

PARENT FAQ

JUDGING

Q: When will judging will take place?

A: Saturday, January 28th between 9:15 AM - 11:00AM.

Q: When does my child need to arrive?

A: All students need to arrive no later than 9:00 AM. There are NO appointments for judging times.

Q: What does my child need to do?

A: Students must stand next to their invention so that they can explain their invention to the judge. When they have finished speaking with the judge they may enjoy seeing the science demonstrations outside the gym.

Q: Are parents allowed to stand with their child?

A: No, Parents are not allowed to stand with their student during judging. Parents may wait at the bleachers until their child is finished interviewing with the judge. Kindergarteners and 1st graders will be in the first row closest to the bleachers.

Q: How will I find my child after they have been judged?

A: We recommend planning a meeting spot prior to sending your child to their invention. There will about be a booth outside the gym for lost or separated children.

Q: How long will the judge spend on each invention?

A: It depends. We ask judges to take about 5-10 minutes with each inventor. Some judges may have more questions for the students.

Q: Who are the judges?

A: Student projects are judged by Tustin/Irvine community members invited by the Irvine Valley College Foundation.

AWARDS

Q: What are the ribbons my child could receive?

A: This is a special event where EVERY student is recognized for their creativity and participation. Every student will receive a First, Second, or Third Place ribbon at the Irvine Valley College competition. There will be 9 special Raytheon award of \$50 for each school grade. This year there will also be a special ribbon given to students whose inventions align with the theme.

Q: What are the prizes my child could receive?

A: **Top Winner** - One student will receive a \$10,000 pro bono patent search for their invention from the event sponsor.

Blue Ribbon Division Award (First Place) Some students will receive a blue ribbon and a \$50 check will be mailed to them from Irvine Valley College Foundation (about 4 weeks to process).

Red Ribbon Outstanding Award (Second Place)

Some students will receive a red ribbon and a \$25 check will be mailed to them from Irvine Valley College Foundation (about 4 weeks to process).

White Ribbon Honorable Mention Award (Third Place)

Some students will receive a white ribbon, recognizing their achievement.

Q: When are the awards ceremonies?

A: The Awards Ceremony for all Grades K, 1, 2, 3, & 6-8 will begin at 12:00pm on Saturday, Jan. 28th. The Awards Ceremony for all Grades 4 & 5 will begin at 1:15pm on Saturday, Jan. 28th.

Q: Where do parents and guests sit during the award ceremonies?

A: Parents and guests may sit on either side of the bleachers. The gym floor is only for students to sit.

Q: When can the student inventions be removed?

A: All projects must be removed after the awards ceremony for your child. Please be sure to pick up your child’s invention. Any inventions not picked up by the end of the final awards ceremony will only be kept for 1 week before being disposed of.

AWARDS CEREMONY

The acoustics in the gym make it difficult for students to hear their name so that they can come forward to the stage and be recognized for their accomplishments. Please be as quiet as possible as the names of the students are being called.

