



Branchville Elementary Invention Convention Register by February 22nd Registration Form

Dear Parents:

Students in grades 2 through 5 are invited to participate in the 8th Annual BES Invention Convention, an optional PTA-independent study activity. The event will be held on **Friday, March 22nd** in the BES gym, with an all-school walk-through during the day and a judging/awards program open to all families after school 6:00 – 8:00pm (Snow Date March 29). Several evaluators from the BES science and inventive community will serve as judges for the event and some students will be awarded with a Recognized Inventor certificate and invited to participate in the State Competition on May 4th. Additional invention prizes will be handed out from local Ridgefield businesses.

Registered students will receive details and an Inventor Handbook. Past years' inventors had a blast and came up with some fun and simple solutions to their every-day problems. Several advanced to the State Invention Convention Competition and even the National Competition and won further recognitions!

This program is intended to stress creativity – **not create stress!** So don't forget:

- Student work will be evaluated, but the purpose of the program is to teach kids about the invention process (more on this in our information session) and to share their ideas in a supportive environment.
- Ms. LiVolsi, our faculty advisors, will be available via email and scheduled office hours in February to advise kids on their inventions.
- This is an Independent Study program. All work takes place at home, at your own pace, with your own materials. But we encourage you to communicate with our faculty advisors throughout your inventive process!
- An information session will be held Wed 2/6, 9am answer questions from parents!
- Inventions can be as simple as a new shape for a popsicle stick!

To register for the 2019 Invention Convention, please fill out and submit this Registration form by Friday, 2/22 with a \$5 registration fee (financial assistance is available). If you have any questions, please contact Magda Fincham (mfincham@finchamdowns.com). *AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: Anyone requiring special accommodations due to disability is asked to contact Principal Keith Margolus*

Invention Convention **Registration** (please print clearly and include \$5 fee) **Due Friday Feb. 22nd**

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's email _____

Parent's Signature: _____