

Elias's Prize Board

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This is a story about a 9 year old boy named Elias, who more than anything in the world wanted to be a scientist and an engineer. He found his interest in them when he was 6 years old and was given a chemistry set from his Granma Ellen for Christmas. The only problem was that he knew little about them. He would sometimes try to do experiments around the house, but he would either vaporize something or he set his baby brother Ellis on fire. His parents didn't approve of this because they wanted him to be a fisherman like them. When he went back to school on Monday, his teacher passed out a flyer for the school science fair to everyone. Elias thought, "This could be my big chance to finally fulfill my dream."

All week he thought of the perfect invention for the science fair, but he was stumped. On a Sunday afternoon he sat on his front porch and kept on thinking. He saw this one guy ride down his street on a hoverboard with wheels, which gave him the perfect idea. He was going to make the first hoverboard that could actually FLY!! It was ingenious! The competition was in 2 days so he had a minimum amount of time. He went to the town library and checked out every book he could on flying, mechanics, engineering, energy, and aerodynamics. He spent all night studying.

After school Monday he went in his backyard and started tinkering, buzzing, and zapping until he finished. He tested it on his baby brother (hoping that he wouldn't set him aflame). He flicked the switch on, but nothing happened, then he did it again, and again, and again, but still nothing happened. Elias had been filled with anguish and self-doubt at his results but he still tried again. He disassembled it and built it over and over until he rebuilt it 15 times. The last time was a success. He tested it, and it was ready for the science fair.

The day of the science fair came and Elias was nervous. He started to think, "What if they don't like it, what if I forget what to say, what if it doesn't work?" 5 minutes passed and as the judges started coming over he began his presentation. "Behold, the first ever hoverboard to fly." He flipped the switch and everyone watched in awe as he soared across the room. He soared back down as everyone

was cheering. The judges were so amazed that they didn't even bother to see any of the other inventions. They gave Elias 1st place and filled Elias with pride and the guarantee that he would be a great scientist and engineer.

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