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## **Local Middle School Pilots Boeing Program**

*Students at Zucker Middle Learn that Engineering is Cool*

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On Wednesday, October 8, 2014, a group of engineers from Boeing brought their new education outreach program called Make Engineering Cool Again (MECA) to Zucker. Engineers gave fun, interactive presentations to students to stimulate their interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) disciplines. Students in Mrs. Jenkins-Scott's 7th grade math class thought the presentation was interesting and enjoyable. They especially liked a video entitled "7 Minutes of Terror" that was shown. Reflecting on the presentation afterward, 7th grader Kenny Coronel said, "Now that I found out what being an engineer is all about, I will make engineering a career option when I grow up." Tristan Fryer, another 7th grader in Mrs. Jenkins-Scott's class, stated that he "really liked the experiment we did with the cans and the balloons. The engineers really knew what they were doing and what they were talking about." Mrs. Jenkins-Scott said that her students were very enthusiastic about the presentation, and she feels it was a great opportunity for them to learn about -engineering. This is the first time Boeing presented MECA in South Carolina.

For more information regarding this event, please contact Principal Jacob Perlmutter or librarian Miranda Cary at (843) 767-8383.