



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



Ten elementary school teachers from Goose Creek CISD recently attended the Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy to enhance their math and science teaching skills.

Teachers enhance math, science skills at Mickelson ExxonMobil academy

The Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy recently sponsored 10 third-, fourth- and fifth-grade teachers from the Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District (GCCISD) to attend its Houston Academy from June 19 through June 24 to enhance their math and science teaching skills.

PGA Golfer Phil Mickelson, his wife, Amy, and ExxonMobil, in conjunction with the National Science Teachers Association and Math Solutions, brought together elementary teachers from across the country for a five-day, all-expense-paid professional development program designed to hone teaching skills, enhance curricula and help them discover new ways to inspire students to pursue careers in math and science.

The teachers chosen from GCCISD include:

- Evah Leigh Primeaux, Stephen F. Austin Elementary
- Ann Seawright, Stephen F. Austin Elementary
- Debra Forehand, Harlem Elementary
- Leslie McMahan, Highlands Elementary
- Ashlee Bellard, Alamo Elementary
- Kathy Payne, District Elementary Science Instructional Specialist
- Jessica Silcox, De Zavala Elementary
- Kristin Goins, James Bowie Elementary
- Rosinda Almaguer, James Bowie Elementary
- Nancy Bonds, Lamar Elementary

"Our team had the opportunity to participate in effective teaching and inquiry-based learning to enhance our science and math classrooms," stated Kathy Payne, GCCISD science instructional specialist.

"Allowing students to construct their knowledge and experiences and reflect on their learning will be critical in developing thinkers and problem solvers for or future scientists and mathematicians."



De Zavala Elementary teacher Jessica Silcox explores the relationship between force, mass, and acceleration at a recent the Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy that aims to sharpen educators' math and science teaching skills.

"The Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy provides today's teachers with inventive tools to encourage students and open their eyes to the importance of math and science," said Suzanne McCarron, president, ExxonMobil Foundation. "We are pleased to make this educational program available to teachers from Goose Creek so they can return to their classrooms armed with creative methods that will inspire the next generation of innovators."

"Math and science are all around us, including in my golf game," said Mickelson. "I believe in the importance of inspiring our nation's children in these critical areas. Working with ExxonMobil, we designed the Academy to be an exciting learning experience that will provide Goose Creek teachers with tools to support students in math and science and an opportunity to share best practices with colleagues."

Since launching in 2005, more than 2,600 teachers have attended the Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy sharing with more than 40,000 students nationwide the lessons and skills they learned. Each year, 400 elementary school teachers, who are chosen from communities around the country where Mickelson plays in PGA tournaments or where ExxonMobil maintains significant operations, attend the Houston or New Orleans academies.

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