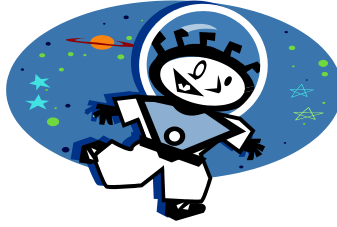




SEMAA PROGRAM



Winter 2009

Families new and old meet at the Café

On Jan. 17, 2009, new and old parents and families of children enrolled in the SEMAA Winter sessions met in the Student's Center for a period of camaraderie and education. Families were treated to the impromptu but exhilarating discussion of how they can help NASA to help their children succeed by Jondarr Bradshaw, Operations Manager, NASA. Families were encouraged not only to assist their children by experimenting with new and old ideas, but also to tell others of the program if they were pleased by what their children were learning. There was general consensus among the participants that this NASA program had helped their children in numerous ways, and so they volunteered to tell their city elected officials by means of letters just how they felt in an effort to retain the necessary financial support to keep the program operational.

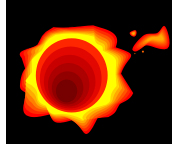
Mr. Bradshaw highlighted many successes of past SEMAA participants, and informed families of the many opportunities available to their offspring if they remained in the SEMAA program, which served to wet the already moistened appetites of the congregated families. By the end of the session, along with the firm friendships and committees that were formed, members had renewed their interest and resolution to keep the SEMAA program alive.



I enjoyed making new friends, going on the field trip to NASA, and the airplane simulator."

Louis Hunt, 8th grader.

January 24, 2009



“What I enjoyed most was the star lab.”

Marquise Odom, 6th grader

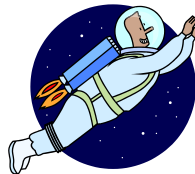
Working on solar system presentation

This week we utilized great time to work on our solar system project. Each committee and or group got together to cut, paste, paint and research the characteristics and information of each planet within our solar system. All parent participants had a wonderful time allowing our creativity to be expressed by way of creating a suspended replica of the solar system.



January 31, 2009

The family Café had the pleasure of hearing Ms. Kristin M. Jackson, a student advisor at Tri-C, tell us about the opportunities available at Tri-C. The topics included the application process, financial aid, scholarships, student loans and the Federal work study program. She gave hand-outs that contained information about the fastest growing occupations in Ohio and a list of jobs that required an associates or bachelors degree. Ms. Jackson answered many questions and was very eager to share information she felt many of us was not aware of . She was enthusiastic and gave the family café valuable information that we could share with others.



“I enjoyed doing the experiments in class, going on the field trip to NASA, learning about bio fuel, and what the astronauts do and use in space.”

Autumn Odom, 7th grader