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## Welcome Back!

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I'm looking forward to another year filled with exciting [netVision20](#) "virtual adventures"! Last year, over 8,000 students in 47 schools participated in over 300 virtual field trips and collaborative projects. I know that this year your students will participate in even more virtual adventures without leaving the classroom.

My job is to help connect you and your students to the many available videoconference resources. Now is the perfect time to start planning your 2009-2010 videoconference adventures. If you'd like to be added to the electronic field trip listserv and receive updates on videoconference opportunities, please send an email to [susan.altgelt@esc20.net](mailto:susan.altgelt@esc20.net). Updates will also be posted on this blog weekly and monthly.

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## [A Message from Ron Dennis, netVision20 Bridge Operator](#)

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If you have not used your videoconference equipment over the summer, please set up a test call as soon as possible. It is not a good idea to wait until your first student videoconference to test the unit! Ron is also in the process of updating the list of campus/district videoconference contacts. If there has been a change over the summer, please send him the updated information.

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## [Scheduling Electronic Field Trips](#)

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Your [netVision20](#) membership and video services contract includes unlimited electronic field trips (while funds last). All arrangements MUST be made through ESC-20 and not directly with the content provider or you will be responsible for all charges. Teachers should submit their requests at least three weeks in advance to their site manager and provide the following information:

- Title of program or topic
- Grade level
- Number of students
- Best time of day or class period
- Preferred dates
- Teacher name
- Contact information

### Cancellation Policy

In case of no-shows or cancellations made less than 48 hours in advance, the cost of the program will be billed to your school/district. If a content provider refuses to refund the cost of the canceled program, the school/district will be billed. Please check your school calendar carefully when scheduling a videoconference!

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## Distance Learning News

Presentation proposals are now being accepted for the Texas Distance Learning Association spring conference in Houston. For more information: [TXDLA 2010](#)

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### [Content Provider Spotlight](#)

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Every month, we will spotlight award-winning content providers (see Content Provider Spotlight on the left). Please remember that all electronic field trips must be scheduled through ESC-20 or your school will be responsible for all charges.

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### [Virtual Wednesday Schedule](#)

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All Virtual Wednesday programs are offered via videoconference only and are free to [netVision20](#) members. This year, the sessions will feature videoconference ideas, content providers, and spotlight a collaborative tool. To have your school added to the conference, contact Ron Dennis. To receive one hour CPE credit, individual participants must register in [iLearning](#).

#### **September 23, 3:45 pm – 4:45 pm**

Tips and Tricks for Campus Videoconference Facilitators  
Blogs and RSS feeds

#### **October 14, 2009, 3:45 pm – 4:45 pm**

Connecting to Texas Videoconference Content  
Wikis

#### **November 18, 2009, 3:45 pm – 4:45 pm**

Collaborations Around the Planet (CAP Space)  
Google Docs

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### [In the News: Night at the Museum](#)

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If you and your students enjoyed the movie *Night at the Museum 2* this summer, experience a virtual field trip to the Amon Carter Museum where their own collection of American art comes alive! Through interaction with artists or characters who “step out of” nineteenth- and early twentieth-century paintings and sculpture, students will learn about the American history and culture surrounding each art work, while getting a feel for what it’s like to take a tour in an art museum.

#### **Friday, September 4, 9:00 – 9:30 am**

##### **Grades 1-6**

All sites will view only

To register, please contact Susan Altgelt. Contact information is on the “Contact Us” page.

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### [Surgical Suite: Total Knee Replacement](#)

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- **December 9, 2009**
- **2:00 pm – 3:30 pm**
- **Grades 6-12**
- **Required pre-activities will be mailed to the teacher**
- **Open to 1 school only**

*Surgical Suite: Total Knee Replacement* is a powerful learning experience for students and adults that lets you ask questions and interact via videoconference with surgeons and medical personnel in a real hospital operating room.

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### [In Depth: Autopsy](#)

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- **October 8, 2009**
- **10:00 – 11:30 am CT**
- **Grades 10-12**
- **Open to 1 school only**
- **Required pre-activities will be mailed to the teacher**

Follow a videotape of an actual autopsy accompanied by live narration by a forensic pathologist. Participants must work through the "case" and solve for cause of death.

For more information, please contact Susan Altgelt.

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### [Project ASK: Harvest of Hope](#)

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- **October 26, 2009**
- **Grades 4-6**
- **8:00 am – 9:00 am**

In this ASK program, [netVision20](#) students will join students from Texas and Michigan in reading *Harvest of Hope*, preparing questions, and interviewing experts in migrant education and former migrant workers.

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### [Library Resource Roundup](#)

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The [Library Resource Roundup](#) is scheduled for September 25 at ESC-20. This year's theme is **Your library: focal point for learning-on-demand**.

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