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Report: TAME Trailblazer Trip – Houston Area Schools
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Thanks to donations and volunteer support from ConocoPhillips, **nearly 550 students** at Revere Middle School, Welch 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 school administrators and parents, served as volunteers inside the trailer, introducing students to the wonders of science and engineering. Emanuel Guidry, Wendy Calvin and Cassandra Corley are ConocoPhillips employees who helped organize the 4-day tour and were active participants during the week, making sure the kids benefitted from the best possible experience.

The Trailblazer is a unique and engaging tool that provides hands-on, interactive and memorable experiences that encourage interest in science and engineering. Here are some testimonies from the students:

- “...there was a lot to do and a lot of hands-on exhibits ...”
- “... there was lots of cool stuff”
- “... I learned a lot about science and I also had a lot of fun”
- “... science was very boring before the Trailblazer, now I think science is interesting ...”
- “... they had cool stuff and even though it was educational, but also cool”
- “... I really enjoyed visiting the TAME Trailblazer...”
- “I wanted to thank you for the gift of the trailer ... The kids had a blast! Look for some minority engineers in the future” - Stephanie Wilkins, Principal KIPP Spirit



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, 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,

Michael Nevels
 Trailblazer Program Coordinator

