

# ScienceWorks



## FVEF Board Visits ScienceWorks Material Resource Center January 10, 2011

Despite chilly temperatures, FVEF held its January meeting at the ScienceWorks Material Resource Center in Huntington Beach, a huge drafty warehouse! The ScienceWorks Consortium is an innovative and successful partnership of the Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach City, Westminster, Laguna Beach Unified, and Fullerton City School Districts, providing every child with multiple opportunities to engage in hands-on, inquiry-based science.



ScienceWorks Coordinator Susie Crandall presented an overview of the five components of the ScienceWorks Strategic Plan for Science. These components include: Curriculum, Professional Development, Assessment, Materials Support, and Administrative and Community Support. She reviewed the California Star Testing results in Science and reported the wonderful growth Fountain Valley 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students have made in science. In 5<sup>th</sup> grade 84% and in 8<sup>th</sup> grade 83% of our students are advanced and proficient in the STAR Science Tests!

Tricia Brisby, Manager of the ScienceWorks Materials Resource Center provided an in depth tour of the facility and all the materials our teachers and students are provided to facilitate real learning in Science. ScienceWorks provides three science kits a year to 1,200 teachers at fifty-five schools so that 38,000 students can participate in real experiments!



Funding this Golden Bell Award winning program is a huge challenge. The Beckman Foundation Grant that helped to fund the program has run out and we desperately need everyone to pitch in and help sustain this wonderful program. Please contact Susie Crandall at [crandallsu@fvsd.k12.ca.us](mailto:crandallsu@fvsd.k12.ca.us) or at 714.843.3270. You may also make donations for ScienceWorks at [www.fvef.org](http://www.fvef.org)