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Hello,

We are preparing for the **Texas Techies Animator 2009 Competition** on Friday, November 20, 2009. **Over 100 students from all over Corpus Christi** are registered to participate in the competition. For this year's competition, the challenge is to create an animation using the software Scratch. <http://www.texastechies.org/animator>

The goal is to have as much community support in engaging Corpus Christi students in math, science, and technology, as these are the most important factors in creating tomorrow's workforce.

What is the purpose of the event? The motivation behind the event is to raise the profile of technology education to young children in Texas. It has three specific aims:

1. To raise the profile of Technology Education as an important and exciting tool for community success.
2. To provide teachers with a new approach to motivating and enthusing students to learn.
3. The competition is aimed not only at technology teachers but to teachers of other subjects in which computing tools and techniques are increasingly being applied. In doing so we hoped to communicate the way in which technology is increasingly enabling advances in other discipline areas.

Request for Sponsorship: In an effort to get the Corpus Christi Community excited and engaged in our efforts to raise the profile of technology education we would also like to request a donation towards our **holiday turkey give-away**. We plan to raise enough funds to offer the first 50 families a free turkey gift certificate with assistance from HEB for Thanksgiving. Your donation will be recognized on all promotional materials, as well as acknowledged during the event. Any donations exceeding our goal will go toward the Food Bank of Corpus Christi and CASA of the Coastal Bend, so that other families can also benefit from our efforts.

If you cannot donate funds towards our turkey give away, we will welcome any other donations for door prizes and give-aways.

Invitation to attend: We would like to invite you attend the event and to provide motivation, encouragement, and most of all, recognition to the most promising students in the Corpus Christi community. Community support is always the most important part of any competition. If you would like to attend, we would greatly welcome your efforts and appreciate your time.

Date: Friday, November 20, 2009

Event Time: 5:30pm - 7:30pm

- Competition Time: 5:40pm - 6:40pm

- Judging Time: 6:50pm - 7:10pm

- Awards Ceremony: 7:10pm

Location: Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, University Center Ballroom

If you would like more information about the event, please do not hesitate to contact Liza Wisner at 361-774-7454 or liza@texastechies.org. You can also visit: <http://www.texastechies.org/animator>.

We look forward to hearing from you soon. Please make every effort possible to join us on **Friday, November 20, 2009** at the **Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi campus**.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Liza Wisner

Director / Certified Instructor, Texas Techies Organization