

March 2014

Dear parents of the imagine\_factory student teams:

May 17<sup>th</sup> 2014 is the date scheduled for our inaugural iMAGiNExpo mini-convention. iMAGiNExpo brings together the region's brightest creative and innovative minds from inventors to musicians. The iMAGiNE acronym represents the target audience of exhibitors and attendees of this FREE public educational event: **I**nventors; **M**usicians; **A**uthors & **A**rtists; **G**enius Geeks & Gamers; **I**nnovators; **N**on-conformists (outside the box thinkers); and **E**ntrepreneurs. This event will rotate annually between Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati. This year the event is scheduled at the newly renovated Covington branch of the Kenton County Public Library at 502 Scott Boulevard 1 p.m. on Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>.

In addition to professional expert speakers, another highlight of the event will showcase the winning entries of high school students' imagine\_factory (creative and innovative research) project-based works. There will be prizes for the winners of each of the major STEAM disciplines (as defined by iMAGiNExpo: **S**cience; **T**echnology; **E**ntrepreneurship; **A**rts & **H**umanities; and **M**athematics) displayed virtually via electronic exhibition. This is not another science or art fair, but a research-oriented creativity and innovation challenge for your children. iMAGiNExpo fosters 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning and Research Skills, including Information Literacy and Common Core State Standards. Prize details will be posted at <http://creativethinking.nku.edu> before the event.

Initial student team imagine\_factory projects at the school level must be submitted to their school librarian or teacher on time. Each school will set up its own onsite competition that may range from an onsite contest to a class assignment. The contest winner, or the highest graded project-based group work, is eligible for submission to the iMAGiNExpo as a representative of their school for each subject discipline. Entering the regional finalist level of iMAGiNExpo is optional.

Please see our educator backgrounder and judging rubric @ <http://creativethinking.nku.edu/teachersguide/imaginexpo.html> for more details. If your child's team has earned the honor to submit their research presentation, please co-sign (along with your child's signature) and return the permission slip on the second page of this letter for each student participating in any aspect of this program. Extra copies of this letter and permission form are found @ <http://creativethinking.nku.edu>. Before an imagine\_factory team's submission is accepted at the iMAGiNExpo regional level contest, parent/guardian permission forms representing all students on a school's winning team must be received by the iMAGiNExpo submission entry coordinator by the end of the month of March 2014.

Latest event details will be posted at the <http://creativethinking.nku.edu> website. We appreciate your support of the iMAGiNExpo and the imagine\_factory submission of your child(ren).

Regards,

The iMAGiNExpo Committee  
NKU Steely Library  
The Public Library of Cincinnati

iMAGiNExpo Parent/Guardian Permission & Application (Student must also co-sign)

My child and I have reviewed the information related to their potential Project-Based Learning imagine\_factory team entry for the regional level of the iMAGiNExpo virtual public exhibition at the Covington branch of the Kenton County Public Library on May 17, 2014. This signed form is required before winners of school competitions are eligible to enter the regional level iMAGiNExpo.

All work submitted must be the original creation of the students for each imagine\_factory team. Parental and teacher support should be limited to directional and inspirational assistance only. Students' use of others' creative works should be attributed with citations and copyrighted works limited to Fair Use portions. Otherwise, documented permission from the copyright holder must be acquired and presented to iMAGiNExpo facilitators before students' submission is considered by event judges for competition. Please see <http://www.ismf.net/resources/fairuse/> for an applicable Fair Use guidelines example.

Parents or legal guardians of student(s) must co-sign this permission and application form with their child(ren). Student(s) must submit this signed form to their coordinating school librarian or teacher of their Project-Based Learning presentation.

Your signed form submitted also affirms your permission for the iMAGiNExpo staff and volunteers to photograph or film your child for current and future publicity of the iMAGiNExpo event, including newspapers, broadcasts, weblogs, and other media, e.g. NKU NorseMedia. The imagine\_factory student teams of the Project-Based Learning presentation maintain all intellectual property rights. Your signed form grants iMAGiNExpo the right to display the teams' works at the event (and for any publicity or research related to iMAGiNExpo) associated with its program facilitators: Northern Kentucky University's W. Frank Steely Library, the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County, and its community partners.

NOTE: The iMAGiNExpo program reserves the right to make any minor modifications or to tweak the program as needed for the benefit of the greater good of the event and its student participants.

We (parent/guardian and student) have reviewed the iMAGiNExpo Parent/Guardian Permission & Application form and we agree with the general terms of the program listed. We agree to the conditions for our child(ren)submitting their imagine\_factory student team Project-Based Learning presentations to the regional event if their work is the winner of our local school for our specific subject discipline.

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Parent/Guardian Signature and Date

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Student Signature and Date

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List title/name of the team presentation and student partners above

Print the name of school librarian/teacher coordinator(s) and school name below: