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Free District-Wide STEAM Showcase – You’re Invited!

(Los Alamitos, CA) – Do you want to be inspired and have a ton of fun? Come out to the 2nd annual District-Wide STEAM Showcase on Saturday, May 21! It will take place from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in and around the Los Alamitos High School Gym. It is open to the public and admission is free of charge. The Los Alamitos Education Foundation (LAEF) is continuing its work with the schools and students of the Los Alamitos Unified School District by providing STEAM fairs on all campuses and this STEAM Showcase!

The LAEF STEAM Initiative is funded by generous donations to the 2015-16 King and Queen of Hearts campaign, which ended on February 19 at the coronation gala and raised \$95,000. Included in this total is a \$5000 matching grant from the Rossmoor Homeowners Association. LAEF also received generous funding from the Tesoro Foundation in the amount of \$20,000, which supports the Middle School Robotics program and STEAM initiative.

At the STEAM Showcase, students of all ages will present their projects and have their work on display for all to see. The Showcase will feature a key-note presentation from Bill Cusato, Director at The Boeing Company. LAEF has also partnered with Play-Well TEKologies, a California-based company specializing in LEGO-inspired engineering classes for kids, who will be on site for the showcase. Experience the Reptile Zoo and Recess Revolution, as well as Bubble

Art with the Youth Center. STEAM professionals, including Virgin Galactic, Northrup Grumman, SC Edison, Boeing, Alamitos Eye Care, Southern California Brain Center and Build-It Workspace, will be on-hand to provide interactive booths that will introduce students to career opportunities. Snacks and drinks will be provided to round out the morning fun!

Weaver Elementary School held their LAEF STEAM Fair and Family Night on April 28 where hundreds of kids and family members filled the school's courtyard to view the amazing projects created by the students. The next STEAM Fairs will be held at McGaugh Elementary on May 12, Rossmoor Elementary on May 19, and at McAuliffe Middle School and LAHS on May 20.

LAEF is the non-profit partner of Los Alamitos Unified School District. LAEF enhances educational excellence in our community by providing after-school and summer enrichment programs to Pre-K to 12th grade students. For more information, visit www.LAEF4kids.org/steam or call (562) 799-4700 Ext. 80424 today!

Pictured below are four kids showing off their project at the LAEF sponsored Weaver STEAM Fair.



McAuliffe Middle School students perform their final Robotics challenge in the LAEF class sponsored by the Tesoro Foundation.

