

# School News

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## Ladera *Elementary School*

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### **STEAMing Ahead!**

Ladera Elementary School is excited to begin the design and implementation of a multifaceted STEAM Lab. This new lab will serve three purposes: Makerspace, STEM Lab and Technology Café©. Ladera staff

will work in partnership with Ladera students past and present and with our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) to determine specifics with regards to room environment, materials, technology and so on, all supported through generous donations from Ladera families and the community.

In the spirit of this exciting work, Ladera's theme for this school year is STEAM Ahead. Following in this theme, Ladera teachers kicked off the new school year on Aug. 19 by visiting the Child Creativity Lab in Santa Ana. At the



**Ladera teachers go full STEAM ahead in the Creativity Lab.**

Lab, teachers collaborated in grade-level teams as they participated in a Makers Challenge to create an upcycled Leopard. Throughout the first week of school, students will vote for their favorite of four Leopards on display in the front office.