



Branchville Elementary Invention Convention Register by Jan. 29th Registration Form

Dear Parents:

Students in grades 2 through 5 are invited to participate in the 7th Annual BES Invention Convention, an optional PTA-independent study activity. The event will be held on **Tuesday, March 6th** 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 07). 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 Regional Competition on March 18th. 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. Some advanced to the State Invention Convention 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 and Mrs. O'Hara, 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!
- Two information sessions will be held in February to help those who need assistance in thinking up ideas or building their inventions, dates to be announced!
- Inventions can be as simple as a new shape for a popsicle stick!

To register for the 2018 Invention Convention, please fill out and submit this Registration form by Monday, January 29th with a \$5 registration fee (financial assistance is available). If you have any questions, please contact Magda Fincham (mfincham@finchamdowns.com).

Invention Convention **Registration** (*please print clearly!*)

Due Monday, January 29th

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's email _____

Parent's Signature: _____