

## T-Rex makes friends in AISD

### Speaking of Dinosaurs

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Nine-year-old Vincent Hau was not disappointed when he heard the Tyrannosaurus Rex might not have been as mean as legend suggests.

"I like the ones that lived in the water," Hau, a fourth-grader at Johnston Elementary, said of his dinosaur preference.

Hau was one of about 300 third- and fourth-grade students from Johnston and Taylor elementary schools who caught a glimpse of the prehistoric creatures Friday at Mann Middle School. The fossil castings — molds taken from dinosaur bones — are part of a traveling presentation sponsored by The Foundation for the Advancement of Childhood Education. The Oklahoma-based organization travels the nation with the exhibit to attract children to a possible future career in earth science.

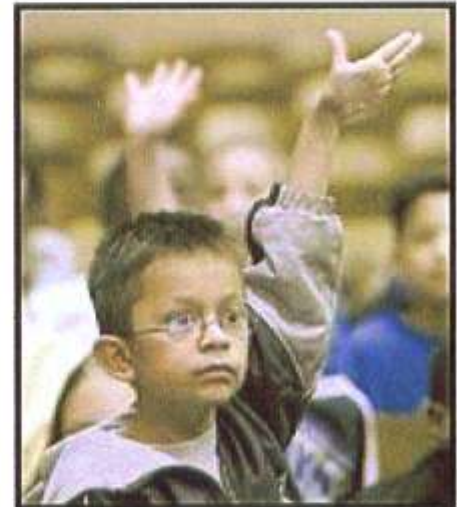
More than 10,000 students at 23 campuses in the Abilene Independent School District will view the exhibit this month.

"We're trying to excite some young kids about it (earth science)," said speaker G. Thomas Sharp, a longtime science educator with FACE. "There's very little exposure. We hope what we can do is stimulate some excitement about earth science."



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George Sharp gives his dinosaur presentation to students from Taylor and Johnston Elementary schools Friday in the Mann Middle School Auditorium. More than 10,000 AISD students will have the opportunity to see the exhibit.



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Johnston Elementary 4th grader Isaac Garcia raises his hand to answer a question during the dinosaur presentation at Mann Middle School.