



*Imagination is more important than knowledge,
for imagination embraces the world.*

Albert Einstein

What's first?

Our young inventors need an idea.

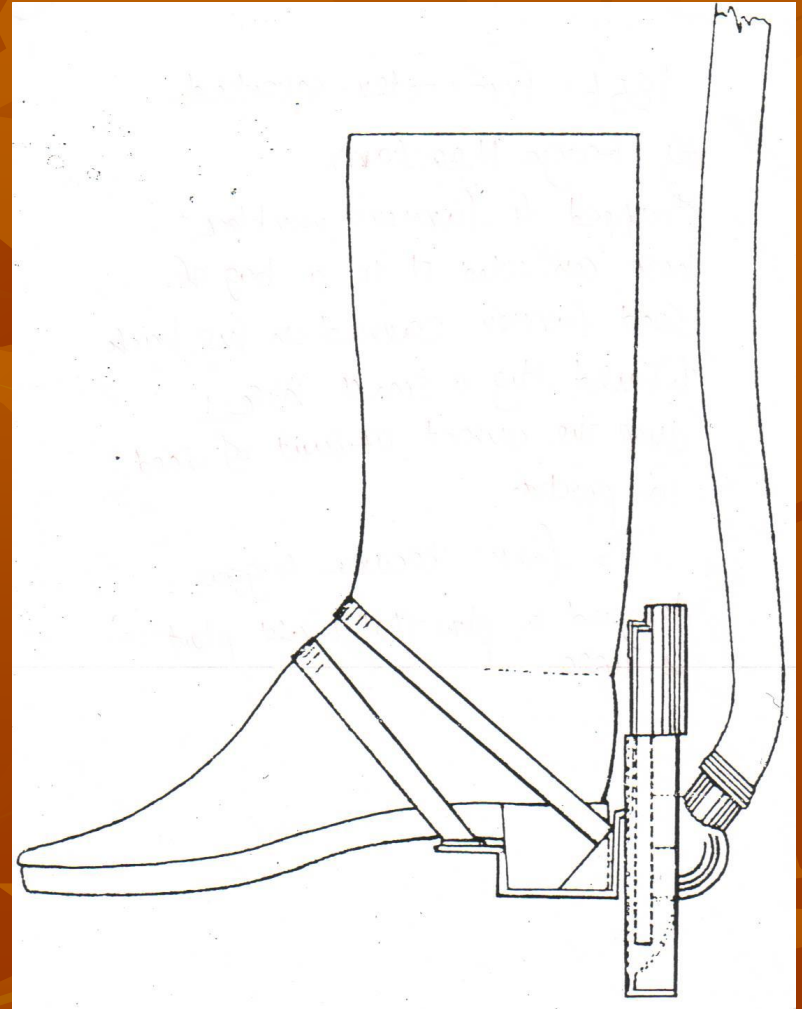
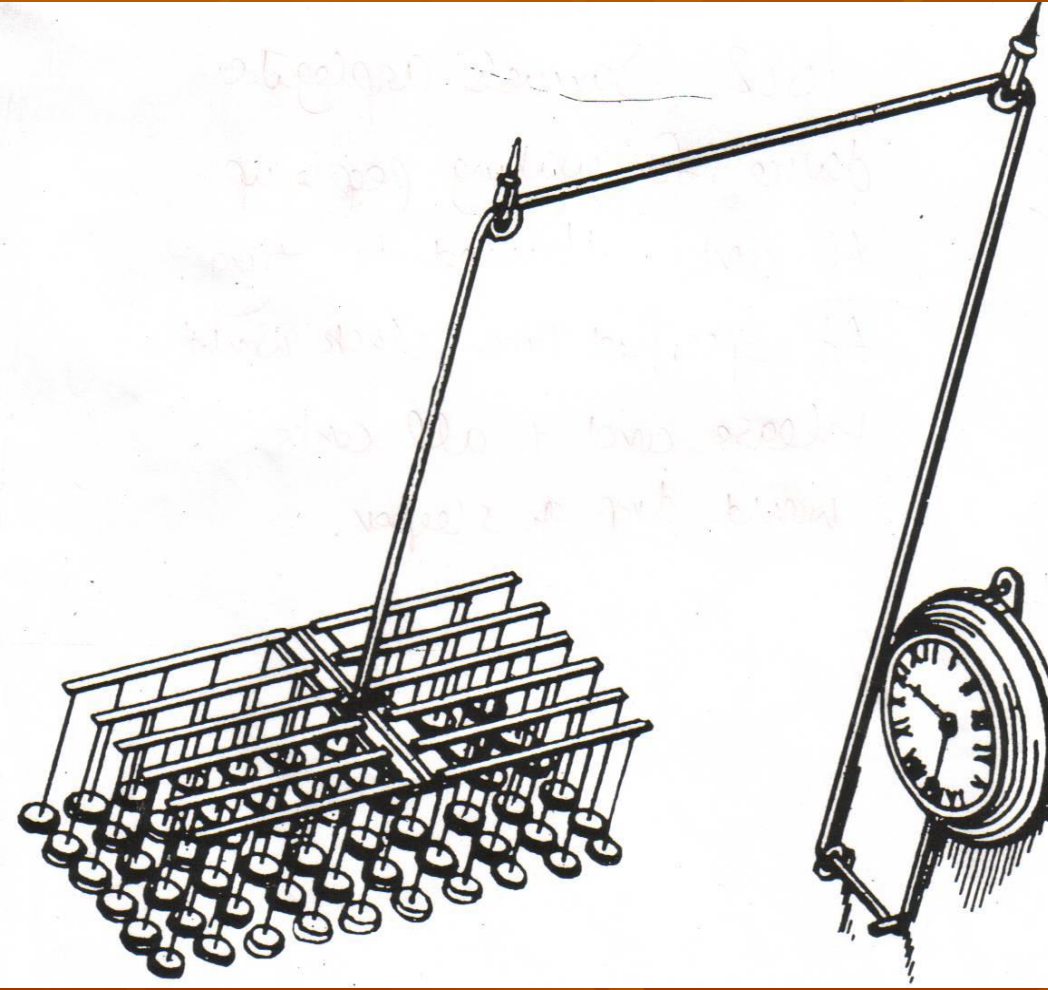
Does the idea have to be totally original?

No. While it certainly could be a totally original invention, it could also be an improvement to an existing product or invention.

Here are a two old inventions to help our young inventors come up with an idea.

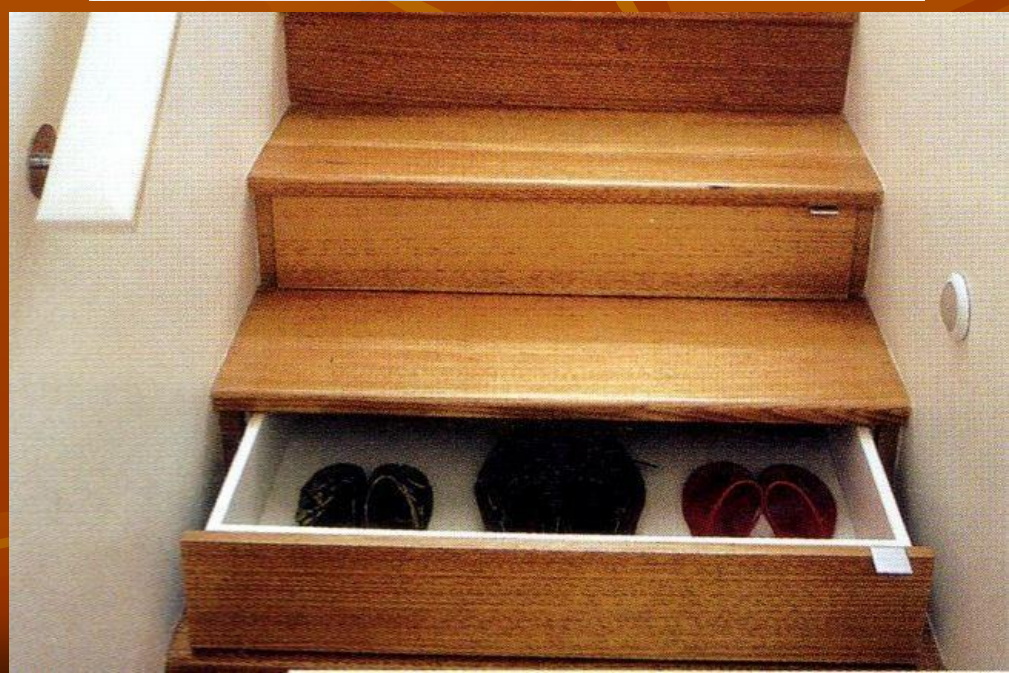
Can you guess what they are?

“Well, you tell me, what are these?”



**Well, we have come a
long way.**

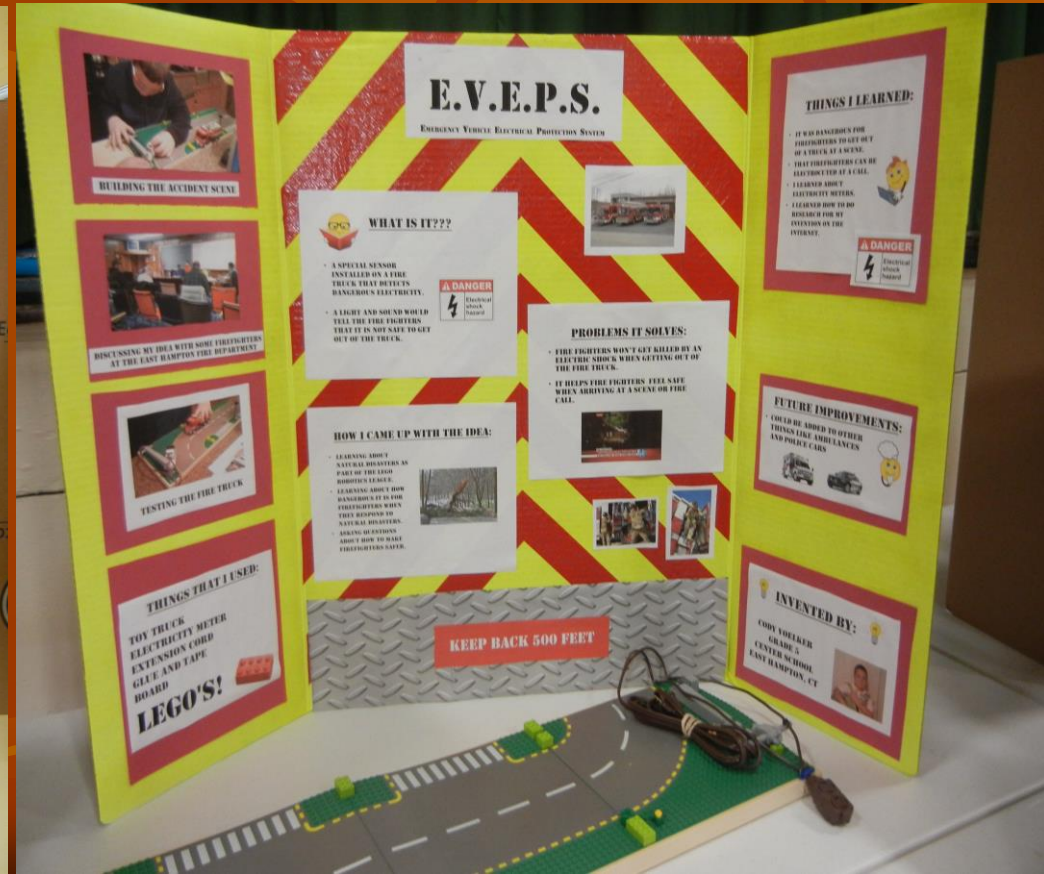
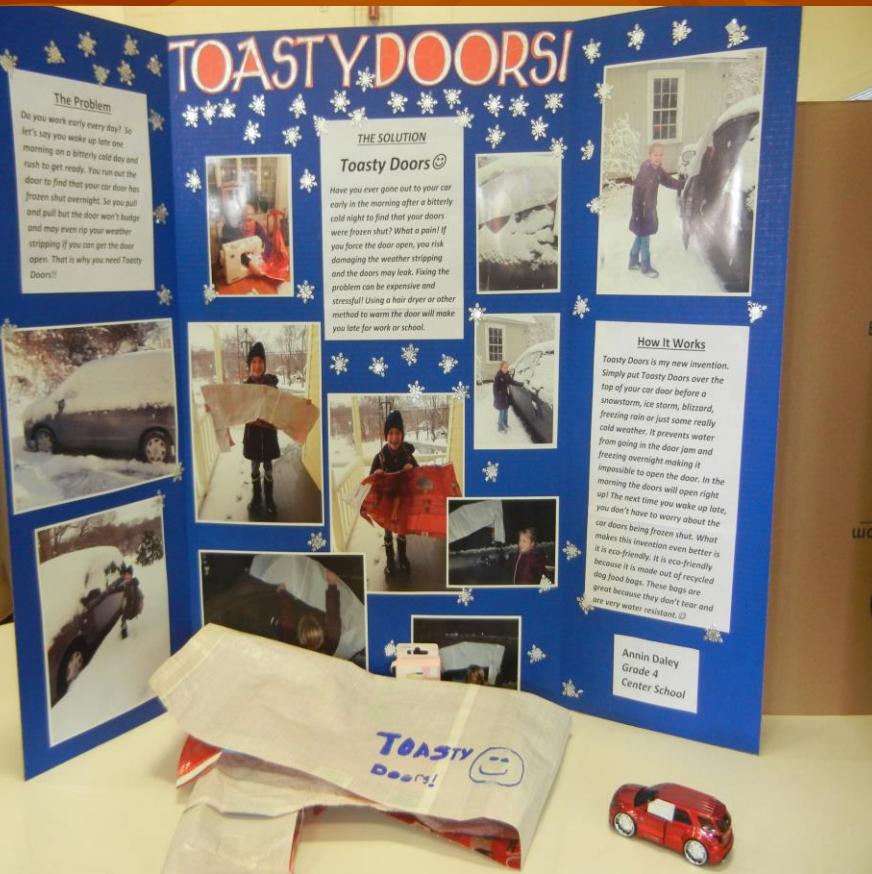
**Maybe our students can
get some ideas by
looking at some new
inventions .**



After we came up with an idea
we met with the advisors,
Mrs. Earley, Ms. Sawyer, Mrs. Cote,
and Mr. Baine,
before school on January 10,
January 17, and on January 24
To learn everything we needed to know.



Then before school on 2/6/14, we brought our Inventions to the Gym to set up the Invention Convention.



Then, after school, we met in the
library and got pumped, while the
judges got ready.
Then



we told the judges everything
about our invention with
a smile on our face.



**“O.K. she got my vote,
and so does he.”**



**“What do you mean,
I can only vote for one? ”**

Our finalists



“I made the paper. Too cool.”

Student inventions impress

By JOSH MROZINSKI
Middletown Press Staff

EAST HAMPTON
Devices displayed Wednesday by Center Elementary School students showed that necessity is the mother of invention no matter the inventor's age.

The inventions were judged by members of the Rotary Club, Senior Center, teachers and high school students. The 10 students who were deemed to have the most ingenious invention will go on to participate in the annual Connecticut Invention Convention at the University of Connecticut.

“We’ve been doing this for many years and this is a great thing,” said John Baine, a fifth grade teacher who helped to organize the school’s invention convention.

Inventions ranged from the tasty to the practical.

After David Field, one of the inventors, shook hands with the judges and introduced himself, he explained that American flags are supposed to be lit at night.

He showed the judges a flag he topped with an improvised solar-powered lighting assembly.

“And this automatically lights at night,” said Field, standing beneath the flag.

The light, said Field, can stay lit for 15 hours when the batteries are fully charged.

Another student, Alexis Haydu, tried to solve a problem that sometimes makes it hard to apply nail polish. Haydu placed a brush in a squeezable plastic tube. Brushes, said Haydu, have to be dipped in regular nail polish containers too many times.

Sometimes an idea for an invention pops into a person’s mind when least expected.

Jordan Goodman, who thought of his invention after watching a movie at the theater with his sister, placed a rectangle-shaped piece of cardboard in a bag of popcorn.

The cardboard, Goodman explained to the judges Tuesday, allowed him and his sister to eat popcorn with different toppings.

The judges were also shown the lotion helper,” a sponge attached to a back scratching stick. Kendra Hayes said she created “the lotion helper” after she could not reach her back to apply lotion.

An adjustable water bottle holder constructed of plastic with Velcro attached to each end was developed by Lauren Drotar.

“I had a lot of fun doing it,” Drotar said. “I tried it out and it worked.”

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“What’s next ?”

Then the finalists go to the:



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“Oh my, that’s my name, I’m a winner.”



And the Patent Prize goes to



Many CIC inventors have appeared on
The Ellen DeGeneres show and
The Tonight Show with Jay Leno (and
hopefully with Jimmy Fallon, in the Future).



**You never know. One of our students could
be the lucky one this year!**