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Melcher Elementary to Host Tribute to Tuskegee Airmen *Schools and community groups across the Kansas City region invited to sign up for Commemorative Air Force Red Tail Squadron program for elementary students*

Kansas City, April 13, 2017: The Commemorative Air Force (CAF) Red Tail Squadron, America's tribute to the Tuskegee Airmen, is hosting its unique traveling exhibit, "Rise Above," from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day Wednesday, April 19 to Friday, April 21 at George Melcher Elementary School, which is located at 3958 Chelsea Ave. in Kansas City, Mo. All members of the media are invited and encouraged to attend.

The CAF Red Tail Squadron's program brings the inspirational history of the Tuskegee Airmen alive and out of the textbooks. "Rise Above" is a unique way to experience the inspiring story of America's first black military pilots and their support personnel.

This traveling exhibit is a fully functional, 53-foot mobile movie theater featuring the original panoramic film, "Rise Above," and designed to take the audience on a journey through time and through the air. The theater's dynamic 160-degree panoramic screen creates the sensation of being in the cockpit soaring above the clouds in a P51C Mustang, the signature aircraft of the Tuskegee Airmen. It's much more than a history lesson; the Tuskegee Airmen's ability to triumph over adversity serves as a means to inspire others to rise above obstacles in their own lives and achieve their goals.

Schools and community groups are invited to schedule student showings of the exhibit starting Thursday, April 20 by contacting Melcher Elementary School at (816) 418-6725 or by booking [online](#). Seating is available for groups of 25 to 30 per timeslot. Student groups that attend a showing will receive a free CAF Red Tail Squadron inspiration dog tag featuring their six guiding principles: Aim High, Believe in Yourself, Use Your Brain, Be Ready to Go, Never Quit and Expect to Win.

Melcher Elementary and Friendship Baptist Church will kick off the event at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 19. All members of the media and community are invited to attend.

The CAF Red Tail Squadron's visit to Melcher Elementary is made possible by Trice Education Resources, Inc., Bob Sight, Inc. Dealership and Adams Point Conference Center. The organization of the event was made possible through a partnership with Friendship Baptist Church's Adopt-A-School Ministry.

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