



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Virtual Santa Visits San Jacinto Elementary

A "Virtual Santa" visited students at San Jacinto Elementary recently, sponsored by Cisco Systems, Inc. and facilitated by Goose Creek CISD's Technology Management Systems team Kevin Billings, Steve Koester, Lori Roberts, Dee Ann Fagala, Brandi Ray, Chris Lowder and Monica Garcia, SJE's computer technology specialist.

David Horton of Cisco Systems contacted Billings to arrange for "Virtual Santa" to visit the school. Rachel McAdam, SJE principal, had students write out questions ahead of time so that Santa knew their names and could talk to them about what they had written.

After the students were settled in the gym, Santa and Mrs. Santa, from a remote location, appeared on a large screen to talk to the students and to read "The Night Before Christmas."

Rodrigo Garcia, a kindergarten student, was surprised and pleased that Santa was able to talk to him in Spanish.

"It was wonderful to see their expressions when Santa called them by name and knew what questions they had asked," said Billings. "Everybody in the school appreciates Cisco Systems for blessing us with this amazing experience."



Rodrigo Garcia talks to Santa and Mrs. Santa recently when Cisco Systems, Inc. provided "Virtual Santa" for the students at San Jacinto Elementary.

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