



## **Mission: KSC**

### **Letter to Launch Directors**

Dear Teachers,

Welcome to the Kennedy Space Center. Big changes are taking place at NASA. The Space Shuttle is about to be replaced with new launch vehicles that will take us back to the Moon, this time to stay, and to Mars and beyond. It is a wonderful time to be looking upward and your students will benefit from the renewal of direct human exploration of the solar system. The first person to set foot on Mars may be sitting in your classroom today.

At the Visitor Complex we like to think of ourselves as part of the support system for the most important work of the age - educating the citizens and explorers of tomorrow. We are here to help you excite and motivate your students to pursue their dreams.

The Kennedy Space Center and the nearby Cape Canaveral Air Force Station are our portals to the universe. It is here that the first American satellites and the first American astronauts began their journeys into space. The first person to step on the Moon left Earth from our launch pad.

The Kennedy Space Center is the home of the Space Shuttle and the marshalling point for most of the components of the International Space Station. It is the home of the rockets of the future - Ares 1 and Ares 5.

We are thrilled to partner with Brevard Public Schools, the National Space Club Florida Chapters, and other community resources to assist you in inspiring your students.

Sincerely,  
Dan LeBlanc  
President & Chief Operating Officer