



MEDIA

CONTACT: October 24, 2013

Barbara Holt Streeter

(240) 882-8544

mrsprprotocol@gmail.com

SHABACH! CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

WILL DEBUT PREMIER AVIATION STEM PROGRAM AT OPEN HOUSE

The first Aviation STEM Program for elementary school students in the Washington Metropolitan area

Landover, MD (OCTOBER 24) – Join students, parents, administrators, elected officials and community leaders at SHABACH! Christian Academy as they experience hands on demonstration of the first elementary school student aviation program in the Washington Metropolitan area.

SCA, an elementary school that utilizes creative, interactive learning techniques; such as innovative technology, *Time To Know* a digital teaching platform, critical thinking curriculum, a dynamic fine arts program, Biblical integration now adds a powerful themed Aviation STEM Program.

Through a variety of aviation activities, students will be exposed to rigorous *Next Generation Science Standards* -- key scientific ideas and practices that all students should learn before graduating from high school. The NGSS, developed and determined by a 26-state consortium, promotes the study of science, technology, engineering and math.

SCA has partnered with AviationEd, Inc., an organization of aviation and education professionals committed to inspiring the next generation to pursue their career goals. They developed the curriculum and instruction for the program. AvEd intends to provide “early exposure to high-level science, technology, engineering and math concepts while introducing students to aviation careers,” said Dr. James Sulton, AviationEd’s director of program development.

SCA joined a collaborative effort between the First Baptist Church of Glenarden, Destiny Aviation Services, and Virtual Flight Academy to design a unique flight lab to compliment the program. The partnership resulted in a flight lab with state-of-the-art educational technology – including four PC-based flight simulators. “Our objective is to inspire our youth and help them achieve their dreams – in aviation or other careers – through STEM-education and technology exposure,” said retired Rear Admiral Arthur Johnson, president of Destiny Aviation Services.

“This program is yet another way that SHABACH! Christian Academy will provide our students with “next level” experience that leads to the acquisition of tools and resources needed in today’s colleges and workplace environments,” SCA principal Nicole McNeil said. “Our STEM programming will utilize concepts found within the field of aviation to provide real-world examples of math and science.”

The aviation program was introduced in September to the students. At SHABACH! STEM is no longer the buzz word, but it has become a way of life to empower students to enjoy powerful learning in a highly engaging environment.

In addition to dynamic technology to help with the learning process, SCA integrates extra-curricular activities and provides nutritious meals and healthy snacks which are prepared from scratch daily.

Members of the media are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate in the demonstration.