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Families, Teachers Invited to Celebrate Shuttle Enterprise

Looking for a great opportunity to spend an hour with your child learning about racecars and rocket ships? Then celebrate the July 20 grand opening of the space shuttle Enterprise's new home in New York City with a special event at the Center for Educational Technologies at Wheeling Jesuit University.

The center and its NASATalk STEM education team invite families and teachers to an activity called Rockets to Racecars that will be videostreamed

from the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum Complex from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 20. This activity will be one of many educational sessions held at the museum that day to welcome the Enterprise to its perch on the deck of the retired aircraft carrier USS Intrepid in New York Harbor.

In Rockets to Racecars NASA educational specialist Bonnie Murray will combine the science of flight and racing to show how the forces that lift planes into the air also hold racecars tight to the track at

amazing speeds. She will demonstrate a variety of NASA resources for teaching these concepts as well as explore other benefits of NASA's Digital Learning Network, through which her activity will be streamed to Wheeling. Meri Cummings, science resource teacher at the Center for Educational Technologies, will help with the

activity locally, and she will have lesson materials available for any teachers wanting them for their classroom. If you can't make it to the center, you can also watch the session through the NASATalk website at www.nasatalk.com.

Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult at the Wheeling event.

To register for this free session, e-mail nasatalk@cet.edu.

The NASATalk online collaborative is designed and managed by the NASA-sponsored Classroom of the Future at the Center for Educational Technologies. It gives parents and educators a virtual place to talk and learn about the many opportuni-

ties available from the space agency.

The Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum features spectacular interactive exhibits and virtual, multi-sensory technology. Besides the Enterprise it also houses a Concorde supersonic airplane and the former USS Growler submarine along with many other restored.