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Subject: Dear parents and other Endeavour supporters

Last Tuesday at our 12/2/03 meeting we had our fourth meeting this year. Parents and students of Endeavour met to discuss the MIT InvenTeam, Endeavour field trips, and other upcoming events as well as fundraising.

Thursday night, 12/4/03, 15 Endeavour students and parents were invited to an exciting tour of a local high technology firm: Applied Technologies. The owner and CEO, Mr. Don Van Steenwyk honored us personally with a presentation, demonstrations, and tour of that facility. Check out their website: <http://www.ata-sd.com/>

Next Tuesday night, 12/9/03, starting at 7 pm. The InvenTeam students are scheduled to make a powerpoint presentation before the school board (board room in district office). Please attend and give them your support.

***** Minutes, Meeting #4, 12/2/03 *****

Tyson Howell made a dress rehearsal of our upcoming school board presentation before the parents and asked for any suggestions for improvement. Many good suggestions were made. Tyson, Danny Lara, and Peter Oyler have polished the presentation accordingly and will be "on stage" next Tuesday to make the presentation. Most of the rest of the InvenTeam members will also be present.

Mr. Kliewer, announced that UC, Santa Cruz is offering a residential 4-week science program called COSMOS at UCSC this summer. Normally it costs about \$1100 to attend. However, in a special program led by Mr. Kliewer students could be in COSMOS, work with Mr. Kliewer on particle physics detectors and have most if not all of that expense covered. Interested students and parents should checkout <http://epc.ucsc.edu/cosmos/> and let Mr. Kliewer know about your interest as soon as possible.

Claire Silver was able to contact Paul Aragon, Senior Engineer Propulsion for Boeing at Vandenberg. He is offering a tour for students of their Vandenberg facility. He suggests the last two Saturdays of April would be best. In discussion, parents suggested that April 24 was probably best. Mr. Kliewer will suggest that to Mr. Aragon. We will discuss transportation at a later date.

The Applied Technologies tour was announced. See above for details.

The currently planned dates for the Balloon Fest at UCSC, March 27-28, were questioned and are being reconsidered. The previous dates of April 3-4 are the first weekend of spring break and were previously discouraged because of a conflict with a cruise planned by the band. This cruise has since been cancelled. Linda Neville will check and confirm with the band for April 3-4 and if no conflict Mr. Kliewer will request a return to that date with the UCSC group.

Fund Raising is an extremely important and timely issue. We expect that the costs per person are at most \$800 (travel and lodging). About 25 people are expected to travel. About 6 are parents. Two students will be paid for by MIT. This leaves 17 students. Based on our intent to provide support for half the costs for the students. This means that we must raise about \$6800. The parents of each student would be expected to pay the remaining \$400 and each parent would pay the full \$800.

Kim Allison reported on Sees Candy sales. Ryan, as part of the leadership class, will coordinate and arrange for dates that are not in conflict with other fundraising efforts on campus. The first idea was a valentine gift candy that would be hand-delivered during school. The second was selling chocolate bars.

Selling a box of 24 nets \$15.

Claire Silver reported that we can sell Krispy Kreme donuts as long as we do at least 850 dozen at a time.

Jim Saunders and the InvenTeam students are continuing to look for possible donors. The team is also looking at the sale of T-shirts as another possible fundraiser.

Mr. Kliewer will put together a Letter of Commitment to be sent home soon. That will explain the MIT trip, the general plans for fundraising, and the need for active commitment to make this happen. Parents and students will need to sign this in order to be considered part of this planned trip.

***** Tabled Items *****

Richard Lara asked that we set a date for our CalPoly tour. If we let him know how many need parking permits he will be glad to set it up. Because so many other things are happening right now, it was decided to wait till next meeting.

Doralyn Henry had to leave before we could hear her suggestions about Family Science Night (May 5). We will continue this next time.

Be sure and get an agenda for next meeting from our club webpage.

Melanie & Elaine Silver (Mechatronics Students) have offered to send an email reminder to all of us approximately two days prior to the next meeting (Jan 30).

***** Resources *****

Check out the Endeavour Website: Project pictures, descriptions, dates, grades and especially look at the InvenTeam page:

<http://www.pasoschools.org/endeavour/>

Go to the Endeavour Club Page: Agendas, minutes, flyers, and other resources

<http://www.pasoschools.org/endeavour/General/ParentClub/ParentClub.htm>

Thanks for all your support, any and all input is always appreciated. :-)

Good Energy,
Steve Kliewer