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Report: TAME Trailblazer Trip – Houston Independent School District
September 8 thru October 6, 2008
Hosted by the Houston ISD



Thanks to donations and volunteer support from HISD, **over 1800 students, teachers and parents** from HISD's West and North regions were given the unique opportunity to experience the TAME Trailblazer, a 40-foot mobile science and engineering exhibit trailer. The Trailblazer provides hands-on, interactive and memorable experiences that encourage interest in science and engineering. Seven exhibit bays showcase magnetism, aerodynamics, the solar system, weather and the medical sciences.

The Trailblazer visited the campuses of Fondren, Johnston, Long, Pershing, Pin Oak, EO Smith, McReynolds, Wheatley, Fleming and Atherton and was interrupted only by the unwelcomed appearance of Hurricane Ike.

Volunteers, teachers and coordinators from the separate campuses helped introduce students to the wonders of science and engineering. Special thanks go to Tisha Sinnette and Lisa Gayden for making the vision, a reality.



Here are some testimonies from students who visited the Trailblazer:

- "Everything was hands-on and kid friendly."
- "The instructors were funny and helpful."
- "They showed us that science is fun in many ways...."

Together, we make a difference because of the continued efforts of our longtime supporters and active partners such as the Houston ISD, ConocoPhillips, Shell Oil Company, Dow Chemical Company, University of Texas at Austin, 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 cursive that reads "Michael Nevels".

Michael Nevels
Trailblazer Tour Coordinator

