

SCHOOL TOURS GRADES 1 & 5



“On July 20, 1969 Apollo 11 mission commander Neil Armstrong and pilot Buzz Aldrin, both American, landed the lunar module *Eagle* on the Moon’s surface. This exhibition celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Apollo Moon landing.

Humans have long dreamed of escaping the confines of Earth and traveling to the heavens. References to magic carpets, flying horses, flaming aerial chariots, and winged gods can be found in religion, mythology, and the arts from around the world. Early cultures honored the Sun and Moon and watched the sky for omens. Astronomers and astrologers observed the stars and wondered about Earth’s place in the universe.

Although science fiction is a recent term, the idea of defying gravity is not new. In Greek mythology, Icarus and his father Daedalus escaped Crete by flying with wings made of feathers and wax. Icarus famously flew too close to the Sun and fell. Some have discerned an image of a hovering spaceship on a cylinder seal from Ancient Mesopotamia. Similarly, a 1350 painting of the Crucifixion from the Visoki Decani Monastery in Kosovo, Yugoslavia appears to show people in space ships. The artist and inventor Leonardo da Vinci was obsessed with flying machines and Nostradamus’ predictions were tied to heavenly phenomena such as eclipses. Some say he predicted the 1969 Apollo moon landing. Jules Verne wrote *From the Earth to the Moon* in 1865. The first science fiction film, *A Trip to the Moon*, debuted in 1902. Today artists are inspired by images from the Hubble Space Telescope.”



Aligned with Earth’s Place in the Universe ESS1-1&2:

**Grade 1** tours focus on Earth’s place in the Universe, day and night, seasons, and phases of the moon.

**Grade 5** tours focus on space exploration through time, stars, and constellations and mythology.

All tours include an art project.

Tours are free, available Tuesday-Friday, last 1½ hours, and can be tailored to all grade levels.

Bus funds are available.

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