

# DISTRICT 196 INVENTORS FAIR

- WHAT?** A display and judging of student inventions
- WHY?** To teach and encourage students to use creative problem-solving techniques and to bring creative ideas to reality through the medium of invention
- WHO?** All District 196 students in grades 4 and 5 are eligible to participate in this fair
- WHERE?** Eagan High School and Dakota Hills Middle School
- WHEN?** **Saturday, January 14, 2012** from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., with judging from 8:30 a.m. until the last invention is judged. Displays are open to the public at approximately 10:30 a.m. Awards are presented at approximately 11:30 a.m.

**SPONSORED BY:** The Gifted and Talented Program of District 196

**YOUNG INVENTORS FAIR:** District winners will be encouraged to submit their inventions to the all-metro **Young Inventors Fair** sponsored by *Success Beyond the Classroom*. **Please note - This year the all-metro Young Inventors Fair will only accept inventions submitted by individual students NOT partner inventions.** The **Young Inventors Fair** is primarily an educational program, designed to teach creatively gifted students creative problem solving skills, which they can then apply to some of humankind's real problems. Parents, inventors, teachers and other professionals judge student inventions in February and March of 2012. The best 75 are featured, along with the young inventors, at the Best Buy Rotunda @ the MOA in Bloomington on Saturday, May 5, 2012. See [www.successbeyond.org](http://www.successbeyond.org) for more information.

**RESOURCES:** Many resources about inventing are available in your school, public libraries and on-line. Each school has a copy of the Young Inventors Fair Curriculum Guide available to teachers. Please visit: <http://district196-inventorsfair.wikispaces.com> for detailed step-by-step instructions and to print your copy of the required District 196 Log Book.

**NOTE:** This is an optional, independent project, entirely the work of the student(s). Official rules **MUST** be followed exactly for the invention to be eligible.

**QUESTIONS:** Ask the GT Specialist at your school. *If printing the required Log Book is a hardship, please notify the GT Specialist so one can be provided for you.*

**District 196 Inventors Fair Registration Form:**  
Due to your GT Specialist by **DECEMBER 9, 2011**