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Welcome to the Challenger Learning Center for Science & Technology, located in Woodstock, Illinois where our youth explore the marvels of space and their imaginations!

We are very fortunate to have this world-class facility and offer the Mission program and other planetary exhibits to everyone visiting the Challenger Learning Center.

This spring, we have again collaborated with the Museum of Science and Industry of Chicago and in early April, we will be providing families with another fun family science night.

The staff and dedicated volunteers of the Challenger Learning Center and the Museum of Science and Industry will offer new experiments that will make everyone wonder with amazement. Mark the date, April 11, 2008 and reserve your admission early!

Next, we are happy to report that our school Mission Program continues to offer students from McHenry, Lake, DuPage counties and southern Wisconsin, many great math and science learning challenges.

As another school year is drawing to an end, a special recognition to the teachers that prepare their classes for the day at the Challenger. Thank you for a job well done!

Our students are fortunate to have such dedicated teachers that have been certified by the Challenger Center and incorporate the Mission into their classroom plans. No small task and like space,



*Steve Otten
Executive Director*

everyone works as a team and the children's excitement confirms this growing interest in math and science.

The Challenger Learning Center takes great pride in our programs and from our dedicated Staff, Volunteer and Board of Director to our generous donors and sponsors, we strive for excellence.

We offer many excellent programs and exhibits designed to expand the imagination; while people of all ages learn new and interesting facts about space and our planet earth. Moreover, we are always seeking input from all of our visitors and appreciate your feedback.

When the Challenger Center is scheduled and visited by teachers and students, the students always remember the interactive learning that we provide -long after they leave our center.

Additionally, whether the student is filling the role of the Mission Communicator, or is part of the Space Probe, Navigation team, or a new Crew member of the other important space teams, we hope that when the experiences are combined, the students leave the center with a sense of accomplishment and teamwork.

At the Challenger Center, it is our goal to inspire youth to pursue careers in science, math, technology and other related fields.

We do this by providing hands-on, interactive programs that apply lessons taught in their classroom. We firmly believe that if in ten years and we speak to a student that flew a mission and chooses one of these career paths, we have completed our mission.

*Again, thank you for your interest and support of the Challenger Learning Center and we hope to see you very soon as **we reach for the stars!***