

Mansfield-Tai'an Partner Schools



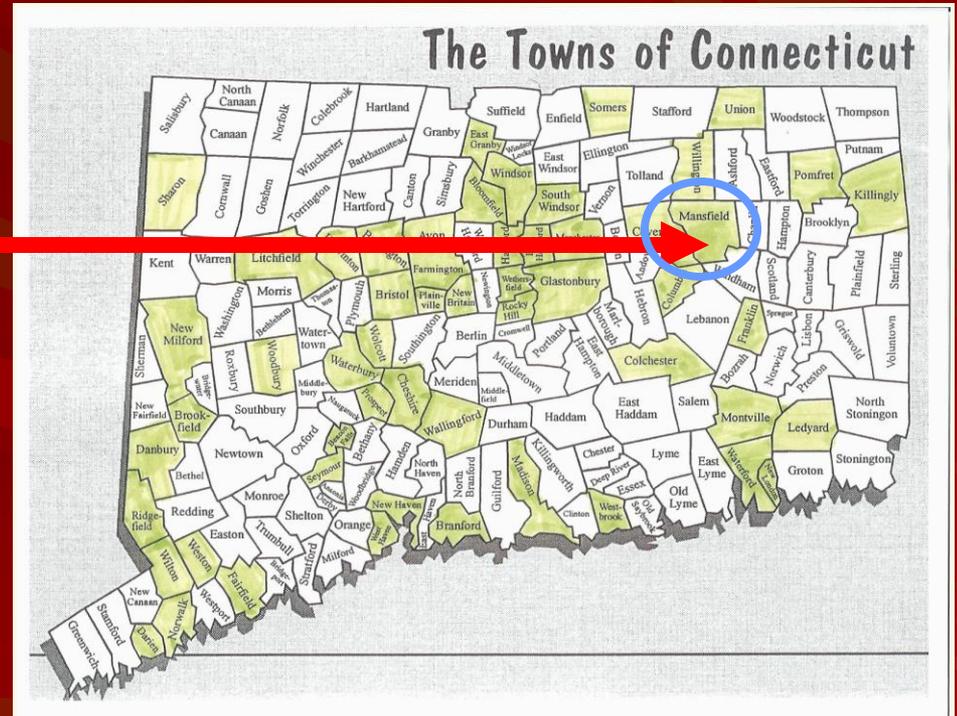


59 School Partnerships in Connecticut and Shandong

SHANDONG Province



The Towns of Connecticut



First Visit, December 2004



- Establishing connection with English teacher, Wu Hong, and Principal Mr. Xin

First Visit to China

- Observe classes; get a feel for the school.
- Meet principal & other administrators
 - Discuss each school's programs.
 - Find common interests (e.g., after-school programs, science curriculum, language instruction).
- Sign agreement with realistic goals for next five years.
- Banquet(s), toast(s): establish good will.

December 2004



Since 2004: Developing the Relationship

- 11/2005 – Visit by Tai'an principals & Gao Feng
- 4/2006 – Week-long visit to Tai'an by Jeff
- 9/2006 – Visit by Ren Ke, teacher from partner school
- 4/2007 – Week-long visit to Tai'an by Dena
- 9/2007 – Visit by Wu Hong, Cheng Hefang & 12 students
- 4/2008 – Week-long visit to Tai'an by Dena, Jeff & 16 students + Sherry

Mr. Ren's visit in 2006

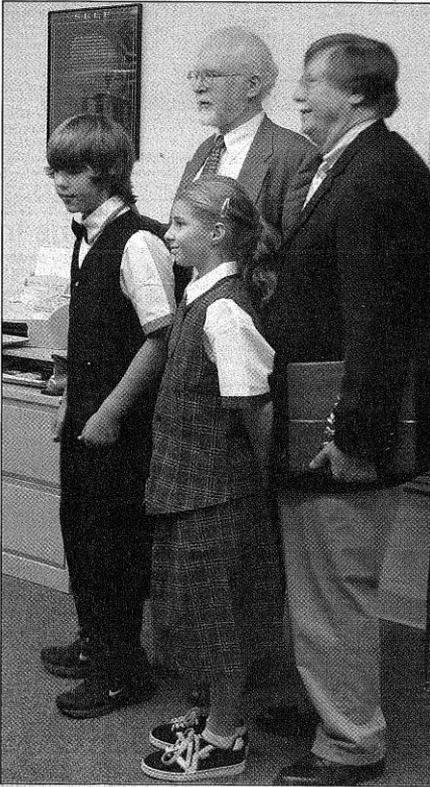
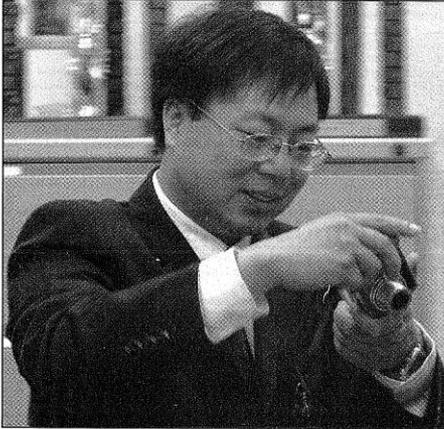
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Fran Funk photos

Ren Ke, above, an exchange teacher from Tai Shan Academy in Tai'an, China, photographs, at right, seventh-grader Joe Makuch, 12, and sixth-grader Kolby Haggan, 11, both wearing formal school uniforms from China, Principal Jeffrey Cryan and Mansfield Superintendent of Schools Gordon Schimmel at Mansfield Middle School.

A lesson in friendship

Chinese teacher welcomed in Mansfield

By DAVID HINCHEY
Chronicle Staff Writer

MANSFIELD — For most middle school students, lessons on the Far East involve cracking open a textbook.

In recent days, however, Mansfield Middle School received much more than just the written word: its students received the spoken word, courtesy of a special visitor from far, far away.

Ren Ke, an eighth-grade biology teacher from China, visited Mansfield Middle School this past week, saying he enjoyed

his time at the school.

He teaches at the middle school at Tai Shan Academy in the city of Tai'an and visited Mansfield to observe teaching methods here.

Ren arrived in Mansfield Sept. 20 and finished up his stint Friday. He leaves for home next week.

Mansfield Middle School shares a partnership with the middle school at Tai Shan Academy, located in the Shandong Province in the northeastern portion of

(Chinese teacher, Page 6)

First Student Exchange, 9/07



Guests meet Mansfield Hosts



Student Council Party



Classroom Visits



Field Trips: Boston, Hartford, Dairy Bar!





U.S.-China Comparison Map



