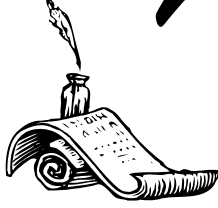


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Charter Day School Ceremony Honors Columbia Crew

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At 1 PM Tuesday, the crew of the Columbia space shuttle was honored in a ceremony at Charter Day School, according to the school's Headmaster, Mr. Mark Cramer.

"We want to stress to our students the sacrifices that fellow Americans are making for the benefit of all mankind," said Mr. Cramer. "In preparation for this observance, we posted a picture of the crew along with the words to 'Scotland the Brave' which was the song the crew requested as their last wake-up call," he added.

Mr. Cramer said each teacher read the following announcement to their class as they stood before the flag:

"On Saturday morning February 1, 2003, our seven astronauts aboard the space shuttle Columbia were awakened to the song 'Scotland the Brave.' They were to return to earth that day after an extended mission in space. They had accomplished many scientific and medical experiments to advance mankind's knowledge of the universe.

As their space craft began its decent back to earth, a terrible accident occurred; and the craft was destroyed in space, killing all seven astronauts. Today, our flags fly at half-mast as a symbol of mourning for this loss.

At one o'clock, we will now join with President Bush in honoring these brave men and women who gave their lives in pioneering outer space on behalf of all mankind. As a symbol of their sacrifice, 'Scotland the Brave' will always awaken our memories of these heroes. Let us now stand in silence, and then hear their song."

Mr. Cramer went on to add that developing a keen sense of patriot spirit is one of the school's goals. The tuition-free public charter school now has 266 students and is expanding to over 350 students in grades K-5. Located 14 minutes west of Wilmington off Highway 74-76 at Highway 87 South on a wooded 50-acre campus, the school is accepting enrolments for next year. "Interested parents may call us at 655-1214 or visit our web site at www.charterdayschool.org," said Mr. Cramer.