

Canyon Grove Academy  
October 2018

Dear Distance Education Students and Families,

Every year Canyon Grove Academy students participate in our school's science fair sponsored by CUSEF (the Central Utah Science and Engineering Fair). Qualifying students then represent us at the district fair held at UVU where they may be chosen to advance to the regional fairs for CUSEF and ISEF held at BYU. Some students may advance to state from there. This is an optional activity for any 5th-8th grade Distance Education students. Onsite students will also participate. This is not only a great process for the students, but advancing at these fairs looks great on college entrance and scholarship applications!

Students who participate in the science fair and turn their project in on time get to go to the **Physics Day at Lagoon Field Trip** at the end of the year for a greatly reduced price! This field trip is for participants and teachers only. It is lots of fun and a great learning process. We hope you will join us!

It is time to begin work on this project. The school fair will be held December 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 - 2:45 pm and again from 5:30 - 6:30 pm in the school cafeteria. Students are encouraged to attend in the evening as well, to be able to practice presenting their projects to the parents who can only attend during the evening.

All students participating must fill out district forms, whether or not the student advances to the district fair. This is a district requirement. Even though only a few of our students will advance to the district competition, filling out these forms will keep those advancing students from being disqualified because they must follow the instructions on the forms. The charter district fair will be held February 5, 2019 at Utah Valley University. Forms and additional information and guidelines can be viewed at <http://cusef.byu.edu/forms/>

Project guidelines state that work must be done by the student; however, moderate assistance may be provided by the parent or teacher. Your child should choose to do either a science research OR an engineering project. A copy of the judging rubrics will be provided to your child. The rubric is different for the two types of projects.

Students should display a science board and journal at the school science fair. The board should include appropriate visuals and charts. The students may also display their project, if appropriate. No dangerous materials, expensive items, messy materials, or chemicals should be displayed.

Only science boards and journals will be allowed to be displayed at the district fair. No actual projects can be brought to the district fair. Students may, however, bring an electronic device on which to present a video of their project that can be up to one minute in length. Students should be prepared to engage the judges in a conversation about the science of their projects. This is vital to student success at the fair!

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Please return to your Educational Specialist by October 25, 2018. You may do this by emailing the completed paragraph below to them or completing this form and scanning in a copy of the signed agreement.

My child has chosen to participate in the science fair. I have reviewed this information and timeline with my child,

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Parent Signature

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Student signature