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RYSS mentors make a difference at Crespo

January 22, 2010 7:02 pm *Michael Golden wrote:*



Emiliano Garcia, RYSS, helps Crespo students create digital art. Photo submitted.

From a press release:

Recently, thirteen middle school students from Tejano Center's Raul Yzaguirre School for Success (RYSS) traveled to the Crespo Elementary Fine Arts Magnet School to mentor 26 fifth grade students in the use of graphics software to create digital art.

The RYSS students learned how to use the software from Tom R. Chambers, Technology Applications teacher and internationally-known visual artist and documentary photographer. They used the software during the first semester of the school year to make digital art for a vocabulary building project based on the Grade 7 TEKS/TAKS Science vocabulary. The digital art creations of Chambers' protégées have been on display in galleries for the last two years, locally, as well as internationally at the 4th and 5th Annual Carnival of e-Creativity and Change-agents Conclave [CeC & CaC] in the new Himalayan Indian state of Uttarakhand, India.

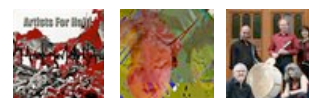
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Lesly Alvarez, Crespo Elementary, Alexis Cervantes, RYSS, and Brianda Pena, Crespo Elementary, work on the computers. Photo submitted.

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mentorship project is Chambers' brainchild. He takes student engagement and empowerment so seriously that most of what is learned and produced transcends the classroom and school system to have community and international impact. As a result, his students are motivated to do more, and in this case, they became mentors for younger students at another school.

This mentorship process involved an intensive morning session of learning and practicing, and an afternoon session of project application to make digital art. The RYSS seventh grade students succeeded in not only keeping the attention of the fifth graders, but also making the students comfortable with the software and producing gratifying results for the mentors and mentees. The two groups were so engaged throughout the day that the teachers present during the process seemed secondary. Chambers commented on this occurrence, saying, "I consider this fact as having the most importance, or in other words, the RYSS students had successfully gained a skill and were empowered to convey what they knew to others."

Chambers believes this mentorship project between RYSS and Crespo Elementary Fine Arts Magnet School is a first, at least for Houston's East End, where these schools are located. Whatever the case, the program set a precedent, and there is discussion of it being implemented at other schools. Chambers stated, "I'm proud of all of my students, however I am particularly proud of these 13 seventh graders who eagerly took on the challenge of doing more for themselves, their school and their community."

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- No incidents are reported.
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- Lane Closure: IH-10 EAST Eastbound and westbound Frontage Road from OATES RD. to FREEPORT
January 22, 2010 05:23 pm
Closed nightly 8:00 PM to 5:00 AM from Friday, January 22 to Friday, March 26 - Lanes Affected: Alternate entrance ramp closures - Status: Inactive
- Lane Closure: IH-10 EAST Eastbound and westbound Frontage Road from OATES RD. to FREEPORT
January 22, 2010 05:23 pm
Closed daily from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Friday, January 22 to Friday, March 26 - Lanes Affected: Alternate lanes + alternate closures of the MERCURY and FREEPORT entrance ramps - Status: Inactive
- Lane Closure: IH-10 EAST Eastbound and westbound Frontage Road from HOLLAND to FEDERAL RD.
January 22, 2010 05:23 pm
Closed continuously until 4:00 PM, Friday, March 26 - Lanes Affected: 1 outside lane - Status: Active
- Travel Time: IH-10 East Westbound from IH-610 East Loop to Downtown
January 22, 2010 05:23 pm
Travel Time: 5 Minutes
- Travel Time: IH-10 East Westbound from Crosby-Lynchburg to Downtown
January 22, 2010 05:23 pm
Travel Time: 19 Minutes

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