

## PRESS RELEASE

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**In honor of the 25th anniversary, the EastLake Educational Foundation launches a new program called *25 ACTS of STEAM*, a year-long initiative to encourage kids in science, technology, engineering, related arts, and math.**

This significant milestone provides a perfect opportunity to expand EEF's impact. The EEF will work with reputable partners like the Fleet Science Center, Science Delivered, Biocom Institute, Apple Store, San Diego Futures Foundation, and Rokenbok -- just to name a few. A variety of STEAM programs will be offered to engage and encourage our youth to consider science, technology, engineering, related arts, and math, leaving an important and lasting impact on the community.

### **The first three ACTS (of STEAM)**

**Act 1-** We could not wait for 2019 to start and began [25 ACTS of STEAM in September at Olympic View Elementary](#). Over a period of two days, each 5th grader received valuable science lab learning from our partners at Science Delivered. Dr. Olivia Mullins began Science Delivered to show kids that science is exciting, and boys and girls of all backgrounds. We certainly created some chemistry at Olympic View Elementary. Thank you Science Delivered!

**Act 2-**The EEF collaborated with [EastLake Elementary on Oct.18th to host STEAM BLAST](#), celebrating a night of science with interactive Science activities from the Fleet Science Center who provided *Don't Try This at Home Superhero Science*, *Scratch Jr. Coding Class*, and a robotics demo provided by Robothink. Kids were captivated by Rokenbok's activity *See Like a Designer*, *Think Like an Engineer*, and Science Delivered was on hand to teach about food science. We also had some great STEAM resources from Osborne Books. One of the moments of engineering fun, occurred when the South Bay Pumpkin Smash team catapulted a pumpkin.

**Act 3-** Engineering, physics, and teamwork were on display at the South Bay Pumpkin Smash held on November 4th at EastLake Middle School. The EEF was proud to be a sponsor for this growing event. Teams of elementary, middle and high school students built and tested their projects at the annual smashing. The CV Fire Department even came out and dropped an enormous pumpkin from their ladder truck. If you are aware of kids that are interested in getting involved in next year's event, go to [www.labrats.org](http://www.labrats.org).

Check out photos on our website at [eefkids.org](http://eefkids.org). Additional 25 ACTS of STEAM will be planned all year so check out the events page at eefkids.org for more info. When possible, these events are open to the whole community.

***Stay tuned for ways you can participate in STEAM fun!***

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