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**MORRISS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO OFFER A STARRY, STARRY NIGHT
ENGINEERING ENCOUNTER FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS**

Texarkana, TX – Martha and Josh Morriss Mathematics & Engineering Elementary School students and parents will be seeing stars as they welcome Blue Moon Observatory to their campus.

The event will be hosted for Kindergarten, 2nd and 5th Grade on Wednesday, March 21 and for 1st, 3rd and 4th Grades on Thursday, March 22. Both evenings will have indoor activities from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. and night sky viewing from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

The “Starry, Starry Night” program will offer the opportunity for students and their entire family to experience astronomy, stargazing and the night sky. Dave Alford, Director of Blue Moon Observatory, will serve as the star guide for the evening’s event. Expected viewing will feature Jupiter and Venus near conjunction along with Orion positioned high above the school.

Guests will have the opportunity to look through two 10 feet tall telescopes that have 20 inch diameter reflectors. The Junior League of Texarkana will have their “Star Lab” on site and there will be many other activities for students and parents in the gymnasium.

Snacks will be served. The public is invited to attend. For more information, contact Gail Peterson at 903.791.2262.

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PHOTO, FILM AND STORY OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING EACH EVENING EVENT. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT TINA VEAL-GOOCH, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS AT 903.794.3651 EXT. 1013.