

CELEBRATIONS LIST:

TEACHER PREPARES FOR LIFTOFF WITH NASA

Mike Causey, a teacher from Ruby Young Elementary School, is one of the forty-six teachers selected from across the nation for the prestigious *LiftOff Summer Institute* to be held at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas this summer. The year 2010 marks the 21st consecutive year that teachers from around the country increase their knowledge of space education through the *LiftOff Professional Development Summer Institute*.

DESOTO SPECIALIST WINS PTA FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to DeSoto ISD Language-Science Specialist Dajuana Erskine who has been named a Texas PTA 2010 Faculty Scholarship Recipient. Texas PTA has for many years offered study scholarships to educators. This financial aid has allowed recipients to enhance their professional skills through professional development they otherwise might not have been able to pursue or complete. This program is tangible evidence of Texas PTA's desire to improve the quality of education for Texas students. Funds for the scholarships come from gifts to the Texas PTA Endowment Fund.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR WINNING VIDEO ENTRY

Northside Elementary P.E. Coach Carol Goetting won \$7,500 worth of Gopher merchandise for the school's PE Program through her hard work and creativity. Coach Goetting submitted a video showing her unique *Scooter Scramble* game that involves math, fitness and cooperation for a fun elementary game.