

Dear Makers and Guardians of Makers,

Steve Jobs. Bill Gates. Thomas Edison. Mark Zuckerberg. What do all of these people have in common? They are all inventors. They are all thinkers and tinkerers. Before Steve Jobs was the guy launching famous Apple products, he was a guy in a garage try to make a vision in his head reality. There is a movement that Bettendorf School District is embracing called "The Maker Movement." The idea is for students to learn by creating and producing, testing ideas and modifying them when they don't work the first time. District libraries have makerspaces in them right now. Students can come into their school library create and experiment on projects, use task cards, take tech challenges, and use their imagination to open a whole new world to them.

To encourage continue creation, the district's elementary libraries are going to host a Maker Fest, on April 6th at Bettendorf Middle School, from 6:00 -7:00 PM. This is an exciting opportunity for your student to create and innovate, and share it with the community. Students can cook, sew, build, design, create an experiment in science, students can write a monologue and share it with the public, there is no limit to the possibilities.

This is open to all students, and we would like as many students as possible to take part in this cutting edge activity. All students must have their ideas submitted to the school librarian (Ms. Gogel for GW Students) by March 29th. Attached to this letter, is the form and guidelines students need to fill out/meet if they plan to take part in the Makerfest. Students will be able to work on their projects during makerspace time in their libraries, though the majority of the work will take place at home. We ask parents to support their students initiative and creativity by encouraging students to do the majority of the work themselves.

If you have any questions please contact,

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I, _____ am committting to

participating in the Maker Fest on March 23rd at 6:00 P.M. at Bettendorf High School.

The project I will be submitting is:

I have my parents permission _____.

Parent Signature

My School Librarian has approved my project _____.

Librarian Signature

Completed submissions must have

1. A plan design
2. How to Plan (written/typed steps)
3. A completed project
4. A reflection on the process
5. Be able to attend the event

Please see attached rubric for more detailed explanation for Maker Fest Goals.

