



# Colchester Invention Convention

Dear Parents and Students,

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to one of the many exciting programs offered here at JJIS...the **ANNUAL JJIS INVENTION CONVENTION!**

The Connecticut Invention Convention (CIC) is a program, which builds standards-based inquiry skills in children by introducing and leading them through the creation of their own invention, to solve a problem of their own choosing.

## Background:

The Connecticut Invention Convention (CIC), a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization, is the “longest continuously operating program for student inventors” in the nation, founded in Connecticut in 1983.

## Benefits to Students

- Student generated process -students identify and solve a problem
- Opportunity for original creativity and innovativeness
- Chance to be recognized for their engineering talent and most get to use hand tools
- Opportunity for personal growth and building of self-esteem
- Enhanced communication and research skills
- Real life opportunity to achieve something for the good of all

## The Details

- The program typically takes between 6-10 weeks in the winter and spring, culminating with a "local invention convention" of student participants.
- Through the school's judging process, student inventors present their inventions and prototypes within small groups comprised of students of the same grade level. Judges from professions in STEM, volunteer to listen to each student's presentation and then select the students that will move on to the State Annual Invention Convention, also known as the CIC Finals.
- These students are then registered as a final step to participate in the Annual State Invention Convention at UCONN in Storrs, CT on May 4, 2019.

**This year, the annual JJIS Invention Convention will be held on Thursday March 14, 2019. Participation in this event is open to ALL students in grades 3-5.**

All students will receive additional information regarding this year's Invention Convention in their Friday Folders over the next few weeks.

Now is the time for students to start thinking about taking this amazing opportunity to showcase their creativity!

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