Elementary Essay Competition Rules

1. Essay must be your own original work.
2. Essay cannot exceed
   a. 50 words for Grades K-2
   b. 250 Words for Grades 3-5
3. If your idea is the name of a person, the person cannot still be alive today.
4. Your idea for a rover name should not be the same as names already given to NASA missions or programs.
5. You may choose to include a drawing or illustration with your essay, but this is not required for participation.
   a. Lacking an illustration will not negatively impact the competitiveness of your submission, and including an illustration will not increase the competitiveness of your submission.

Winner Selection Process
1. One Semi-Finalist will be chosen from each grade. Each Semi-Finalist will receive a poster of the team and the rover.
2. From the Semi-Finalists, two Finalists will be chosen, one from grades K-2, and the other from grades 3-5. Each Finalist will receive a visit from the team and the rover for their school, and the Finalist will be recognized as this visit.
   a. If two Finalists are selected from the same school, only one visit will be awarded to the school, and both Finalists will be recognized during the visit.
3. One Grandprize winner will receive a poster of the rover and team, a visit from the team for his/ her school, and the honor of naming the rover.

Submission Guidelines
1. All essays will be typed in 12 point Times New Roman font (K-2 essays may be handwritten).
2. All essays will be mailed to:
                    Blasterbotica
                    c/o Dr. Christopher Dreyer
                    Mechanical Engineering Department
                    Brown Hall W350
                    1610 Illinois Street
                    Golden, CO 80401
3. The Entry Form will be filled out and submitted with the essay.
4. Names WILL NOT be included on any page of the essay, only on the Entry Form.
5. Competition runs from January 1, 2014 until March 15, 2014. Submissions must be postmarked by March 15, 2014 to be considered.
6. Contact Blasterbotica's Outreach Coordinator, Joanne Haas, at outreach.blasterbotica@gmail.com with any questions.