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**TAME Trailblazer Event Report– Widen Elementary Math Night**  
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It was a beautiful sunset as we set up the TAME Trailblazer for its first visit to Widen Elementary School in the Dove Springs neighborhood of southeast Austin to help celebrate Math Night with teachers, students and parents. Principal Martha Rodriguez helped coordinate the event and provided wonderful volunteer “tour guides” to help inside the trailer from among the school’s faculty.



Nearly 200 visitors toured the Trailblazer during the 2-hour event. Teachers were pleased to see the subject matter contained in the trailer as several topics were recently covered in the classrooms, allowing the students the opportunity to see real-world applications of the concepts they were in the process of learning. The program works because it engages young people, makes them aware of career options they may not have previously considered, builds upon their interest

and enjoyment of science, and provides an opportunity for exploration. Inviting family members to join in allows for a shared experience that helps involve parents in their child’s education and personal interests.



TAME was fortunate to have longtime Board member, Crespin Guzman of Claunch and Miller, Inc, assist in making the opportunity possible. He represented TAME at the event, and even took some of the photos! Thanks, Crespin!

We were thrilled to work with Widen Elementary and because of the generosity of the anonymous donor, we will be bringing the Trailblazer back to the school this semester to provide the unique experience to the entire 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades!

TAME’s Trailblazer program\* continues to prove to be an important outreach tool. Thank you for your support – together we *can* make a difference.

Sincerely,

Shari Getz  
 Executive Director

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