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**Cleveland's First Invention Convention
Awards Young Innovators**

115 of Cleveland Area's best student inventors showcased their creations at The First Annual Cleveland Regional Invention Convention held today at The Great Lakes Science Center in Cleveland, Ohio. All finalists were pre-selected from participating school districts in Cuyahoga, Lorain and Medina Counties to participate in this year's competition.

For the past ten years over one million Ohio kids have participated in The Invention Convention creating useful, sometimes crazy and always interesting inventions. Now in its first year in the Cleveland area, local students have had a chance to do the same as the program follows through with their statewide expansion plans.

Offered free to schools in the area, The Invention Convention inspires students to create and problem solve while developing their inventions. It differs from science fairs in that the focus of the curriculum is to recognize simple to complex problems that individuals face everyday and follow them through the process of creating solutions to them.

The Grand Prize Award, a \$2,500 college scholarship went to a team of three students, Justin Bacon, Amy Butterfield and Brittany Hertelendy. The three young inventors are 8th graders from Greenbriar Middle School (Parma City School District) in Parma, Ohio Their invention "Pick-A-Stick of Paste" gives toothpaste a new age appeal with sticks of toothpaste in different flavors.

1st place winners of a \$500 college scholarship

- **In grade 3** the first place winner is Pierce Morgan from Lakeview Academy (Lorain City Schools) for his invention "Twinklers", keeps the Christmas tree lights tangle free.
- **In grade 4** the first place winner is Celeste Sperry from Lakeview Academy (Lorain City School District) for her invention, "Triple Feeder", feeds fish through the pump on the tank.
- **In grade 5** the first place winners are Danny Fortney and Hiatt Hernoh from Irving Elementary (Lorain City Schools) for their invention "Double Thermo Straw", an invention that measures the temperature of hot cocoa.
- **In grade 6** the first place winners are Alethia Bell-Collier, Lekarra Carter and Makayla Rox from Dunham School (Maple Heights School District) for their invention "Hat Warmer", a device that keeps the hat warm.

- **In grades 7-8** the first place winner is Justin Molnar, an 8th grader from Hillside Middle School (Parma City School District) for his invention "Self Extinguishing Candle", a candle wick that puts itself out.
- **Directors Choice Award** goes to Casey Heym an 8th grader from Hillside Middle School (Parma City School District) for his invention "The Blind Guide", a detector for the blind.
- **Chairman's Choice Award** goes to Elisha Grace Peoples a 6th grader from Dunham Elementary School (Maple Heights School District) for her invention "Bottle On the Ready", keeps the powdered formula separated from the water-but ready to go when you need it.
- **The 2007 Cleveland Teacher of Excellence Award** goes to Polly Bowman a gifted and talented Intervention Specialist (Parma City School District) won a Donato's Pizza Party, Trip to The Great Lakes Science Center and a \$1,500 computer set-up for her classroom.

The expansion of the program is made possible through the contributions of The Invention Convention's Founding Partners: Battelle, Grange Insurance Companies, The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company and This Week Community Newspapers. Cleveland Area sponsors include: Pearne & Gordon,LLP – a Cleveland law firm specializing in Patent Law; The Ohio Tuition Trust Authority – the "Official Scholarship Provider" and The Great Lakes Science Center, Cleveland Area Invention Convention Event Host.

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**2007 Cleveland Invention Convention
'Superior Innovator' Savings Bond Recipients (\$50)**

Name		Grade	District	Invention
TANNER	GOODWIN-PYERS	3	LORAIN CITY	THE MAGIC MAT
DYLAN	COOK	4	LORAIN CITY	THE CLARASER
GABRIELA	PENA	4	LORAIN CITY	CRUZI'N PACK
ANGELICA	BREWER	5	LORAIN CITY	THE BACK PACK ORGANIZER
MARIAH	DAVIES	5	LORAIN CITY	C-SPRAY
BRYAN	GARGASZ	5	LORAIN CITY	THE FORGETFULLNESS ALERT MONITOR
EMMANUEL	RIVERA	5	LORAIN CITY	INVISIBLE PEOPLE
KATI	BRITVEC	6	LORAIN CITY	G-TIPS
ARYIEL	DAVIS	6	MAPLE HTS	THE SUPERSONIC SHOE SHARPENER
ELISHA	PEOPLES	6	MAPLE HTS	BOTTLE ON THE READY
RICHARD	GUNN	6	MAPLE HTS	THE INSTANT PENCIL SHARPENER
LAVADA	PERRYMOND	6	MAPLE HTS	THE HOME TELLER
YASIMIN	KELLY	6	MAPLE HTS	TALK 'A' DOG
STEVEN	MEZATASTA	5	CLEVELAND	HATIOMUFFS
ANTHONY	KIESWETTER	6	LORAIN CITY	HATIOMUFFS
TAMERA	WORTHINGTON	6	MAPLE HTS	LOCKER FRESHNER
DIAMOND	AMERSON	6	MAPLE HTS	LOCKER FRESHNER
BRITTANY	REESE	6	MAPLE HTS	LOCKER FRESHNER
JOE	BANKER	7	PARMA CITY	THE TANGLE ELIMINATOR
TORIE	MASON	8	PARMA CITY	THE SPIKE KEEPER
NINA	KUNISH	8	PARMA CITY	KUNISH KOAT WARMER
JACK	ST MARIE	8	WESTLAKE CITY	HANDLEBAR CONVERSION
ALYSSA	MYERLY	8	WESTLAKE CITY	EXPAND-A-DAY CALENDAR
AMANDA	KLEMM	8	PARMA CITY	KLEMM TOOL TETHER
APRIL	MILLER	8	PARMA CITY	E-Z HAUL TARP SYSTEM
MIKE	STRAKY	8	PARMA CITY	THE DESUFFICATER
JARED	PETRO	8	PARMA CITY	THE HANG SLIDER
THOMAS	MANCO	8	PARMA CITY	THE XTREME STREET BOARD
CODY	MADAR	8	PARMA CITY	THE PUCKET
SHAWN	JACKLITCH	8	PARMA CITY	REMOTE NEVER LOSE
CASEY	HEYM	8	PARMA CITY	THE BLIND GUIDE
GLORIA	BAZILEVICH	8	PARMA CITY	OFF THE FLOOR DOGGY DISHES
RADU	SPINANT	8	PARMA CITY	MAGNETIC MOTOR
FRANK	HENDERSHOT JR	8	PARMA CITY	THE BOOK DIVIDER
CHRISTOPHER	ROSS	8	PARMA CITY	THE PICK POCKET
KATELYN	PETRONICK	8	PARMA CITY	PAINLESS FASHION
RYAN	KNIOLA	8	PARMA CITY	WIRE ORGANIZER
VITO	COLOMBO	8	PARMA CITY	THE BULB RITE PLIERS
KEVIN	HANNA	8	PARMA CITY	RINSEBRUSH
MARK	TORRES JR	8	PARMA CITY	RINSEBRUSH
NEIL	KYSER	8	PARMA CITY	RINSEBRUSH
SHAZEB	KHAN	8	PARMA CITY	QUITE TAP
ANDREW	STEINGASS	8	PARMA CITY	QUITE TAP
TAYLOR	LAJKO	8	PARMA CITY	THE SCARF-A-SAGE 3001
DANA	IRONWING	8	PARMA CITY	THE SCARF-A-SAGE 3001
CRYSTAL	HRABAK	8	PARMA CITY	THE SCARF-A-SAGE 3001
ADAM	WILKINS	8	PARMA CITY	THE WINTER SLEVE
ERIK	MILD	8	PARMA CITY	WINTER SLEEVE TISSUE

SHANE	PAGE	8	PARMA CITY	WINTER SLEEVE TISSUE
PAVANDEEP	SINGH	8	PARMA CITY	DE-ICESCRAPERZ
INNA	TIRAK	8	PARMA CITY	THE DE-ICE SCRAPER
CHRISTINA	SPARKS	8	PARMA CITY	THE DE-ICE SCRAPER
BRITTANI	DAUGHERTY	8	PARMA CITY	BUSINESS CARD ORGANIZER
MEGAN	STANG	8	PARMA CITY	BUSINESS CARD ORGANIZER
JESSICA	FITCH	8	PARMA CITY	MAG-NAIL HOLDER
GIORGIANA	LASCU	8	PARMA CITY	MAG-NAIL HOLDER
KYLE	KARCHER	8	PARMA CITY	THE PENCILATOR 2000
MICHAEL	MORROW	8	PARMA CITY	THE PENCILATOR 2000
JOE	KOVACS	8	PARMA CITY	THE PENCILATOR 2000
SEAN	DROWN	8	PARMA CITY	E.Z. BAND
BECCA	BASTIC	8	PARMA CITY	E.Z. BAND
LYNN	ORFAHLI	8	WESTLAKE CITY	THE BRAILLE STAMP
ELIZABETH	GRECO	8	WESTLAKE CITY	THE BRAILLE STAMP
STEVEN	KIESWETTER	8	LORAIN CITY	THE PORTABLE PRIVACY WALL
RYAN	LOMER	4	LORAIN CITY	THE PORTABLE PRIVACY WALL
JELENA	LANCAR	8	PARMA CITY	PILL BUDDY
SELENA	VLAJIC	8	PARMA CITY	PILL BUDDY
SAMANTHA	NOUSEK	8	PARMA CITY	DE-ICING SCRAPER
BETHANY	BRYANT	8	PARMA CITY	DE-ICING SCRAPER
ALAINA	REDLIN	8	PARMA CITY	PERFECT PAWS
ALEX	HAFFNER	8	PARMA CITY	PERFECT PAWS
AMIRA	JULIEN	8	PARMA CITY	REMOTE FINDER
LESYA	KONONETS	8	PARMA CITY	REMOTE CONTROL FINDER