

# BLAINE AIRPORT PROMOTION GROUP

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*Taking your ambitions skyward*



## The Education Coordinator

April 14, 2011

The education sector of our community has received a great deal of news coverage that is shaking the core of the educational system as we know it today.

Thankfully we have a great deal more that is positive. The University Magnet School is still moving forward with their STEM program. Teachers have been working hard during the spring break and developing their fall curriculum. We are in contact with local foundations that are connecting with members and raising thousands of dollars for their schools for special projects and scholarships. Civic leaders and school administrators are joining together to help families to connect with community classes and programs hoping some after-school activities will help students close the achievement gap.

What ever develops from K-12 budgets and teacher blame game, we remain optimistic in our vision to engage students while they tour our facilities and challenge them to reach higher in their achievement goals.

Harvey Karth has continued to make progress in getting the Airport sign completed. *(THIS PHOTO HAS BEEN ALTERED TO SHOW LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED SIGN AND APPROXIMATE LOCATION)*. The photo below was taken from Central Avenue looking east. The Airport Right-of-way is several feet west of the service road so the sign is well within the airport boundary.

The Control Tower can be seen over the top of the sign





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We will be reaching out to more schools and community groups to introduce our objectives of airport promotion and student mentoring. Teachers are pressed to get bus and transportation issues arranged as well as working in special after-school programs and developing their curriculum. We will continue to work with Magnet and Charter Schools so we will not lose that connection. We are sure now that the information is getting out.

The Blaine Banner was looking for us to place an ad for the April 6<sup>th</sup> issue. Harvey Karth was contacted by the publisher but it had a price tag so Harvey kindly refused the offer.

A short time later the publisher called back and asked about the school tour program and asked that a news release be submitted. Harvey agreed and the release was accepted for the April issue.

This is an example of getting to people in the community and introducing our product. The people developing the school foundations and community programs are looking for ways to raise funds for their schools and special student initiatives so we are confident that we are able to make a difference in the life of our community by offering a service to the schools.

## Anoka County-Blaine Airport Volunteer Organization

The vision of this volunteer organization is to develop public awareness of the need of supporting students and teachers that have a school charter to expand and improve scholastic skills in Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM).

The STEM discipline includes all areas of school curriculum. The schools' charter will now include Aerospace Science curricula. The STEM programs are designed to be engaging, interaction with actual life experiences providing studies for K-12. This is seen as a strong bridge to introduce students to early development of career choices and to make the step to college level training.

The Aerospace industry is a cooperation of public and private industries that research, design, manufacture, operate, and maintain vehicles that move through the air and space. Current trends indicate shortages in many industries of qualified professionals. According to the United States National Research Council and the Na-

tional Science Foundation the strength of STEM Fields are viewed as an indicator of the nation's ability to sustain itself.

The volunteer organizations goals are to work with other organizations that support schools that already are Aerospace schools or teachers desiring to engage their students in a life experience in Aerospace.

Several businesses at the Blaine Airport have volunteered time to provide tours of the facilities.

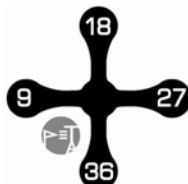
Students, teachers and senior citizen groups from the area are invited through programs provided by MNDot Aeronautics ADOPT-A-SCHOOL. This program provides teachers lessons that can be used prior to an airport tour to help build interest in the class room work.

The Minnesota Civil Air Patrol provides a complete ACE curriculum in Aerospace for K-6 and the AEX program providing six Aerospace-related activities with special two-hour special Aerospace-related event or project.

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## DISCOVER AVIATION DAYS

Keep the dates of May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> open as well as telling your business associates about the events.



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