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Pantera Elementary Awarded \$12,000 Wells Fargo Grant During Math, Science & Movie Night

DIAMOND BAR, Calif. – Dozens of Pantera Elementary School students and their parents recently attended the school's Math, Science and Movie Night, where they learned about the new math standards, explored robotics, watched a movie under the stars and had a surprise awaiting them.

During the jam-packed event, hosted by the Diamond Bar school's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), Wells Fargo President for the Eastern Gateway of Southern California, Darryl Montgomery, presented Principal Todd Riffell with a \$12,000 grant check to go toward a new copy machine.

"This grant is a result of the great collaborative efforts among the parents and teachers at Pantera Elementary," said Pomona Unified School District Board of Education President Frank Guzman. "I congratulate them on their foresight to seek out what resources are available to support and enhance their school."

As part of the event, guest speakers from Diamond Ranch High School presented their robotics program and Ganesha High School students held a science exhibit in the quad area, where young learners participated in hands-on experiments and learned about the programs at each school.

Additionally, math specialist Grace Greenleaf presented parents with information on the Math Common Core State Standards. Greenleaf encouraged parents to look for teachable moments, actively engage their children and help them gain fluency in basic math computation.

"As we continue our transition to the new Common Core standards, holding interactive events like these is imperative to provide a great foundation for parents to be involved in their students' academic success," said Superintendent Richard Martinez. "As a District, we are committed to working closely with parents as they help prepare their children for college and career."

PHOTO CAPTIONS:

PANTERA1: Pantera Elementary School students participate in STEM activities, which were hosted by students from the Diamond Ranch High School robotics program and students from the Ganesha High School science team during the Math, Science and Movie Night on Oct. 8, 2014.

PANTERA2: Darryl Montgomery, Wells Fargo President for the Eastern Gateway of Southern California, left, presents a \$12,000 check to Pantera Elementary students Jason Westrick and Dillon Marquez and Pantera Elementary Principal Todd Riffell. The school will use the funds for a new copy machine.

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