



STARBASE is a Department of Defense community outreach program that offers classrooms of fifth grade students inspiring, five-day, 25-hour, hands-on curriculum that emphasizes the application of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). With the carefully designed lessons that meets common core educational standards, STARBASE is a proud leader in introducing the latest STEM concepts to its participants through inquiry-based curriculum that engages students in exciting hands-on, minds-on experiments and technological activities. Founded at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Michigan in 1991 under a W.K. Kellogg grant written by Barbara Koscak, STARBASE now has 58 sites across the nation, including Puerto Rico, and is hosted by the National Guard, Air Force, Air Force Reserves, Marines, and Army.



Ms. Lewis's class enjoys learning about imagery from the Peterson Air Force Base GIS Imagery workshop participants.

*"This is so cool, it's like a video game"* says a McAuliffe Elementary student.



"Regarding STARBASE...I have to tell you all that my son has been very excited about the time he has spent there and really anticipates his next visits. It seems like he is learning a lot and is beside himself to tell us about it when he gets home. Thank you for allowing the children the opportunity to attend this camp. The Peterson AFB newspaper featured STARBASE this week and had several quotes from McAuliffe children in their article. STARBASE is so popular in our house that my other son has mentioned a firm desire to attend when he is in 5th grade. Of course I had to remind him that we move every few years...and he was a bit disappointed. You all are doing so much for the children that they - I am certain - would not have exposure to if not in a school that focuses so heavily on STEM education. I truly hope that we can stay longer in the area (beyond '16) so that the boys continue experiencing such a positive learning environment. "

*McAuliffe Parent and  
Military Member*

