

# School News



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## Ladera Elementary School

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**Dr. Jennifer Harrison**  
**Principal**

### A Day in the Life

Ladera Elementary School hosted the kickoff to its guest speaker series called "Future Ready Careers." Our first guest speaker was Shawn Fenton, Ladera parent and director of quality assurance at SeaSpine, Inc.

Mr. Fenton is a biochemical engineer who works with cadaver bones and chemicals to create new bone material for patients who have suffered from traumatic injuries. He shared with our students in their new Future Ready Lab some interesting stories about his exciting career, and his passion for science and engineering. Ladera's goal is to expose its students to potential careers in STEAM fields to spark their interests and help them see where their passions can lead to in the future.

The students then began their first STEAM Challenge Series in which they worked collaboratively in groups to



Ladera third graders Jianna DiLellio, Kavya Thackrar and Olivia Alforque work collaboratively on a STEAM project called "The Egg Drop."

build a protective container for an egg. Their goal was to cushion a fall from 10 feet by using material from our Lab Makerspace.