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Shadow Panel: Notes to the Future

The Shadow Panel is a really fun project to do, however, it requires quite a bit of work. One strong recommendation of mine is to start your search for the materials early! And I mean that. It took us a very long time to find everything and required visiting and calling many different stores. In the past, groups had done this project by making a room or just using a poster board but we decided to use a refrigerator box. All of the stores we called said that they threw away their boxes when they got them. However, we called Home Depot and got lucky because we talked to someone nice who looked for a box even though they usually don't have them. Finding a phosphorescent paint was also difficult and the only place we found it was also at Home Depot; it was glow-in-the-dark paint. It came in a small container and we used two of them to cover one panel of the box. It would have probably looked less streaky using one more container though.

For the actual presentation we set up in a corner of the dark room, which was still a bit bright so maybe putting a sheet over the box would've been a good idea. We cut out and colored shapes and put them on sticks for the people to hold so it would be in their shadow. Almost everyone used the shapes and the peace sign seemed to give the best shadow and it and the smiley face were the most popular.

This is one of the favorite exhibits and it is fun to do so just have a good time with it!