



Pacific Northwest Science Fair Committee

October 27, 2026

Dear Dave Margerm and Jana Fox
Attention: Holly Tschritter

We are very grateful for the consistent and generous support from SD54 over many years. We are once again planning for the Regional Science Fair. The goal of the event is to inspire curiosity, empower youth and promote life-long learning through the Science Fair program. Most young people love asking questions. Science fair gives them an opportunity to learn how to answer these questions for themselves, from concept to presentation.

The Pacific Northwest Regional Science Fair will be held on **March 6 and 7, 2026, in Smithers, B.C.**

	
<p>These three SSS students went to Canada-Wide Science Fair 2025 in Fredericton, New Brunswick. Their projects were based on conservation and biology(left), cross-country ski glide (middle), and space (right).</p>	<p>This picture shows one of our students in front of her project board in Edmonton. Over 4000 people came to view the projects at the fair.</p>

We are hoping to hold this year’s fair at **Smithers Secondary School** because there are **several classes working on science fair projects this year at SSS**. It would be fantastic to showcase their projects at their own school.

Based on past years, we expect that most participants will be from Smithers Secondary School. We usually also have some students from Muheim Memorial Elementary, Walnut Park Elementary, the

Bulkley Valley Christian School and the Edge participating in the regional fair. We may also host a smaller number of students from across the region (from Houston to Haida Gwaii and northwards). The students will have a chance to exhibit their projects to their peers and to the public, to discuss their ideas with the scientists and educators who serve as judges, and to have their work recognized with prizes and awards.

From the Regional Science Fair, up to four students will be selected to attend the [Canada-Wide Science Fair](#), which will be held in [Edmonton, Alberta on May 23 - May 30, 2026](#). These hard-working young scientists will join 500 other students from across the country for a week of competition, science education, cultural activities, and fun. Many of our students come home with awards and university entrance scholarships. All come home excited about opportunities in science.

Students in the Bulkley Valley have always performed well at the Regional and Canada-Wide Science Fairs. Last year, three SSS students went to Fredericton and one of them earned a national level award. For Science Fairs to continue to be a meaningful experience for so many young people in the Pacific Northwest zone, we need support from a variety of sources.

Our estimated total budget for this year is \$18,000. The costs include hosting the Regional Science Fair for 50-100 students (including venue, insurance, lunch, science activities, judging, awards) and supporting participation in the Canada-Wide Science Fair (fees, travel and accommodation).

We are lucky to have help from many dedicated volunteers. The 20 or more judges each donate a day's worth of time to inspire students to take the next step in their scientific thought: an in-kind contribution of well over \$5000. Teachers and community members volunteer their time in a myriad of ways. Several service clubs and businesses will likely offer financial support, but we are still a long way from meeting our goal.

We request your support this year by donating the venue for this marvelous event that celebrates youth and science. School District 54 will be acknowledged on the web site, on programs and advertising material and at the award ceremony as a major donor.

The science fair requires the use of the gym and four classrooms (401, 402, 403 and 404) Friday March 6th evening and Saturday March 7th morning and afternoon. (We have purchased insurance).

Thank you very much for considering supporting the science fair,

Sincerely,

Ellen Krueger

PNW Science Fair Treasurer

If you have questions about the event, please email me at ellenakrueger@gmail.com.

Please check out the regional fair webpage at <https://www.flyingcatacademy.com/general-1>