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COPY OF SEPTEMBER 15, 1998 LETTER

September 15, 1998

Mr. Fran Vogel
Walthill Schools
Walthill, NE

Dear Mr. Vogel:

I am happy to announce that the NE NASA Space Grant will again host the second annual NASA Aeronautics Day at the Sioux Gateway Airport in Sioux City, IA on:

Wednesday, October 14, 1998 10:00 am to 1:30 pm

Everything is progressing well at this point and the plan is to have just your 5th grade students visit the airport this year. Since there is a lot to see during the day, we'll move the students in groups of about 50 to one of several locations on the airport. Several of the locations are within walking distance but we will need to have your student go by bus to a more remote site on the airport at least once. The locations to be visited are:

1. Iowa Air Guard
2. The terminal/tower area
3. Jetsun Aviation

Detailed instructions as to group movements will be given to your lead teachers when they arrive at the airport. Your buses should come to the parking lot by the air traffic control tower and a UNO guide will greet your group; this guide will be with your group throughout the day. Lunch, sponsored by Jetsun and NASA NE Space Grant, will be served either at Jetsun or at the Iowa Air Guard from 11:45 am to 1:00 pm. The events of the day will finish with several F-16 and other planes performing flybys and departure for home should be by 1:30 pm.

I think this event will be a wonderful way for your students to be introduced to both aeronautics and the great people and varied aeronautics activities at Sioux Gateway Airport. In preparation for this unique field trip, a team of UNO students and faculty will be at your school during the week prior to the Aeronautics Day. The team would like to meet all your 5th grade students as one group for about 30 minutes. During that time, a videotape on aviation will be shown, slides of the Sioux City Airport will be viewed, and rules for airport safety will be discussed. NASA Research Fellow, Ms. Aimee Freeman, will be contacting you in the near future to discuss activities on these days with you and answer any specific questions.

Sincerely,

Henry R. Lehrer, Ph.D.
Professor

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NASA Research Fellow