**Morning Announcements**

**2019**

**January**

**Creativity Month**

January is Creativity Month! With this in mind, the National Inventors Hall of Fame® encourages you to embrace your inner sense of creativity at the Invention Project® program. In this program, you will have the opportunity to come up with new, innovative ideas, design high-tech prototypes, and develop savvy plans to market and sell your products! Invention Project is an exciting, week-long adventure for students going into grades 6-9 that will foster your creativity as it challenges you to think outside the box and come up with innovative solutions to real-world problems! To learn more about this exciting program and to register, visit [website]!

**Peanut Butter Day: Thursday, January 24**

Get ready for some nutty news, because today is National Peanut Butter Day! Fun Fact: National Inventors Hall of Fame® Inductee John Kellogg, who you may recognize as the inventor of the tasty breakfast cereal Corn Flakes®, also patented the process for making peanut butter in the late 1800s! With persistence and hard work, Kellogg was able to create many foods that we still enjoy today. Come to the Invention Project® program where you will be challenged to be an innovator like John Kellogg and test out your ideas! Secure your spot today at [website]!

**February**

**National Inventors’ Day: Monday, February 11**

Did you know that today is National Inventors’ Day? This holiday was declared by President Ronald Reagan in 1983 on February 11 in honor of Thomas Edison’s birthday. In his lifetime, Edison created more than 1,000 inventions, the most famous of which was the electric light. There’s no better way to celebrate National Inventors’ Day than by becoming an innovator yourself! Challenge yourself by finding objects around the house that you could re-use to invent something practical and make your life easier! This summer, you can continue building and prototyping at the Invention Project® program, before taking your inventions to market and pitching your product to investors! You don’t want to miss out! Register today at [website]!

**Innovation Day: Saturday, February 16 (*share on Friday, February 15*)**

This Saturday, February 16th, is Innovation Day. And that’s great, because innovation is everywhere you look! At the Invention Project® program, you can learn what it takes to be an innovator by turning your craziest ideas into real-life prototypes. Join us for multiple sessions that will encourage you to think outside the box and find all-new solutions to various problems! Innovation Day is all about imagining new, better ways of doing things, so I’d like to ask you, how will you be innovative today? If you’d like to learn more about Invention Project and register for the program, go to [website].

**March**

**Craft Month**

In honor of Craft Month this month, the National Inventors Hall of Fame® invites you to get crafty with innovation this summer and stretch your creativity to the max at the Invention Project® program! Dream up and design high-tech prototypes that solve real-world issues, then take your product to market and come up with an interesting marketing strategy to sell your invention! We’d love to see you there! Visit [website] to secure your spot!

**Waffle Day: Monday, March 25**

Did anyone make waffles for breakfast this morning? If so, you chose the perfect day for it, because today is Waffle Day! In honor of that, we wanted to share a fun waffle-related story about one of Nike®’s Co-Founders, National Inventors Hall of Fame® Inductee Bill Bowerman. While working on prototyping his design for a new, durable yet lightweight rubber shoe sole with good traction, he got the idea over breakfast one morning to use a waffle iron to create the perfect mold for a shoe bottom. After experimenting and creating multiple prototypes with the waffle iron, he successfully marketed and released his new “Waffle Trainer” shoe in 1973! If you’d like to test your ingenuity, prototype some inventions, and learn more about inventors who have transformed our world with their creative ideas, come to the Invention Project® program this summer! Register today at [website]!

**April**

**National Zipper Day: Monday, April 29**

If I gave you 10 seconds, how many things do you think you could name that use a zipper? You could probably list off most articles of clothing, as well as backpacks, sports bags, purses, tents, wallets, pencil cases, laptop cases and many more things. The zipper is an extraordinary invention that many of us use daily. This helpful and handy fastener was invented and patented by National Inventors Hall of Fame® Inductee, Gideon Sundback, in 1917. Gideon was a Swedish-born engineer who improved upon previous ideas to successfully create, produce and market the zipper we use today. For all of his hard work, we can now celebrate National Zipper Day. To learn about more extraordinary and inspiring inventors, sign up for the Invention Project® program this summer, where you can prototype and market your own inventions! Visit [website] to register!

**May**

**National Inventors’ Month**

Happy National Inventors’ Month, everyone! Pop Quiz: What is a patent? If you answered that a patent is a form of intellectual property that protects an invention by giving the inventor the rights to that invention, you would be correct! So far, the National Inventors Hall of Fame® has inducted 562 patent-holding inventors for their amazing, world-changing inventions. To learn about some of these inventors, and to become an inventor yourself, register for the Invention Project® program this summer by going to [website].

**Teacher Appreciation Day: Tuesday, May 7**

Today is Teacher Appreciation Day, so take a moment to say thank you to all the amazing, hard-working, talented educators who teach you every single day! The National Inventors Hall of Fame® is especially grateful for all of the wonderful teachers out there who challenge students to think outside the box and find innovative solutions to problems, because students, you all are the next generation of innovators and problem-solvers! So, to continue being challenged this summer by another amazing teacher, check out the Invention Project® program at [website]. Register today!

**Drawing Day: Thursday, May 16**

Many great inventors have kept a journal handy to jot down ideas or make sketches when inspiration hit. In honor of National Drawing Day, the National Inventors Hall of Fame® encourages you to start your own personal journal to house your seemingly impossible dreams, craziest ideas and most groundbreaking thoughts, all in one place. After all, some of the most impactful inventions got started on the page of a journal after one person had nothing more than an impossible idea. At the Invention Project® program this summer, journaling and sketching will be key in creating prototypes of your inventions! Join in the fun and register at [website].

**June**

**National Best Friends Day: Saturday, June 8 (*share on Friday, June 7*)**

Saturday is National Best Friends Day, and what better way to celebrate friendship than by hanging out with your closest friends, or even making new ones? So, this summer, be sure to ask all your besties to join you for a fun week of inventing, prototyping, and so much more at the Invention Project® program. It’ll be a great week, so make sure you and your friends don’t miss out! Learn more and register today at [website].