Captain Barrington Irving Flying Classroom



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WHO: Captain Barrington and the Flying Classroom Team alongside local Norfolk International Airport aviation professionals including Signature Flight Support KORF Team Members will be facilitating an immersive STEM+ (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) field trip for approximately 300 Pre-K students from Norfolk Public Schools. Flying Classroom has been partnering with Norfolk Public Schools to take their students (Pre-K) on virtual expeditions as part of the district's Hybrid Virtual learning Program.

WHAT: This is an invaluable opportunity for students to meet Captain Barrington Irving, engage with aviation and STEM+ professionals, interact with aviation-related exhibits and complete Engineering Design Challenges from the Flying Classroom curriculum. Hosted by Signature Flight Support at KORF Norfolk International Airport this event is a celebration of the district's partnership with the Flying Classroom and commitment to STEM+ education.

WHEN: 8:00AM - 12:00PM Wednesday August 3rd, 2022

WHERE: Signature Flight Support KORF at Norfolk International Airport 6101 Burton Station Road, Norfolk, Virginia 23502

MORE INFO:

The Flying Classroom is a K-12 integrative STEM+ supplemental curriculum. While Flying Classroom includes standards and principles aligned to STEM, it also includes correlated activities to geography, informational literacy, writing, art, and social studies. Students work to develop critical thinking, collaboration, communication and cognitive development skills as they navigate through the expedition content. Each lesson within the Flying Classroom is based on a global expedition led by Captain Barrington Irving.

Captain Barrington Irving is a renowned pilot, educator, explorer, and community leader. Born in Kingston, Jamaica, Captain Irving moved to the United States with his family in 1989 and grew up in Miami, Florida, where he first became interested in STEM programs, specifically aviation at a young age. A Guinness Book record holder from 2007 to 2012, he was the youngest person to fly solo around the world. He is a record holder as the first African American to ever fly solo around the world.

Captain Barrington Irving is also the founder of Experience Aviation, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) designed to help middle and high school students explore aviation and other STEM-based careers and programs through hands-on learning experiences. He went on to start Flying Classroom, a STEM+-related digital curriculum for K through 12th grade that allows students to design innovative solutions to STEM+ field world issues.

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