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Forest View inventor invited to national convention

Tilted dispenser invention earns state recognition, competes nationally



Fifth-grader Callia Park and her teacher, Pam VanHorne, show off Park's Best in Show award from the Washington Innovation Competition

Everett, WA – Forest View Elementary School fifth grader Callia Park couldn't stand not getting the last few ounces of her shampoo out of the bottle.

Park solved the irritating problem by creating a "tilted dispenser." She created a mock up and a working model. "There used to be tons of soap or shampoo wasted but I am hoping that with my invention there will be none wasted," she shared. With her Highly Capable class encouraging students to participate in the Washington state Innovation Convention, she created a display board and kept her notes in an innovation notebook.

Park was one of three Forest View Elementary School Highly Capable students to compete at the state Innovation Convention in Spokane March 23. She won Best in Class for her age level in the Consumer Services category.

Park's performance earns her an invitation to participate in the [National Innovation Convention](#) at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, MI on May 29 and 30, which she plans to attend.

Park's Highly Capable classroom teacher, Pam VanHorne, shared this is the second year her students participated in the Innovation Convention and looks forward to Forest View Elementary School Highly Capable (HC) students having their own Innovation Convention April 24. "We provide opportunities for our HC students to participate in project-based learning and this Innovation Convention is a perfect fit. All students benefit from opportunities to use their imagination and solve problems that they care about."

The districtwide [Innovation Expo](#) will be June 5, 5-8 p.m. at Angel of the Winds Arena in Everett.

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