





To The Supporters of NASA and the CCISD Community

May 1, 2003

We, as involved representatives of Clear Creek ISD and greater NASA community, have come together to embark on a project to memorialize the astronauts of the Space Shuttle Columbia. We envision the process to be a physical memorial.

The process will involve professional volunteers helping the children of the community produce a mural to be installed at a location near NASA. The children will have an opportunity to display their sketches and plans at the Museum of Fine Arts Houston Glassell Junior School of Art during February of 2004.

We are asking for donations to help fund this endeavor. Those who donate \$100 or more will have their names inscribed on a plaque that will hang beside the mural, and will receive a limited edition print of the children's art.

Please consider this opportunity as one of support for the children touched by the Columbia disaster. Thank you.

Richard Williams
Committee Chairman

Mural Memorial

“Painting an Empty Sky”

General Description: Clear Creek I.S.D. art students and the children of the astronauts of the Space Shuttle Columbia will be invited to paint a mural in memory of their loved ones. Seven of the astronauts' children attend schools in the Clear Creek Independent School District with another four attending private schools.

The size and shape of the canvas will be approximately 8'x16' including a shape of the shuttle's silhouette. Portraits of each of the astronauts will be placed in the midst of the children's work.

Purpose: To use art as a healing process for the surviving children of the deceased astronauts of February 1st, 2003.

Specialists and Committees

Richard Williams, Committee Chairman and Fund Raiser

Richard Wood, Portrait Artist

Susan Dubois, Art Therapist

JayDee Wilkins, Digital graphics, web design, and limited edition Giclée prints

Ann Trask, Designer Consultant

Janet Guillot, Correspondence Director

Debra Kendrick, The Arts Alliance Center of Clear Lake Curator

Hannah Sears, The Arts Alliance Center of Clear Lake Deputy Director

Candice Matthies and Nina Craig and other art teachers in the NASA area will work after school with the children at The Arts Alliance Center of Clear Lake, directly across the street from the NASA gated entrance.

Other Resource Friends:

Kay Burnett, Executive Director of TAACCL contact to NASA

Tina Farrell, Art Director for CCISD.

Norma Dolcater, Art Director for the Glassell Jr. School of Art.

Representative from NASA.

Pat Rawlings, Visiting Space artist consultant.

The Time line for this project will be one year. Our current plans are to exhibit the mural during spring of 2004. The mural will have a permanent location for its installation.

Fundraising starts now

Meet and finalize direction with committee	Feb. 11, 2003
Draft a survey to parents of students	March 18, 2003
Contact Parents and students in the School District	April
Meet regularly on Wednesdays at 5:00 pm at TAACCL	
Meet with interested parents and children that would like to participate	May
Susan Dubois will meet with children.	May
Design Committee will meet with children for preliminary sketch.	April
Build shaped canvas in a silhouette of the Space Shuttle Columbia.	May
Children will begin painting on Wednesdays after school.	June
Artist Richard Wood will begin portraits of the seven Astronauts	May
If agreed upon, production of limited edition prints of students' art work.	Dec. 03
Framing of students' art, sketches, etc.	Jan. 04
Dedication of the Mural	Sometime in Jan. or Feb. 2004
Exhibition at the Alfred C. Glassell School of Art MFAH	Feb. 04

“May your strength be our strength; may your faith be our faith; may your hope be our hope; may your love bring us love.”

Bruce Springsteen

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The Clear Creek ISD is sponsoring this project. All donations will be written to CCISD-PES Fund. PES is short for “Painting an Empty Sky.” Donations are tax deductible.

Send donations to:

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