

## 7<sup>th</sup> E-Pal Week at Space Camp Turkey

During the 2008-2009 school year, Global Friendship Through Space Education's Partner School Science Program (PSSP) involved 459 students and 22 schools from Bulgaria, Israeli, the United States and Turkey. PSSP students met with their E-Pals during the 7th E-Pal Week that took place at Space Camp Turkey July 5-11. Teachers from different cities in Turkey, the U.S., Israel and Canada exchanged experiences while students met with their partners and spent time with Turkish families.



During the program at Space Camp Turkey students experienced astronaut simulators, attended hands-on-activities and worked as team to simulate a Space Shuttle Discovery mission. They were also able to share their scientific projects they worked on during the school year for PSSP. One of the highlights of the space camp program was NASA Astronaut Jon McBride's visit. PSSP students were able to meet with McBride and ask him questions about his space mission.

"What I liked best at Space Camp Turkey was learning about different cultures. It was very nice meeting people from all around the world and quite an educational experience. I believe now that I'm more developed and open minded. I realize that we are all the same," remarked 14 year-old Natasha Joseph of New York City.