



6th Annual Brick Film Festival

Celebrating Stop Motion Technology



What is Stop Motion Animation?

Stop motion animation is a film making technique that makes inanimate objects appear to move on their own. You shoot one still frame, move the characters slightly, then shoot another -- then repeat hundreds or thousands of times. Fortunately there is now an app for that!

What is this year's theme?

This year our theme will be "**TURN YOUR DREAMS INTO REALITY**". Films entered into the film festival need to highlight what your dreams may look like if they were to come true. Encourage students to think and imagine something they've dreamed about . Many students already have experience in creating their own worlds through coding and gaming. Now they can put their imagination into film - stop motion film. Remember to keep the film short, under 2 minutes if possible, and **make sure it has a title with the "director's" name** in the film so all viewers can identify our talented filmmakers.

We've never done this before. Where do we start?

There are many stop-motion tutorials online, and you can get ideas by watching films from previous Brick Film Festivals. Just google "Oak Grove STEAM Brick Film Festival". Although lego is the most common medium, students can use any kind of props and backgrounds. Parents can help, but remember to follow the director's lead and let this be the student's work! They can work with friends or siblings, just make sure everyone is credited. Storyboards are a great way to start with planning, and you can even find videos on making a storyboard.

storyboard



Our film is complete! Now what?

You must **upload your video to youtube and send the link** to **OakGroveSTEM@comcast.net** by **February 21 at midnight**. Please do *not send film files, only the youtube link*. All films meeting the deadline will be included in the film festival playlist that will be shared during school on Friday, February 25th. All Directors will also receive a badge to wear to identify them as a filmmaker.



Why stop motion?

Stop motion offers students ownership and autonomy in the film making process, encourages problem solving due to the creative constraints, encourages project planning, fosters iteration and experimentation through trying and testing, and supports storytelling. Plus, it's really fun!

Turn Your Dreams Into Reality

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