Excited students plan for Bill Nye’s visit to Truman

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The March-born, 7-foot-tall blue lab coat and eager personality are only one thing Bill Nye the Science Guy shared with Truman students last Tuesday. Nye, who will bring his show to Truman at 7 p.m. April 14 in Baldwin Auditorium, will be free for students, faculty and staff during his stay. He said the free days are to¬day and Wednesday.

"It’s a unique opportunity to get a tour of your school’s labs," he said. "You don’t really get that if you’re not a scientist, everybody recognizes them... I think it’s a great opportunity to give real hands-on science experience to students who want to see where scientists actually work."

Nye, the father of two daughters and a son, has written or co-written 16 books. His latest addition to the science-loving public is a children’s book titled "The Eyes of Nye." He also produced and performed an educational video series titled "Nye’s Big Blast of Science," which ran for three seasons in 2007. The show has been seen by millions of children around the world. One of the reasons he is a chemistry major is that he was interested in the subject as a child.

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