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Oak View Elementary School Students Participate in Viva Technology™ Program
Sponsored by The Boeing Company

Monterey Park, CA - June 1, 2016 – Great Minds in STEM™ (GMiS) and The Boeing Company, are excited to bring a Viva Technology™ program to Huntington Beach, CA. This marks a 7-year partnership in education programs with The Boeing Company.

Oak View Elementary School in Huntington Beach, CA, will welcome GMiS and its Viva Technology™ program for the sixth time in seven years. GMiS' national K-12 education program is designed to engage students, teachers and parents with STEM challenges that stimulate their interest in the applications of technology and provide a STEM-focused career pathway. A teacher and parent orientation will take place on Thursday, June 2 that will provide resources and information needed to help encourage students excel in math and science as well as envision themselves as future engineers and scientists. Invited guest speakers, Dee Thomas, Trainer for Boeing's Learning, Training and Development and Oscar Cerón, Analysis Electrical Engineer, also from The Boeing Company, will share their stories with teachers and parents, respectively.

On Friday, June 3, selected elementary school students will take part in the program's Student Day, where they will experience a full day of STEM project-based exercises that challenge their understanding of the Engineering and Science Design Process. As part of our Civic Service Leader Program, local STEM college students from California State University Long Beach and Los Angeles, University of Southern California, Rio Hondo College and Pasadena City College, will serve as *College Captains*, near peer mentors, guiding student teams through various challenges posed to them throughout the day.

Event keynote speaker, Teresa Gutierrez, Procurement Financial Analyst, The Boeing Company, will be on-hand to speak and engage with students.

About Great Minds in STEM™

Great Minds in STEM™ is a national 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Los Angeles County with a 28-year history of keeping America technologically strong through the delivery of national STEM awareness programs especially to underserved communities. Through the GMiS network, academic, career development and mentoring opportunities are offered to students who are underrepresented in STEM fields. The organization is focused on working to build a diverse 21st Century STEM workforce in which all citizens contribute to innovation and experience prosperity.

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