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**Report: TAME Trailblazer Trip – Barbara Jordan Elementary School and Welch Middle School  
October 7<sup>th</sup> and November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
Hosted by ConocoPhillips**

Thanks to donations from ConocoPhillips, over **400 students, teachers and volunteers** at Barbara Jordan Elementary School in Fort Bend and Welch Middle School in Houston were given the unique opportunity to experience the TAME Trailblazer, a 40-foot mobile science and engineering exhibit trailer.



The Trailblazer is a unique and engaging exhibit that provides hands-on, interactive and memorable experiences that encourage interest in science and engineering. The Trailblazer features 7 exhibit bays showcasing magnetism, aerodynamics, weather and the medical sciences.

ConocoPhillips provided enthusiastic volunteers, Emanuel Guidry, Germaine Johnson and Xindi Wang to assist with the Trailblazer tours and help introduce students to the wonders of science and engineering. School volunteers also helped with the experience and included: Sheila Morales, Ongela Garza, Ryan Lazard, Olivia Robinson, Monique Brownlow, Meredith Childs, Denise Imar, and Tonya Davis. A special thanks to Jeannette Burgess and Stephanie Miller for coordinating the visits.



Here are some testimonials we collected from the students:

- "It was fun and I learned a lot of new things."
- "They showed us science is terrific stuff."
- "It made me like science more."
- "I was fun and a good hands-on activity. The teachers were funny."

Together, we make a difference because of the continued efforts of our longtime supporters and active partners such as ConocoPhillips, Shell Oil Company, Dow Chemical Company, Halliburton, IBM, and many others who join us in devoting time and energy to our most important natural resource – our children.

Thank you for your ongoing support.  
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Nevels".

Michael Nevels  
Trailblazer Tour Coordinator

