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Report: TAME Trailblazer Trip – Houston Area Schools
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Thanks to funding received from ConocoPhillips, **nearly 300 students** at Revere Middle School, KIPP Spirit and KIPP Liberation schools in Houston were given the unique opportunity to experience the TAME Trailblazer, a 40-foot mobile science and engineering exhibit trailer.

Several employees from ConocoPhillips, along with a few school administrators and parents, served as volunteers inside the trailer, introducing students to the wonders of science and engineering. Emanuel Guidry, ConocoPhillips representative on the TAME Board of Directors, and current Chairman of the Board, helped organize the 3-day tour and was an active participant during each of the tour days, making sure the kids were given the very best experience possible.



The Trailblazer is a unique and engaging tool that provides hands-on, interactive and memorable experiences that encourage an interest in science and engineering. When asked to complete the sentence “I enjoyed visiting the TAME Trailblazer because...” several students and teachers provided responses. Some of the comments we found interesting were



- ❑ “...the Trailblazer showed a lot of technology that we might be using in the near future and technology we use now.” - Female, grade 5
- ❑ “...they had plenty of neat items inside. I sure would love to visit again!” - Male, grade 5
- ❑ “...I learned new things that I didn't know, and I love to learn!” - Female, grade 5
- ❑ I would like to thank you again for getting the TAME trailer to our school. The children are still talking about the fun they had. It was quite a wonderful experience. It meant a lot to them and could possibly have planted the seed for future engineers. Thanks again. - Stephanie Wilkins, Principal, KIPP Spirit

As students tour the trailer, volunteers often overhear conversations that undoubtedly include one or more of the following: “This is so cool,” or “How long do we get to stay?” or “Will you be coming back next year?” or “That (exhibit) is my favorite!” or “I have to show this to so-and-so!” (and then call a classmate over to excitedly share in the learning!). Together we make a difference because of the continued efforts of our longtime supporters and active partners such as ConocoPhillips, Shell Oil Company, Texas Education Agency, 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,

Shari Getz
 Executive Director

