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PSSP NEWS

PSSP teacher, **Mr. Mel Prater** has been nominated as "Teacher of the Year" in the U.S.

Mr. Mel Prater was selected as the "Teacher of the Year" for the Hobgood NASA Explorer School by his fellow faculty members. In addition, he was selected as the Murfreesboro City Schools System Teacher of the Year. He was also informed that he has also been nominated for a new honor, started



this year by Ron Clark, a former National Teacher of the Year. , Now he is also competing for the honor of being named the "Great American Teacher of the Year". You can google that to see all the information. **Go Mr. Prater!**

Space Camp Turkey Reunion

PSSP students, who have been to Space Camp Turkey in past years, came together at the Miribal Sisters Campus for a reunion. Ms. Marilyn Anderson organized the event. They met with new PSSP students



to tell them all about E-pal Week at Space Camp Turkey. One of the students who went in '04 or '05 will be returning this year to be an Intern at Space Camp! Ms. Anderson, Dr. Hunter and Mr. Sta Ana are going to have a hard time selecting a winner! The winner will be announced in the next Astro.

Meet and Greet Videoconferences

During the Meet and Greet videoconferences, all students shared their hobbies and interests with each other. It's fun to meet your e-pals, and get to talk to them. New **Meet and Greet** videoconferences are planned.



**MEF Istanbul (Istanbul, Turkey) -
Discovery School (Tennessee, U.S.)**

Mrs. Stacey Burt's and Mrs. Ilknur Hacisalihoglu's students met for the first time on February 12, 2009. Students were happy to share their work with their partner students.

**Kartal Doga College (Istanbul, Turkey),
MS324-602 (New York City, U.S.)** Mr. Muhammet Ozsoy's and Mrs. Lizza Weir's students met visually on February 24, 2009. These videoconferences were first experiences for the three Doga Colleges.



**MS324 -601 (New York City, U.S.), Beykoz
Doga College (Istanbul, Turkey)** Mrs. Lizza Weir's and Mrs. Bahar Kaya's students met with each other on February 26, 2009. Students asked questions about their partners to learn more about each other.

Acar Kent Doga College (Istanbul, Turkey), MS324-604 (New York City, U.S.)
Mr. Huseyin Keskin's and Mrs. Sharon Kramer's students came together on February 26, 2009 and March 24, 2009. New videoconferences are being planned for the schools.



Izmir SEV Primary School (Izmir, Turkey), MS324-704 (New York City, U.S.)
Mrs. Seran Dumlu's and Mrs. Meg Johnson's students met with each other on February 27, 2009. Their second VC took place on March 6, 2009. U.S. students shared a dance performance with their Turkish partners.

Culture Capsules

Istek Acibadem's students prepared a Culture Capsule to send to their partner students in Children's Aid Society's NASA club. Included in the capsule were letters and small gifts.



Hobgood NASA Explorer School's students sent cookies, U.S. flags, pens, a book of natural wonders and other goodies to their partners at Izmir Turk College. Both schools have been working together for three years in the PSSP.

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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!

*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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