

Spotlight On: US National Innovator Challenge Winners

Congratulations to our Invention Convention winners Owen Bernier and Hannah Pendarvis! At the US National Innovator Challenge, Owen, inventor of The Super Snowy Buddy, was awarded the Top Innovator Award for grades K-2. The Super Snowy Buddy is a waterproof bag to help organize snow gear so that items are easy to store and find. Owen noticed that at school, he would see a lot of snow gear in the lost and found. Owen invented The Super Snowy Buddy to help people find their snow gear easily, keep them organized, and keep their items from



getting lost. Hannah, inventor of Visivein, was awarded the Launch & Beyond Leadership Commendation and the Powerful Prototypes Awards. The Visivein is a light that can be attached to syringes to help doctors and nurses find veins when they are inserting an IV. Hannah tested different color lights and learned that the yellow light worked best. Hannah said that by seeing the vein better, it can reduce bruising and pain, and reduce the need for multiple needle pokes. We are so proud of Owen and Hannah!

District Advancement Plan: Academic Update

At this month's Board of Education meeting Mrs. Uriano and Mr. Larkin presented on academic updates at Gilead Hill School and Hebron Elementary School. The presentation included updates regarding reading, math, social emotional data on district and state assessments. Our students continue to perform well and as a district we continue to increase our performance within our District Reference Group (DRG). This is a reflection of multiple factors combining to help our students grow and shine: small class sizes, intervention services, supportive climate, family and community support, dedicated educators, enrichment programs, and a focused professional learning program for staff. The presentation can be found on our website [here](#). Mr. Larkin also presented the Hebron Elementary School Improvement Plan which can be found [here](#).