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Three tie for Miami Valley's sixth Invention Convention Top Award

What could 140 “would be Edison’s and Wright Brothers” in grades K-8 possibly dream up that would be that great? Those who attended the 6th annual Miami Valley Invention found out today. The event was held at Wright State University’s Student Union in Dayton, Ohio. All finalists were pre-selected in their school district to participate in this year’s competition.

Over 140 student inventors proved that every answer does not come from a world-renowned laboratory - but may come from an elementary or middle school student living next door to you. For the past 17 years over one million Ohio kids have participated in The Invention Convention creating useful, sometimes crazy and always interesting inventions. This year the program invited all school districts located in Clark, Champaign, Darke, Greene, Logan, Miami, Montgomery, Preble and Shelby counties to participate in the Invention Convention.

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 was a tie between a team of 7th graders from Beavercreek and a 4th grader from Troy. “The No Chew Through Pet Pillow” an invention that protects your pet’s bed was created by Amber Lovely and Nicole Mapes (Ferguson Middle School, Beavercreek School District, Beavercreek, Ohio). The Team tied with Logan Oskey, a 4th grader from Tipp City (L. T. Ball Intermediate, Tipp City School District) who invented “The Trash Trapper,” a net that holds the trash in the trash container.

1st place winners of a \$500 college scholarship

- **In grades K-2** the first place winner is Clare Ashcraft, a 2nd grader from Titus Elementary School (Huber Heights School District) for her invention, “Glamorous Glasses”, a way to change the color of the frames on glasses.
- **In grade 3** the first place winner is Dawson Hamm from Germantown Elementary School (Valley View School District) for his invention” Holiday See Salt”, an invention that eliminates the over-salting of food.
- **In grade 4** the first place winners are Zach Collett and Julian Allen from Cookson Elementary (Troy City School District) for their invention, “Concessions Caddy”, an invention that keeps all your snacks together.
- **In grade 5** the first place winner is Anastasia Strobl from Warder Park Elementary School (Springfield City School District) for her invention ”Caring Clothes”, an invention that assists with dressing bed-ridden people.

- **In grade 6** the first place winners are Riley Click and Cassidy Alspaugh from Dixie Middle School (New Lebanon School District) for their invention "The Spill No More", an invention that helps with pouring drinks.
- **In grades 7-8** the first place winner is Justin Whittington, an 8th grader from Ferguson Middle School (Beavercreek School District) for his invention "Algebra WordProb Pro", an invention that helps with algebra problems.
- **Kids Choice Award** goes to Jeremy Mach, a 4th grader from Titus Elementary School (Huber Heights School District) for his invention "Just Hook It" a handy device for shopping bags.
- **Chairman's Choice Award** goes to Perry Brown and Simon Oberkrom 5th graders from Titus Elementary School (Huber Heights School District) for their invention, "Food Coloring".
- **Teacher of Excellence Award** goes to Mrs. Aimee Ashcraft, a Huber Heights City Schools Gifted Intervention Specialist has worked with seven elementary schools in Huber Heights on Invention Convention projects.
- **TimeWarnerCable "COOLEST CREATIONS" semi-finalists:** These young inventors were selected as 'semi-finalists' by TimeWarnerCable. Their "COOL" ideas will go up on Local on Demand Channel 411 – from April 1st through April 30th – where public may cast their vote...to determine who will be the "2011 Coolest Creation" and winner of a \$500 prize; semifinalist inventors are: Payton Kick ("Rake-Um"), Savanna Reily (The Unforgettanator"), Hannah Baumgardner ("Muddy Paw Box"), Logan Oskey ("The Trash Trapper"), Jordan Kaiser ("A Pulley Bird Feeder"), Kaitlin Break ("TPA: Toilet Paper Alarm"), Macy Hudson ("iSee"), Starr Joy ("Heat Swipe"), Samantha Clark & Cara Kronour ("The Candle Blower Outer"), and Julien Allen & Zach Collett ("Concession Candy"). ("Vote with your remote!!...April 1 – 30th; on TimeWarnerCable - channel 411.)

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Below is a list of the 50 savings bond winners.

For photos of the day go to www.just-think-inc.com/miamivalley/index.html and click on the "Photos" link under the "Success Stories & In The News" link.

	Student	Grade	School District
	Tiffany Stevens	6	Beavercreek
	Robert J Von Holle	6	Beavercreek
	Mickayla Hulliberger	6	Beavercreek
	Sophia Feinstein	6	Beavercreek
	Courtland Wescott	7	Beavercreek
	Sam Schwieterman	7	Beavercreek
	Joshua Durst	5	Centerville
	Clay Hippenmeyer	5	Centerville
	Sarah Keifer	5	Centerville
	Payton Kick	5	Centerville
	Phoebe Rudolph	5	Centerville
	Luke Reaman	5	Centerville
	Olivia Ferrazza	5	Centerville
	John Butkus	5	Centerville
	Savannah Riley	3	Fairborn
	Audrey Earnest	2	Huber Heights
	Hailey Marie Duncan	4	Huber Heights
	Joshua Hivner	4	Huber Heights
	Jeremy Mach	4	Huber Heights
	Nate Ashcraft	5	Huber Heights
	Cameron Picard	5	Huber Heights
	Avery Woodruff	5	Huber Heights
	Perry Brown	5	Huber Heights
	Simon Oberkrom	5	Huber Heights
	Preston Pietrzak	5	New Lebanon
	Jacob Simoni	6	New Lebanon
	Steven Brown	6	New Lebanon
	Thomas Pedrotti	7	New Lebanon
	Taylor Lewis	3	Northwestern
	Jake Suman	4	Northwestern
	Artemis Jade Burnett	6	Springfield
	Caleb Robinson	6	Springfield
	Kaitlin Break	4	Tipp City
	Jordan Kaiser	4	Tipp City
	Annie Livesay	4	Tipp City
	Delaney Bourelle	4	Tipp City
	Caley DeHass	4	Tipp City
	Zach Carner	5	Tipp City
	Jessica Miller	5	Tipp City
	Sarah Miller	5	Tipp City
	Allie Henry	5	Tipp City
	Payton Brown	5	Tipp City
	Caroline Senseman	5	Tipp City
	Taylor Hudson	5	Tipp City
	Noah Davidson	5	Troy Christian
	Alyssa Shilt	4	Troy City
	Maritza Catalan	4	Troy City
	Megan Myers	5	Troy City
	Charlotte Snee	5	Troy City
	Mason Campbell	3	Valley View