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HENAAC and Chevron Partner To Bring The Viva Technology Program To Lyford Middle School in the Rio Grande Valley

August 30, 2006 – As a proud step in continuing an ongoing partnership between HENAAC and the Chevron Corporation, Chevron will sponsor the second of four Viva Technology Programs scheduled for 2006, to be held at Lyford Middle School in Lyford, TX, in the heart of the Rio Grande Valley. The Viva Technology program is designed to make K-12 students aware of the exciting careers in engineering and technology, a goal that Chevron supports and wishes to extend to Rio Grande Valley students.

On Viva Technology Day, one-hundred Lyford 6th and 7th grade students selected by their teachers will participate in this innovative STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) awareness program. Students will rotate through a series of fun and competitive challenge exercises that stress team building and problem solving skills. The Viva Technology Day will also feature a presentation from a Chevron professional. At the end of the day, students will receive a Viva Technology Student Gizmo with tools designed to improve their academic achievement skills. Students will also participate in a drawing during which they will be eligible to win high-tech prizes. The Viva Technology Day at Lyford MS will be held in the Lyford MS Small Gymnasium on Friday, September 1.

The Viva Technology Program at Lyford, MS will also feature a comprehensive Parent Orientation. Recognizing that parents are a crucial link to student achievement, the program includes a special session for parents to focus on college education strategies and technical career information. Parents will receive helpful information about standardized tests, suggested high school coursework, and preparation for college. The Viva Technology Parent Orientation will be held in the Lyford MS Cafeteria on Thursday, August 31.

Since its debut in 2001, the Viva Technology Program has been conducted at over 50 sites across the nation in 12 states, in all regions of the country. For more information about the Viva Technology Program, and in-depth profiles of all previous programs, please visit www.henaac.org.
