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**Great Minds in STEM™ in Partnership with The Boeing Company Brings the
Viva Technology Program to Oak View School in Huntington Beach**

As a proud step in continuing efforts to expose elementary school students to science, technology, engineering, and math careers (STEM), Great Minds in STEM™ and The Boeing Company are partnering once again to return the nationally acclaimed Viva Technology Program to Oak View School in Huntington Beach, Calif. Oak View School has been selected by The Boeing Company as one of two schools in the country to receive the program as part of this grant. It will be the 2nd year returning to Oak View School!

Viva Technology is Great Minds in STEM's National K-12 Educational Program. It is designed to engage students, parents and teachers in activities that stimulate their interest in the applications of technology and provide a STEM-career-focused path to higher education. It also helps students understand the correlation between their math and science studies and the many exciting careers in technology.

The Viva Technology Program consists of three separate elements all conducted at Oak View School. The teacher portion will take place on Thursday, May 19, 2011 from 3:00pm to 4:30pm. The parent portion will take place on Thursday, May 19, 2011 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. The student portion will take place on Friday, May 20, 2011 from 8:00am to 2:50pm.

The parent portion will feature an orientation where parents they will receive information about what their children will learn from participating in the program, why encouraging student interest in math and science will positively impact their children's futures and what STEM career opportunities lie ahead for these youth. The session will be presented in both English and Spanish. Boeing speakers will include Nancy Diaz from the company's Space & Intelligence Systems Host Engineering Resources and Alejandro Lopez, vice president of Boeing Phantom Works Advanced Network & Space Systems. They will speak with Oak View School educators and parents about The Boeing Company's commitment to the education of our future STEM professionals. Diaz and Lopez will also speak at Friday's student event.

The Viva Technology Student Program will aim to empower, educate, and excite the students of Oak View School about their many STEM career opportunities. Students will experience a day filled with hands-on competitive and educational exercises designed to explore math and science concepts. Active participation gives students opportunities to accrue points and win educational technology related prizes at the end of the day. Attendees will work in teams led by engineering and science college students from surrounding universities and colleges including, Cal State University Long Beach, Cal State University Fullerton, Orange Coast College, Gold West College, Laguna College of Art & Design, and even Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Students will also have the chance to interact with Boeing engineers participating on the teams. A question and answer panel session will offer students the opportunity to learn even more about technology careers.

For more information about Viva Technology and future programs please visit www.vivatechnology.org

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