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Space Center Houston's 15th Annual
Space Exploration Educators Conference

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GFTSE NEWS: The PSSP participated in the 15th Annual Space Exploration Educators Conference at Johnson Space Center in Houston on February 5-7, 2009. "Shrink the Planet" was a special session at the conference run by GFTSE / PSSP representatives, Marilyn Anderson and Rafael Leclerc, both from New York City.

During the session Mrs. Anderson and Mr. Leclerc demonstrated various methods for communicating through videoconferencing. They also introduced our PSSP as a model for connecting young people on opposite sides of the world through e-mailing and videoconferencing.

Students and teachers from PSSP schools in Izmir, Turkey, (İzmir SEV Elementary School and Turk College) met at Space Camp Turkey to communicate with the teachers in Houston attending the "Shrink the Planet" session; even though they were on "spring break" they came to Space Camp Turkey to use its videoconferencing facility.



In the US, Mel Prater, teacher at Hobgood NASA Explorer School in Tennessee, and some of his students were also able to be seen by teachers in Houston. The group made a surprise announcement that eight students from Hobgood would be traveling to Space Camp Turkey in July to meet their Turkish partners from Turk College at "E-PAL Week"

Mirabal Sister Sisters Campus in New York City also participated in the videoconferencing.

Izmir SEV Elementary School's students introduced themselves, talked about "culture capsules" they sent by mail to their partners, and explained the PSSP. They brought a map of Turkey to show where Izmir is located.



SEV students and their teacher Seran Dumlu shared their PSSP mission patch design with other students. The patch features their partner school's name and a space shuttle design.



Turk College student and teacher Bahar Faat showed their special sweat shirts with PSSP patches designed by the students.

Hobgood students showed what they will be sending their partners at Turk College in their "Culture Capsule": letters, U.S. flags, small gifts and candies.



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Every other week when you check your mailbox, you will find a link to reach cool pictures, fun, facts, space news, and more in the **Astro** Newsletter.

Being part of the Partner School Science Program and getting the chance to talk to other kids from all over the world can be really fun!

To get the most out of it, make sure to e-mail your E-

Pal after your teacher assigns you one.

Do you have something you would like to see in **Astro**? If so, ask your teacher to send an e-mail to tyildirim@gftse.org with the photo, story, or link. You might just see it in the next **Astro**!

Teachers can submit pictures and stories of their class to be included in the partner school highlights section!

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