



# February is full of love for STEM

**February 11 is National Inventors Day!**



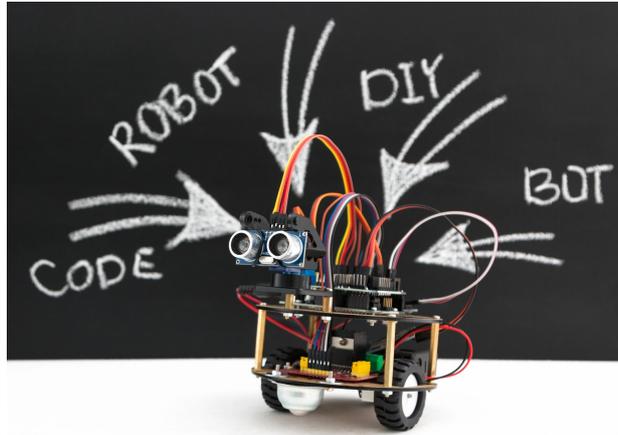
Inventions in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics have revolutionized the world for thousands of years. Early inventions such as the wheel changed the way we traveled and worked. Later inventions such as the printing press or telephones changed the way we communicate and share information. And recent inventions such as the Internet have changed many aspects of modern life, including commerce, education, government, healthcare, and the ways we interact with others.

Inventors Day is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the inventors that have had an impact on our lives. This day has been officially celebrated in the U.S. since 1983 when President Reagan chose February 11th as the date of the holiday to honor the birthdate of Thomas Edison, one of the most prolific inventors the world has ever seen.

### ***How can you observe this day with kids of all ages?***

- Share information about inventors / inventions that impact the way we live in or look at the world today. You can read about them, watch a documentary, or arrange to talk to an inventor.
- Talk about patents: the process to apply for one and how they protect ideas.
- And most of all, encourage young creators to keep thinking and inventing!

**February 20 - 26 is National Engineers Week!**



Engineers don't sit back and watch - they make things happen. If you like tinkering, creating, designing or building, there's likely an engineer inside of you!

Engineers Week celebrates the amazing and influential work of engineers. The purpose to celebrate with kids of all ages is to show how engineers make a difference in our world, boost awareness of our need for engineers, and support and promote activities that get students interested in engineering. Engineers Week is held each year in February in close conjunction with George Washington's birthday, who many believe to be our nation's "first engineer" with his survey work.

[Learn more about Engineers Week](#)

### **How can you observe this day with kids of all ages?**

Click the link below to explore ideas for hands on projects, activities, lesson plans, games, and more to celebrate budding engineers and the spirit of engineering all week long.

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