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Captain Medina Visits Manchester Elementary School

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On March 24, Manchester Elementary's 4th grade class enjoyed a multi-media presentation presented by Captain Javier Medina. The proud parent of student Ricky Medina and pilot for American Eagle Airlines returned to his son's school for his fourth presentation on aviation.

During his visit, Captain Medina shared about his thirteen years as an airline pilot, the basics of flight, as well as safety measures. Students especially liked hearing about his training sessions, where every six months pilots are required to return to the flight simulator. It is here he explained where pilots are able to troubleshoot potential equipment malfunctions and hazards, such as engine failure or birds. His flight simulation video gave students a chance to experience how a pilot manages take off, speed, steering, and landing.



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The Captain's presentation also included discussion on the type of plane that he flies, the ERJ-145. He showed students a model and followed up with a question-answer session. Students were eager to learn about radar and traffic control, with questions focusing on the troubleshooting of real hazards. Students seemed surprised to hear the Captain's personal accounts. One story in particular, involved a near-collision in Green Bay, due to an error from the air traffic controllers. Fortunately, the pilot's training and quick thinking allowed him to maneuver and avoid hitting the other plane.

Captain Medina concluded by telling about the work that American Airlines does with the USO, as well as his other community involvement. This includes presentations at Lewis University and the Rockford Airfest. Those interested in learning more about aviation are encouraged to catch the Rockford Airfest in June. Be sure to stop by and say hello to Captain Medina and his family.

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