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Dear Parent:

Math is a springboard to so many exciting careers! We are living in an age of technology, in which a strong background in math and science are key requirements for participation.

Over the past six years the University of Florida's College of Engineering has collaborated with Alachua County public schools in a Math Excellence project sponsored by Tau Beta Pi, the Engineering honor society, and formerly sponsored by the General Electric Corporation. Engineering GatorTRAX, the Math Excellence project, targets students in grades 6 – 12 who have demonstrated a strong interest in math.

Participants will be involved in Saturday morning Engineering programs throughout the academic year, which are designed to enhance student interest and skills in mathematics by providing fun, hands-on activities which demonstrate the real-world uses of the mathematical concepts introduced in the classroom. In addition, students will take part in field trips to engineering-related sites where they will be able to see how engineering works and impacts our everyday lives.

You are invited to attend an information session to learn more about this exciting opportunity, which will be held at the University of Florida, in room 270 of Weil Hall, on Saturday, March 29, 2008 at 9:00am. This is the same time and place as SECME, but parents of students not participating in SECME are more than welcome, and we encourage all to attend.

Questions may be sent to UFGatorTRAX@gmail.com or you may also access our website at <http://www.gatortrax.eng.ufl.edu/>.

We hope that you and your child will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity, and we look forward to seeing you at the GatorTRAX information session!

Very best regards.

Sincerely,

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