## STEAM MONTH! AT VENTANA VISTA!

Hello wonderful VVE Families,

This upcoming January (*which is fast approaching!*) VVFFO will be hosting STEAM Month (*formerly Stem-a-Thon*). The Ventana Vista campus will be ABUZZ with Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math for the entire month! Students will have opportunities to participate in Home Labs, a week of in-school STEAM Lab, and chances at having their experiment and project videos play on the big screen during lunch! Parents will be asked to sign-up their students on our new fundraising platform, MyBooster, where they can easily share their page with family and friends. This is the school's biggest fundraiser of the year - **our goal is \$20,000** - and we want to add STEAM energy into the entire month, set clear targets, raise money, and most importantly, do our part in helping Ventana Vista students get pumped ALL MONTH about expanding their science minds! THANK YOU for always being so supportive of this event.

## STEAM Month will include the following elements:

**HOME LAB** - Starting Friday, January 10, a worksheet will go home with students (*and be sent to parents via ParentSquare*) every Friday encouraging students to do experiments at home over the weekend. If the student videotapes their project, they can submit it on the VVFFO website and random videos will be chosen and shown on the projector during lunch the following Tuesday. Kids will be able to see themselves and classmates do their experiments and chat about the fun during lunch! For every video a student submits highlighting their STEAM project, a credit will be earned for their classroom. All videos completed in Spanish will earn DOUBLE credit! Top earning classes will receive a gift card for their teacher at the end of the month. Grade appropriate ideas will also be posted on the STEAM tab of the VVFFO website as a convenience to families. A link to submit videos is also there. There is no limit on how many videos a student can submit.

**STEAM LAB** - During the week of January 21-24, classes will have reserved time in the Kaleidoscope Room to work on a pre-chosen experiment, similar to last year. Rather than several stations of different activities, we are choosing one more meaningful project that we hope will delight your students and add a bigger impact to their experience.

**FUNDRAISING** - This is Ventana Vista's biggest fundraiser of the year and we will be using MyBooster for students to share their excitement about STEAM Month with family and friends. It's an easy and exciting way to ask the important people in their

life to help sponsor their STEAM experiments. Our goal this year is \$20,000 as we work towards purchasing more shade for the school and increased programming throughout the year. If we meet this goal as a community, all students will receive an Eegee's party (*time to be decided by the teachers*) by the end of the year. If we collectively reach \$30,000 we would like to offer students a MYSTERY assembly! (*Mysterious, right?*) The other added element is we will have a visual display set-up all month in the MPR - for every donation a student receives (*regardless of amount*) they will get their name added to the display. (*Think little rocket ships heading towards a \$20,000 moon*). **Easily register your students by using the QR code or by going to www.mybooster.com and select Ventana Vista. You can register multiple students under one account.** 

**VENTANA VISTA SCIENCE FAIR** - All students are invited to submit projects by Wed, February 5! More information is available at VVFFO.org.

We are **EXCITED ABOUT STEAM MONTH** and we are hoping to get the entire Ventana Vista campus excited about it too! For more information, go to EVENTS tab  $\rightarrow$  STEAM on VVFFO.org or reach out anytime to **president@vvffo.org.** Thank you, ALWAYS, for your continued support of Ventana Vista!



**HOME LAB SCHEDULE:** 

Friday Jan 10 - Science + Technology

Friday Jan 17 - Engineering + Art

Friday Jan 24 - Math

Worksheets sent home on Fridays

Submit videos on Mondays at <u>www.VVFFO.org</u> (worksheets can also be submitted to teacher in lieu of a video)

## **STEAM LAB AT SCHOOL:** TUESDAY, JANUARY 21–24

**DOUBLE POINTS** 

FOR SPANISH!

SET-UP YOUR STUDENT'S MYBOOSTER PAGE AND MAKE DONATIONS AT <u>www.mybooster.com</u>



IDEAS + MORE INFO at <u>VVFFO.ORG/STEAM</u>