



Provost Public School students presented a slide show and video for their counterparts in Corbin High School at Corbin, Kentucky. ©PROVOST NEWS PHOTO.

Video-conference

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asked the same. In Corbin the schools would shut down if two inches of snow fell (this brought an eruption of laughter in the PPS school room). The Kentucky teacher asked questions of the Provost virtual learning and gave an indication of how they use a similar system there.

A PPS student asked if they ate much Kentucky fried chicken. They replied they are in fact the home of the original hometown of KFC. (A Corbin restaurateur, Harland Sanders established a chicken franchise business in the mid-1950s, the pressure-cooking process he had developed 25 years earlier ensured his position at the forefront of the American fast food revolution. In 1964, Sanders

sold the Kentucky Fried Chicken Corporation for \$2 million. However, by retaining the "Kentucky Colonel" as a roving ambassador, and instituting his image as the corporate icon, the company was able to continue promoting its product as "finger lickin' good" chicken in the best tradi-

tion of Southern-fried home cooking. The "down home" identity was somewhat compromised by Pepsi Co's \$840 million buyout in 1986. The company was rebranded "KFC"—the word "fried" deemed inappropriate in an era of consumer health-consciousness—and inte-

grated with other PepsiCo-owned fast food chains, Taco Bell and Pizza Hut).

The international videoconferencing between the two schools helped mark the event "Read Across America".

Craig Campbell for the local school division's "Students Online" department told *The Provost News* that 11 out of 12 high schools here are using the system with nine different classes currently being taught. Campbell estimates that 300 students in this school division will benefit from the videoconferencing teaching sessions.

Bishop, who is the Kentucky teacher told *The Provost News* that the conference "was wonderful. It was a

great experience." She added that as soon as the feed went off the students wanted to do it again. Bishop says that although some students have done other video conferencing in Corbin "this was my first videoconferencing."

The technology has been in place at the school for four to five years and many have not

yet participated.

Corbin is a city located in Whitley and Knox counties in southeastern Kentucky. The urbanized area around Corbin extends also into Laurel County; this area, known as North Corbin, is not incorporated into the city limits. As of the 2000 census, the city had a total population of 7,742, with 17,558 living in the "urban cluster" that includes Corbin.



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