

From: Steve Kliewer
To: Avila, Ed; Burke, Edmund D.; Endeavour Parent Club; Galicia, Frank; Morse, John; Welch, Greig
Date: 4/30/03 11:03AM
Subject: Dear Parents and other supporters,

Dear Parents and other supporters,
Yesterday, at our 4/29/03 meeting, more good things are happening for our students.

The parent support group has been instrumental in setting up the following:

Fri 5/2/03 Physics day
Wed 5/7/03 CalPoly Tour
Thur 5/15/03 Zurn-Wilkins Tour
Wed 5/28/03 Culminating Project Student Presentations - Intro to Engr
Thur 5/29/03 Culminating Project Student Presentations - Mechatronics
Fri 6/6/03 CalPoly Materials Science Outreach Presentation
Thur 10/2/03 JPL, Pasadena Tour

Summer Internships offered by the Arbiter Co. A local GPS systems manufacturer.

Application for \$10,000 from MIT for a student invention project.

Check out the Endeavour website for more information and flyers about the above items.
<http://www.pasoschools.org/endeavour/>

Last night, the parent group met again. Several excellent presentations, suggestions, and decisions were made:

- Steve Kliewer reported that the District will not allow any public buses to be used for field trips. Only a few commercial bus lines, school buses, or school vans with certified district drivers may be used for transportation. Therefore the field trip to CalPoly must be cancelled.

- Richard Lara has arranged a tour of CalPoly for Wed. 5/7 at 4:30. 13 to 22 people are expected. Richard will let us know where to park and where to meet.

-Mark Cornelis has set up a tour of the Zurn-Wilkins plant on May 15. This will be a walking tour leaving PRHS at 8:15am and returning by Noon.

- Jim Gustafson has initiated his company, Arbiter, to offer internships this summer to interested Endeavour students. Application details to follow. He also offered to give a tour of his company. Currently this is planned for Tuesday, 6/3/03 at 4:00 pm.

- Claire Silver reminded us that we must have a complete list of attendees for the JPL tour at least 4 weeks in advance. This means that we will only have 2 weeks at the beginning of next school year to close this list. It was suggested that we start the list and fund raising before the end of this school year.

- Jim Hetherington (MIT alumnus and interviewer) reminded us that MIT is accepting applications for their \$10K InvenTeam Grant. The InvenTeam Grant is intended to generate excitement about the rewarding process of identifying a need, brainstorming on a solution, and working through the inventive process to produce something beneficial to the community.

We discussed this and realized that even just within our parent group we have a wide variety of sophisticated resources for this team to draw on. In addition, the Capstone course "Design Engineering" that most of my current students hope to take next year, would be the perfect venue for this InvenTeam.

- Students are continuing with the Balloon Fest Data Analysis. Scientist at UCSC have expressed a good deal of interest in this and we hope to have it published on their website.

- Students are still eager to make their Balloon Fest Presentation to the school board, the PTA, and other service organizations. Jim Gustafson and Richard Oyler are checking into this. The students and I are polishing the presentation and planning to make a professional grade video of it.

Check out the Endeavour Parent Club website for more information about how you too can participate:
<http://www.pasoschools.org/endeavour/General/Booster%20Club.htm>

The student's excellent work as well as fascinating pictures of Balloon Fest, 2003 are at:
<http://www.pasoschools.org/endeavour/projects/2003/BalloonFest/Index.htm>

The latest information about acceptance of Endeavour courses at MIT are here:
<http://www.pasoschools.org/endeavour/classes/classes.htm>

Our next meeting is Tuesday evening, 5/20/03 (after Spring Break) at 5:45pm in Room 922. Please plan to attend. Good things are happening.

Good Energy,
Steve Kliewer

P.S. Jim Gustafson has requested that we change his email from home to work at
jgustafson@arbiter.com