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Gateway Middle School hosts first Family Astronomy Night on Wednesday
April 27 event from 7 to 8:30 p.m. features program on Hubble Space Telescope

Amateur astronomers from nine different local astronomy clubs have volunteered to share their time and expertise to create a stellar event for Gateway students and families. Among the activities, Ron Hobbs of the Museum of Flight, the keynote speaker, will share stories and history of the Hubble Space Telescope.

Rich Lienesch will use the large, indoor, inflatable Museum of Flight planetarium to introduce participants to the night sky with the intent to spark a long-term interest in all things celestial.

Those who come to the evening will take part in making and launching stomp rockets and seeing and touching meteorites. The entire evening is full of star-related activities including art projects, gazing through telescopes and 3-D glasses, *Astronomy Jeopardy*, and other hands-on interactive activities designed to inspire star-gazing and learning about the fascinations and lessons possible in the world of astronomy.

Special thanks goes to Everett Public Schools Foundation for providing the grant and the astronomy clubs who are making the event possible and so engaging.

Club name	Members
Boeing Employees' Astronomical Society (BEAS)	David Ingram Burness Ansell Daniel C. Carey David Westman
Dark Skies NW Chapter of International Dark-Sky Association	Bruce Weertman Rubie Sanborn-Johnson David Ingram
Eastside Astronomical Society	Tom Gwilym
Everett Astronomical Society	Mark Folkerts Ron Tam
National Space Society, Seattle Chapter	David Stuart
Museum of Flight	Ron Hobbs Rich Lienesch

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Project Astro	Linda Khandro Ed Mannery
Seattle Astronomical Society	Mike Langley David Dorais
Squak Mountain Telescope Gang	Ted Cook
Tacoma Astronomical Society	Ray Stinson