



Dear Parent(s),

Your child's classroom will soon be embarking on a journey to space! Their mission will be full of adventure and excitement, as your child is given the opportunity to explore the nature and processes of science and engineering.

Through a combination of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) content aligned with today's education standards, immersive technology, and real science data, students will be engaged in numerous hands-on math and science stations in our simulated mission control and space lab environments.

Why do scientists conduct experiments? Where do astronauts do science in space? Why is it important to record data? These are questions that you will want to ask your child after their mission. We bet they will have a lot of new knowledge to share with you!

At Challenger, we want to help you foster your child's interest in science and potentially turn the inspiration into a career path. We offer a variety of on-going programming for children grades K-10 and families. This includes periodic "Family Science Nights" -- public science events that cover a variety of topics and themes, including chemistry, engineering, physics, and astronomy. We also offer programs during all school vacations, and on- and off-site STEM modules for a variety of groups and occasions, such as scouts, after school clubs and school-wide family science nights. We even host out-of-this-world birthday parties! To join our mailing list, sign up on our web site: <http://www.astronaut.org/about/contact>.

If you would like to check out the Challenger Learning Center of Maine facility for yourself, you are welcome to visit the Center any time. Regular office hours are 9:00 AM-4:00 PM Monday through Friday if you would like to schedule a tour. If your work place is looking for a fantastic company retreat, we also offer corporate missions that provide an incredible team building experience! Please call (207) 990-2900 x4 for more information.

We look forward to working with your child, and we hope to meet you sometime soon!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Therrien  
Center Coordinator / Education Director

Commanders Pratt, Worthley, Cotrell, Hibbard,  
Loftin, Megquier, and Kelley  
Flight Directors

*The Challenger Learning Center of Maine is part of a network founded in 1986 in honor of the astronauts lost in Challenger flight 51-L. Today, the network comprises more than 40 international centers. Since opening in 2004, Maine's Challenger Center has inspired more than 75,000 students.*

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