

#### The International Space Station Education Accomplishments and Opportunities



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### 2000 - 2011 "The most important thing we can do is inspire young minds and to advance the kind of science, math and

- 5 ISS Partners
- 43 Countries
- 25,000 Schools
- 2,800,000 Teachers
- **43,100,000** Students



technology education that will help youngsters take

### The International Space Station Invaluable Learning Platform

- Collaboration
- Captivation
- Imagination
- Inspiration
- Motivation
- Experimentation
- Exploration



#### **Inspiring the Next Generation**

International Space Station Education Opportunities and Accomplishments 2000-2011

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## Accomplishments

- Student-Developed Investigations
- Educational Competitions
- Students Performing Classroom Versions of ISS Investigations
- Students Participating in ISS Investigator Experiments
- Cultural Activities



- Students Participating in ISS Engineering Education: Hardware Development
- Educational Demonstrations and Activities

# **CSI-03**

- Life cycle of Painted Lady and Monarch Butterflies
- Web spinning characteristics of orb weaving spider
- Classroom kits provided
- Daily ISS images and video







# Kids in Micro-g



"It's kind of mind boggling. He's in space. He's

floating. It's basically my idea in space. Well, it is my idea in space!" ~ Hanna, Hamlin School,

San Francisco, CA

 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Experiment **Design Challenge** 

### 2009-2010 Winner

Water Absorption/Capillary: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Brownwell 53 Teachers Middle School, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI

### <u>2010-2011 Winner</u>

Attracting Water Drops: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Chabad Hebrew Academy, San Diego, CA

## **Tomatosphere-III**

- How do we supply long-duration space exploration missions with the life support requirements of food, water and oxygen?
- Educational Units Include:
  - How to Feed a Martian (Gr. 3-4)
  - Surviving on the Red Planet (Gr. 6)
  - The Martian Environment (Gr. 7-8)
  - The Energy to Survive (Gr. 9-10)

"These authentic experiences are essential for hooking children on science and provide a wealth of learning opportunities." ~ Jo-Ann LaCharity, Castor Valley Elementary School, Ontario





## **Opportunities**

- Ongoing activities and projects
- Increasing ISS Education Portfolio
- Building partnerships



"That's a moment I'll never forget. It's going to live with me for the rest of my life." ~ Student, Central Florida Aerospace Academy, Lakeland, FL

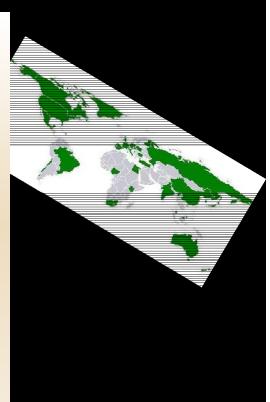


### EarthKam





- Integrates Earth images with inquiry-based learning
- Allows students and
  teachers to participate
  in a space mission
- Students control a special digital camera on the ISS



"Our 4th graders truly enjoyed working together on this mission and learning about the geography of our Earth and the role satellites and the ISS plays in providing information to scientists around the world." ~Maria Alexis, Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School, West Brandywine Township, PA

# **ISS Ham Radio - ARISS**

"It was one of the greatest days of my life. I think when I grow up, I'll be in aeronautics, maybe with the Navy, maybe building jets and flying them." ~ Colin Yee, 5<sup>th</sup> grader, Flory Academy of Science, Moorpark, CA

- Students research topics such as the ISS, space exploration, radio waves and amateur radios
- Students participate in hands-on activities such as building model rockets, models of the solar system or crystal radios
- Students prepare a list of questions for the ISS crewmembers



## **SPHERES-Zero Robotics**



 Student competition that takes arena robotics to new heights — literally

- College and high school students program the satellites to play a challenging game
- Teams create, edit, share, save, simulate and submit software code
- The winning codes are programmed into the mini-robots and the crew conducts the championship competition with a live broadcast from the station



### NanoRacks - NanoLabs

- NanoRacks provides a "plug and play" multipurpose research facility on the ISS
- NanoRacks offers flight opportunities to K-12 schools and universities to conduct student-developed experiments
- Valley Christian High School of San Jose, CA was the was the first commercial high school experiment on U.S. National Lab



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~Roger Lewin

### **ISS Program Science Office Research Resources**



 ISS Research & Technology http://www.nasa.gov/iss-science/





- ISS Research Blog "A Lab Aloft"
- http://go.usa.gov/atl