

New Market

SOUTH MONTGOMERY COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION, MID-FEBRUARY

NEW MARKET RENOVATION!

As part of the district wide renovation and building plan, New Market will undergo renovations this year! Please join us on Monday, March 5 at 6:00 PM in the New Market cafeteria to find out more about the exciting changes and renovations in store for all of the schools in the South district! This meeting will include presentations by Fanning Howey (architecture firm) and The Skillman Corporation (project management).



For detailed information you can visit the *Building for our Future* webpage at <http://www.southmont.k12.in.us/building-our-future>.

We hope to see you on March 5 at 6:00 PM to find out more about the exciting construction projects! As this is a Board Work Session, school board members and district administrators will be on hand to share additional district information.



Southmont Schools

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ISTEP + Part 1 Begins February 26

Students in the third through sixth grades will begin taking Part 1 of our state assessment next week. ISTEP + Part 1 will be completed using paper/pencil. Dates for the assessment are: 3rd grade: February 26, 27, and 28 and 4th grade: February 26, 27, 28, and March 1. Fifth grade will assess beginning on February 28 and continue through Monday March 5 (they have the weekend off!) Finally, sixth grade will assess on February 26, 27, March 1 and March 5.

3rd graders will take IREAD the week of March 12. The window to administer Part 2 of ISTEP begins on April 23. Part 2. This portion of the test will be computer based.

Be sure watch our ISTEP FUNK!

<https://youtu.be/0mSsmTdvqY>

Invention Convention Returns to New Market

March 21, 2018
2nd through 6th Grade

Innovation : noun – the introduction of something new; a new idea, method, or device.
~from Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary

Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, Bill Gates, Steve Jobs are all great American inventors. But did you know that there are children all over the United States who are amazing inventors as well? We would like for you to “think” for a moment and join us by participating in the New Market Invention Convention.

Different Invention Categories: Do you have a problem doing something? Can you think of a way to make a job easier? Does something really bug you? If so, use your imagination and create an invention that will solve your problem. You may make a working model or a non-working model.

Working Model of an Invention-You may create a Working Model, an invention that really works. Along with your invention, you might create a magazine advertisement for it. Make sure your ad includes a catchy heading, a colorful illustration, and detailed information so that your audience will want to buy it.

Non-Working Model of an Invention- Maybe you have a great idea, but you are not able to put it together. No problem! Make a model of your invention using legos, craft sticks, some other materials, or a drawing/sketch design. Name your invention and label the different parts. Write an explanation about how your invention would work, how it improves life, and who would use it. If you like, you could also create a magazine ad for your invention.

Adaptations of an Existing Product-Take a product that has already been invented and improve it. You may make a working or non-working model. If that is too difficult, then draw a picture of it, name the invention, and label the parts. Write an explanation about how your invention would work, how it improves life, and who would use it. If you like, you could also create a magazine ad for your invention.

Games- Make a board game that has never been created before. Make sure to include detailed rules on how to play the game.

Sports- Create a new sport that would be fun to play. Give the sport a name. Clearly explain how the sport is played, number of players, rules, equipment needed, etc.

Coding or Technological Invention: You experienced “Hour of Code”, why not try something of your own! Create an App or other electronic support .

Questions to Ask Yourself to Help You Think About an Idea:

Come up with Ideas.... Think about these questions or ask other people what they think.

“I wish I had a better way of _____.”

“My life would be easier if _____.”

Look at your favorite toys or games. How could you make them more fun or exciting? What could you invent to make chores easier or more fun?

Get other people’s opinions about new products. Once you have made your choice you may want to consult (talk with) others about your ideas.

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7:30-8:15 AM– Set up in gymnasium

Judging throughout the day

2:00 PM– School wide award ceremony

Evening time TBD– Open House for Families

Display Boards will be provided once the form is returned to school. Deadline for registration is March.7 (extended)

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Team Members (if a group project): _____

Students should have the Innovation Projects ready for display on March 20. Projects and display boards may not be transported on the bus. Simply mark which one you will be doing if you do not have a product yet.

Working Model of Invention: _____

Non-Working Model of an Invention: _____

Adaptation of an existing product: _____

Game: _____

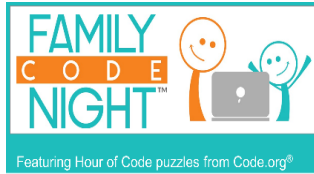
Sport: _____

NEW– Coding/Technological Invention: _____

All inventions must not pose a safety threat to the school. Teachers will check with students the week prior to the program to verify if the project can be displayed at school or if photographs will be needed to be presented instead.

Parent Signature _____

Email Address: _____



March 21, 2018 * 6:00 to 7:15 PM

Please join us for our first Family Code Night! A code is what computer programmers use to tell a computer what to do. Computer programming is currently, and is expected to continue to be, a skill that is in high demand. This event will help families learn more about what coding is (or give an opportunity for additional fun for families who have coding experience)!

Our Family Code Night will be a FREE evening event at New Market. There is no coding experience necessary! Participants will learn how to code using fun puzzles from code.org.

Please do not let the fear of the unknown stop your family from participating as we will all be learning together. Also, there are no Mistakes in coding! If your code doesn't work, no problem...you would just move to the next step called "debugging".

Already know how to code? There will still be fun coding opportunities to do with your child. Also, we could use volunteers! If you can volunteer for that evening, please contact chris.larson@southmont.k12.in.us.

This is open to all NMES families (Kindergarten through 6th grade). Other siblings may also attend with the family.

Family Code Night, March 21, 6:00 to 7:15 PM – Registration Form

Please return this form to school by March 7, 2018 (extended)

How many family members will be attending in all (including children)? _____

Oldest NMES child that will be participating: _____ Teacher: _____

Names and grades of any additional New Market students: _____

Names of adult(s) attending:

We will use student Chromebooks or iPads.

Volunteers – We can use volunteers! No coding experience necessary! _____
