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Bridger Middle School students to talk “live” with astronauts ***Satellite technology will link students to International Space Station***

LAS VEGAS – Nineteen students at Jim Bridger Middle School will reach for the stars – literally – on Thursday, January 8, when they engage in a live interview with astronauts aboard the International Space Station (ISS).

Live video from the ISS will be beamed to earth via satellite downlink, allowing students gathered in the school gymnasium to interact with the astronauts in real time.

While the astronauts will not be able to see the students, they will hear them through a two-way audio link-up arranged through the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

The 20-minute interview, to start at 10:10 a.m., is a joint project of NASA and Vegas PBS as well as the video conference unit and telecommunications department of the Clark County School District.

Students and educators throughout the district will be able to watch the interview on televisions or computers in CCSD classrooms. In addition, it will be carried live on the NASA website for viewing by anyone with Internet access.

Located at 2505 North Bruce Street in North Las Vegas, Bridger is a magnet school that specializes in math, science, and technology while offering programs in aerospace/aviation, biomedicine, computer programming, design/ technology and robotics.

Bridger also is a NASA Explorer school and the home of Nevada’s first Civil Air Patrol School Enrichment Program.

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