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## Press Release: NASA MMS 2014 Student Digital Art Workshops

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### NEWS RELEASE

Raul Yzaguirre School For Success [RYSS] – Dublin [TX] Middle and Primary Schools Mentorship Workshops  
[April 11/12, 2012]

Nineteen eighth grade students from RYSS traveled to Dublin Middle and Primary Schools [Dublin, TX] to mentor fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade students in the use of graphics software to create digital art:

[http://tomrchambers.com/ryss\\_dmeps.html](http://tomrchambers.com/ryss_dmeps.html)

The RYSS students learned how to use the software from Tom R. Chambers, Technology Applications teacher. They used the software during the second semester of this school year to make digital art for a project based on Space weather and the NASA MMS [Magnetospheric Multiscale] 2014 Mission:

[http://tomrchambers.com/NASA\\_MMS\\_DA.html](http://tomrchambers.com/NASA_MMS_DA.html)

This mentorship process involved an intensive session of learning and project application to make digital art for the same project based on Space weather and the NASA MMS [Magnetospheric Multiscale] 2014 Mission. The RYSS eighth grade students succeeded in not only keeping the attention of the Dublin students, but also making them comfortable with the software and producing gratifying results. The groups of students were so engaged throughout the two days [middle school - day one; primary school - day two] that the teachers present during the process seemed secondary. The RYSS students had successfully gained a skill, and were empowered to convey what they knew to others.

Middle School Workshop:

[http://tomrchambers.com/dms\\_da/index.html](http://tomrchambers.com/dms_da/index.html)

Primary School Workshop:

[http://tomrchambers.com/dps\\_da/index.html](http://tomrchambers.com/dps_da/index.html)

Message from Jennifer Miller, Instructional Technologist at Dublin Independent School District:

"I am so proud of your students, and our Dublin ISD students. As soon as you left, I went to the junior high, and I found all of the students completing and finishing their digital art. Many said that they stayed up late last night inspired. Thank you. I will be sending you examples next week. Your students were so professional, and they are excellent teachers. They are fantastic!"

The students' [both RYSS and Dublin] Digital Art is under consideration for NASA publication, slide presentations, etc., and mention via the NASA Public Relations Office. Exhibitions will also be arranged for the students' Digital Art.

Laurence Gartel, "Father of Digital Art" [<http://gartelautomotion.com/biography.html>] used Skype to talk to the RYSS students and the Dublin Primary School students on April 12 about his Digital Art and the vocational aspects in this field.

Representatives from NASA [MMS 2014 Mission], El Paso ISD Administrators/Teachers, Sandra Wozniak and her students, representatives from ISTE [International Society of Technology for Education], and others tuned into the "Summit Challenge" via Adobe Connect video conferencing to showcase the Digital Art workshop process, and discuss other methods of challenging teachers and students to participate in dynamic curricular activities for greater understanding and retention of Space weather concepts and the NASA MMS mission approach. ePals will "Spotlight" the process.

Summit Challenge:

[http://tomrchambers.com/c\\_sum/index.html](http://tomrchambers.com/c_sum/index.html)

Dublin Historical Museum Tour:

[http://tomrchambers.com/hm\\_dub/index.html](http://tomrchambers.com/hm_dub/index.html)

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