

# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## **Tracy Unified School to Host Moon Rocks Exhibit**

(TRACY, Calif.) – Moon Rocks are soon to arrive in Tracy!

Between 1969 and 1972 six Apollo missions brought back 842 pounds of lunar rocks, core samples, pebbles, sand and dust from the lunar surface. The six space flights returned 2200 separate samples from six different exploration sites on the Moon.

The lunar sample building at Johnson Space Center is the chief repository for the Apollo samples. The lunar sample laboratory is where pristine lunar samples are prepared for shipment to scientists and educators. Nearly 400 samples are distributed each year for research and teaching projects. Study of rock and soil samples from the Moon continue to yield useful information about the early history of the Moon, the Earth, and the inner solar system.

In 1999, sixth grade Williams Middle School teacher Colleen Kennan received her certification from NASA at the Moffet Field Educators Resource Center to handle the moon rocks. Williams Middle School is honored to have two disks on display - one containing samples of moon rocks and the other containing samples of meteorites. Both will be available for viewing from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> in Room 6 at Williams Middle School. Williams Middle School is located at 1600 Tennis Lane in Tracy.

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