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For the past 2 weeks our Library has been working with students on an opportunity presented through Google Canada. They are hosting a contest for students across Canada to design a Google Doodle. According to Google, Google Doodles are:

"the fun, surprising, and sometimes spontaneous changes that are made to the Google logo to celebrate holidays, anniversaries, and the lives of famous artists, pioneers, and scientists"

The theme this year is **"If I could invent anything, I would invent..."**

The winning doodle will be featured on the Google Canada homepage for 24 hours. The winning student will also receive a \$10,000 scholarship, a Google Chromebook, and a \$10,000 grant to their current school along with a trip to Toronto to view a special exhibition of the top doodles at the Royal Ontario Museum in 2014.

Students have been exploring the idea of an invention in the Library through fiction and non-fiction texts. Students are encouraged to continue exploring ideas at home and plan ahead.

In the Library we have discussed what makes a good invention

- does it solve a problem?
- does it make life easier or fun?
- is it practical?
- is it something that people will want to use?

As an example to these leading questions we discussed basic inventions (zipper, wheelchair, eyeglasses, television, car, basketball)

The contest requires parents to fill out a form for submissions that identify the participating student. The contest closes on December 31, 2013. Parents can submit their child's doodle via mail or online. For more information please visit:

<http://www.google.ca/doodle4google/start.html>

If you have any questions regarding the contest for our library, please visit:

<http://earlbeattylibrary.blogspot.ca/> and send us an email.

Thank you!
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