fun combined with a true educational science exposure for her own young children. She felt that the science products that were (and still are) on the market targeted mostly older children, mainly boys and, in addition, were more arts and crafts activities than real science. The disappointment of not being able to find the quality age-appropriate products led to the genesis of The Young Scientists Club.
<b>Products</b>	Magic School Bus Series sets (9), Science on a Tracking Expedition, Animal Tracks Game, Science On A Nature Walk, Science On A Gardening Adventure, Explore Space & Go Green Mini-Kits, Star Pilot, Science Sets (36), Adventure Science Series (8), Young Scientists Club Subscription Series, Sci-ology game and Dig Real Fossils
<b>Key Retail Categories</b>	Specialty Toy, Educational, and Book
<b>Target Audience</b>	Ages 5 through 12
<b>Awards</b>	Two-time Dr. Toy, 100 Best Children's Products & Two-time Dr. Toy, 10 Best Educational Products Dr. Toy, Smart Play/Smart Toy Award Three-time Creative Child, Toy of the Year Award Two-time Creative Child, Preferred Choice & Seal of Approval Teacher's Choice Award Four-time National Parenting Center, Seal of Approval Seven iParenting Outstanding Media Awards NAPPA Honors Award Three Mr. Dad, Father's Day Seal of Approvals The Toy Man, eChoice (Editor's Choice) Award & The Toy Man Seal of Approval and Award of Excellence Four Parents' Choice Foundation, Recommended Products Awards
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## BACKGROUND

Children are naturally curious about how the world around them works. Unfortunately, for most youngsters that desire to learn about science is never properly nurtured. And while most of us are not destined to be Albert Einsteins or Marie Curies, a basic knowledge of science is helpful in life. Not to mention, if taught properly, science is very exciting and a lot of fun. Luckily, today's kids have The Young Scientists Club® to stimulate their natural curiosity for science.

Started in 1999 by Esther Novis, a mother of five and a Harvard graduate with degrees in biology, The Young Scientists Club began as a summer science camp for her 5-year-old son. Friends from other parts of the country told Novis they felt cheated that their kids couldn't go, so she packaged the experiments and sent them off. The idea for a science subscription service was born!

The subscription kits, priced at \$16.94, including shipping, are now mailed monthly to thousands of children around the world. Over time, educational and toy retailers began requesting science kits tailor-made for their stores and the subscription science kits were packaged into 12 Science Sets, each with three sequential kits. These sets can now be found in retail stores worldwide.

The Science Adventure Series is the company's second line of consumer products. Evolved from its original Science Sets there are currently eight award-winning and incredibly popular titles in its Adventure Science Series. Novis describes her products as being "fun and engaging hands-on science games, activities and experiments that are accompanied by age-appropriate information."

In early 2007, The Young Scientists Club introduced the *The Magic School Bus Series* science kits. The inventive series won multiple awards in its first year including two Parents' Choice Foundation Awards, and a place on Dr. Toy's Top 10 Educational Toy List. For 2010, The Young Scientists Club is introducing the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 9<sup>th</sup> in *The Magic School Bus Series* of science kits at the New York International Toy Fair.

Under Novis' direction, all of The Young Scientist Club's products are high-quality science kits that provide hands-on science fun combined with a true educational science exposure. Novis feels that most of the science products on the market today target older children and mainly boys and, in addition, are more arts and crafts activities than real science. So, she decided to make her own science kit line.

All of the Young Scientists Club's products are designed for younger children (ages 5 -12). The sets appeal to both boys and girls and are hands-on fun while also very educational. All the kits are developed and tested on target age children in The Young Scientists Club's summer science camps. New products are and will continue to be developed in this manner.

All of its products are created and designed by a team of Harvard graduates, scientists, educators, and parents with one purpose in mind – to combine fun and fascination with quality and learning in each and every product.

For more information on these edu-taining kits click on [www.kidsciencekits.com](http://www.kidsciencekits.com) or call (800) 964-1320. For more information on the subscription kits click on [www.theyoungscientistclub.com](http://www.theyoungscientistclub.com)



## **BIOGRAPHY**

**Esther Novis** (President and CEO):

To know Esther Novis is to know a true force of nature. As the founder, president and CEO of The Young Scientists Club, this mother of five and former biologist oversees all company operations including subscription, school, summer camp, and retail divisions. In addition to those responsibilities she develops, writes and designs complete lines of unique and innovative science products for both retail and school customers.

Novis began what has become an illustrious and brilliant career in science at Harvard University in Cambridge, MA where she received a Bachelor of Arts in Biology in 1987. While working on her BA, Novis received the Harvard Award for academic excellence and the Elizabeth Agassiz Award for high academic achievement. Following her tenure at Harvard she attended Thomas Jefferson Medical School in Philadelphia, PA.

Taking a break from her formal education, Novis became a full-time teacher from 1989 until 1994. For 2 years, she taught high school mathematics, science and computer science at The Harvard School, an inner city school in Chicago, IL. She stayed in Chicago for another 2 years and taught physics, honors chemistry, computer science and human anatomy and physiology at the Academy of the Sacred Heart.

Her final stint as a formal teacher was spent at the highly respected Phillips Andover Academy in Andover, MA. While there, she taught several science classes, coached field hockey, squash, tennis, and served as the house counselor for a dormitory. What makes this accomplishment even more impressive is the fact that while teaching at Phillips Andover, Novis not only completed her Masters in Biology at Harvard, but also received the Thomas Small Prize for high academic achievement while doing it.

After completing her masters work, Novis settled in Jamestown, RI (where she currently resides) and started her highly popular and very successful Science Summer Camp and After-School Programs. In these programs, she used her vast teaching experiences to instruct young children in a complete range of science and math topics.

Encouraged by the overwhelming response and approval by parents, educators and peers to her teaching style and philosophy, the summer science camps evolved into The Young Scientists Club. Novis uses the feedback and experiences that she has with the children in her summer camps to create all of The Young Scientists Club's products.

In addition to running The Young Scientists Club and being a mother, Novis does a great deal of writing and consulting work. She recently completed designing and writing experiments for the 2007 California Science Curriculum, published by McGraw Hill Publishing. She has also had articles published in North American Bird Bander and Indiana Audubon Quarterly and Parents Magazine.

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