

MEDIA ADVISORY

Wheat Ridge High School Students to Speak with NASA Astronauts on Space Station

When: Friday, November 18, 2016 at 10:40 a.m.

Where: Wheat Ridge High School
9505 W 32nd Avenue
Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

What: Jeffco students will have the opportunity to speak with NASA astronauts currently living and working aboard the International Space Station.

Additional special guests include Congressman Ed Perlmutter.

Background:

The 20-minute, Earth-to-space call will air live on NASA Television and the agency's website.

The event will be hosted by Wheat Ridge High School. Students in the ninth through twelfth grades will participate, and teachers have been preparing them by incorporating space into lessons in each of the core classes – science, math, history, and English.

Expedition 50 Commander Shane Kimbrough will answer questions from the students. Kimbrough launched to the station on Oct. 19 and will return home in February.

Rep. Ed Perlmutter of Colorado will open the downlink with a voice check call-up to the station.

Media interested in covering the event should contact Hannah Mullen at hannah.mullen@mail.house.gov. Wheat Ridge High School is located at 9505 West 32nd Avenue.

This in-flight education downlink is an integral component of the NASA Office of Education's efforts to improve science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) teaching and learning in the United States. Linking students directly to astronauts aboard the space station through the agency Office of Education's STEM on Station activity provides authentic, live experiences in space exploration, space study and the scientific components of space travel, while introducing the possibilities of life in space.





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<http://www.nasa.gov/nasatv>

For more information, videos and lesson plans highlighting research on the International Space Station, visit:

<http://www.nasa.gov/stemonstation>

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