



NorthsideNotes

To: Friends of Northside
From: John M. Folks, Ed.D., Superintendent
Northside ISD

Hello Friends of Northside. Here are a couple of things that I thought you'd be interested in.

Interactive Video Conferencing Brings World into the Classroom!

Technology Services, in partnership with the Region 20 Education Service Center and AT&T, will expand interactive video conferencing capabilities beginning Feb. 1 at five campuses. Multi-way interactive video conferencing will provide students at Esparza, May, and Oak Hills Terrace elementary schools and Stinson and Ross middle schools with a wide variety of content-driven learning opportunities. These will include conversations with experts in various fields of study and work, collaboration with students and teachers from around the world, exploration of far-away places, participation in hands-on activities in science and math, and more. Prior to recent technology infrastructure developments, students and teachers would have to travel to the Northside Activity Center Video Conferencing Center to experience these types of interactive learning opportunities. The focus of the activities at Esparza and May elementary schools and Stinson and Ross middle schools will be related to the Dual Language Program. Oak Hills Terrace Elementary School activities will center on the NASA Explorers Program. Various grant funds were used to purchase video conferencing equipment at each of the five campuses.

Name a School Deadline

In 2007 Northside ISD will open three new schools: "Shaenfield Road" middle school, "Grissom Road area" elementary school, and "Boerne Stage Road area" elementary school. The deadline for submitting nominations for the names of the schools is April 3, 2006. School Trustees will name the schools at the regular Board meeting on May 23, 2006. To submit a name, go to the website at www.nisd.net/community. Our latest school to be named is Louis D. Brandeis High School. Brandeis High School opens in 2008.

Have a great week and thanks for being a "Friend of Northside!"

Subject: NorthsideNotes - February 1, 2006