

Informational Letter to Parents/Guardians

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

To Parents of \_\_\_\_\_ classroom:



The auxiliary of the United States Air Force, the Civil Air Patrol, a national organization with squadrons found in communities across the country, would like to adopt our classroom for this school year. To do so, these volunteer CAP adult and cadet members will be visiting our classroom (either in person or virtually, as COVID restrictions dictate) and teaching special aerospace lessons to help us perpetuate an interest in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) subjects and careers with our students. The special lessons are a part of CAP's free *Aerospace Connections in Education (ACE)* program which uses the aerospace theme to teach academics, character education, and physical fitness for living a healthy and drug-free lifestyle.

All adult CAP members have passed FBI background checks and adhere to strict rules when working with any youth (which includes never working with any student on a one-on-one basis). These CAP members are pilots, teachers, law enforcement, engineers, and medical personnel, as well as with other kinds of community careers. They are our community neighbors. Many of these adult members are also Air Force Association members. The AFA is a partner with CAP for these youth programs. These adult mentors will be excellent additional role models for our students.

In addition to the adult CAP members, the CAP has cadets, ages 12 and up, who are eager to mentor students about STEM subjects and careers, share the benefits of the CAP cadet program, and help teach aerospace lessons with our students. Thus, some of these exemplary young people will also be visiting and working with our students, either in person or virtually, as COVID restrictions dictate.

CAP will think of creative activities to ignite an interest in aviation for our students, as COVID restrictions allow. They will even hold an in-person or virtual informational session for our students and their parents/guardians, if interested, to find out more about the excellent opportunities for students who may be interested in joining CAP as a cadet.

We look forward to this partnership with the members of CAP squadron, \_\_\_\_\_, and know the students will be the benefactors of this free mentorship program.

Thank you,

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_