



Mississippi Public Broadcasting

EDUCATION SERVICES e-NEWSLETTER

Summer 2007

Welcome to the MPB Education Services e-Newsletter – the monthly newsletter designed to help the educational community stay current regarding Mississippi Public Broadcasting’s educational services, programming and information!

This newsletter is part of a broader overall education communications plan to increase the exposure and use of Mississippi Public Broadcasting’s Education Services Division. We hope you’ll find this resource supports your own work to educate students and others in your community. Please feel free to copy or forward to teachers and others in your school or district.

Educational Outreach

And The Winners Are...

Response to this year’s *Reading Rainbow* Young Writers and Illustrators contest was tremendous! More than 400 creative stories were submitted by K-3 students from all across Mississippi. Below is a list of all those who placed:

Kindergarten

- 1st Place—Michael W., Gulfport—*The Tree Who Lost His Leaves*
- 2nd Place—Ada F., Ackerman—*The Horse’s Adventure*
- 3rd Place—Seth W., Quitman—*Work Trucks on the Job*

1st Grade

- 1st Place—Jamie P., Olive Branch—*Nellie’s Nectar*
- 2nd Place—Kempseyann B., Olive Branch—*God Brought My Family Together*
- 3rd Place—Seth W., Olive Branch—*The Magic Violin*

2nd Grade

- 1st Place—Lilli F., Ackerman—*A Pony and A Journey*
- 2nd Place—Danielle W., Quitman—*Soccer*

3rd Place—Seth W., Olive Branch—*My Angel*

3rd Grade

1st Place—Courtney C., Flowood—*The Lovely Life of the Princess*

2nd Place—Kailey O., Quitman—*Charlie the Caterpillar*

3rd Place—Abby P., Olive Branch—*The Flamingo Forest*

All Mississippi 1st Place winners are submitted to be considered for national 1st Place in July! *Reading Rainbow* is broadcast on Mississippi Public Broadcasting, Monday-Friday at 12:00 p.m.

Educational Technology

THE MIVN UPDATE

MIVN TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Basic Equipment Operation Training Workshop: Teachers, facilitators, administrators, media specialists, and other school personnel who will or may be working in the electronic classroom need to attend the workshop on one of these dates. **Training covers operation of the VTEL LC5000 system only.**

Effective Distance Learning Instruction Workshop: Based on research and practical experience, important distance instruction outputs and competencies have been identified. Competencies, behaviors, teaching strategies, and ideas for engaging students from a distance are the focal points for this training opportunity for all MIVN teachers. Teachers who have not attended previously as well as teachers who will be involved for the first time this fall are encouraged to attend.

Distance Learning Class Facilitation Workshop: School personnel hired or assigned to facilitate classes received by that school need to attend this workshop. Designed to train facilitators in their duties and responsibilities, this does not take the place of basic equipment operation training they must also attend. Returning facilitators who have not previously attended this training are also encouraged to attend.

The sessions will be held **July 24-25** at the University Center, 3825 Ridgewood Road in Jackson, in Room 2-4 (across the courtyard from MPB). .5 CEU credit will be available. Please fill out the registration form below and email to jill.boteler@mpbonline.org, or fax to 601-432-6799 by no later than **June 25, 2007**.

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CEU credit is through Mississippi College. For two of the three sessions (or 5 seat hours), the participant can earn .5 CEUs. The cost for .5 CEU credit is \$5.00.

- **Limited Seating for all Workshops**
- **Times include registration and one break. Please check requested workshop(s):**

_____ **Distance Learning Class Facilitation** First-time participant: ___ yes ___ no
Tues., July 24, 2007, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. (Check one)

_____ **Basic Equipment Operation Training**
Wed., July 25, 2007, 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

_____ **Effective Distance Learning Instruction**
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Participant Name _____

Title/Position _____

Mandatory: Valid E-mail Address _____

School _____

Home Mailing Address _____

_____ Tel: (H) _____

School Principal _____ Tel: (W) _____

Mandatory: Valid E-mail Address (Principal) _____

Early Childhood

Calling All Childcare Providers!

Between the Lions Preschool Language and Literacy Program will begin its third year in August 2007. Childcare centers who serve low-income families are eligible to participate in the project. Interested directors of childcare centers can contact Beverly Willis, MPB Early Childhood Director to receive an application for the Fall Mentoring Project, beverly.willis@mpbonline.org, or 601-432-6370. For additional information about the *Between the Lions* Preschool Language and Literacy Program, go to our website and Educational Services/Between the Lions, <http://pbskids.org/lions/>.

Adult Learning

Stop by Our Booth!

MPB's Education Services Department will be on hand at this year's Southern and Northern ABE (Adult Basic Education) conferences. This is your opportunity to stop by and see what new offerings Mississippi Public Broadcasting has for Adult Education in the upcoming year. You can also sign-up for FREE on-site workshops for your ABE and vocational centers and receive promotional/resource materials for your classroom. The conferences are scheduled to begin in Natchez, **June 21-22** and in Oxford, **July 12-13**.

LiteracyLink Online for Learners

PBS LiteracyLink's online lessons, activities, and pretests allow students to work on *GED Connection* and *Workplace Essential Skills* lessons to strengthen skills they need to achieve their learning goals. Learners register online at www.pbs.org/literacy and personalize a Home Space, where they store portfolio work and receive feedback from online instructors. Learners can redo lessons or revise answers as often as they like.

- In *Workplace Essential Skills*, learners develop strategies for finding and succeeding in a job likely to suit their needs skills and talents.
- In *Pre-GED Connection*, learners gain experience doing lesson-related research on the Internet before diving into the higher-level GED online lessons.
- In *GED Connection*, learners can work through two different practice tests for each of the five content areas and practice in learning modules and web-based activities related to each lesson.

With Internet access, students can log on 24 hours a day, seven days a week—and it's FREE!

Professional Development

Make This the Summer You Enroll in a PBS TeacherLine Course!

PBS TeacherLine has partnered with Teachers' Domain from WGBH Boston to bring you a new lineup of professional development courses that cover a plethora of science teaching methods and concepts, and include rich multimedia content from public broadcasting science programs such as *NOVA*, *ZOOM*, *A Science Odyssey* and *Building Big*. For summer 2007, PBS is introducing four breakthrough courses:

- Science and the Living World-Grades K-5
- Inquiry in Science Education-Grades 9-12
- Motion and Forces in Your World-Grades K-5
- Introduction to the Earth System-Grades 6-12

For a complete description of these NEW science courses and additional course offerings, please visit www.pbs.org/teacherline/td!

Upcoming Conferences

Mississippi Rising Summer Conference

June 12-13, 2007 Biloxi, MS

www.mcraeco.com/Conferences/MS SUMMER/MS Summer Main.html

NECC 2007

June 24-27, 2007 Atlanta GA

www.iste.org/necc

Delta Region Summer Conference (MPB Express)

July 10, 2007 Greenwood, MS

Email: jetpmvsu@yahoo.com

Online Registration: www.teacherweb.com/MS/MVSU/IETO

ABE Southern and Northern Regional Conferences

June 21-22, 2007 Natchez, MS

July 12-13, 2007 Oxford, MS

Email: seal@sbcjc.cc.ms.us

Helpful Links and Resources

The following Web sites are available for additional teaching tips, professional development, activities and information:

PBS.org

PBS Literacylink

PBS TeacherSource

[unitedstreaming \(MPB Express\)](http://unitedstreaming.com)

PBS TeacherLine

Mississippi Department of Education

PBS Kids

State Board for Community Colleges

PBS Kids Go!

Test Prep Review

PBS Parents

Mississippi Institutions for Higher Learning

www.TV411.org

www.gedonline.org

How Can We Help – What Do You Want to See?

We want to hear from you, and learn what kinds of content you would like to see in the monthly MPB Education Services e-Newsletter. Was the information in this issue helpful? What more would you like to see? We are also seeking questions and comments about the format of this newsletter.

Finally, we want to use this newsletter to answer your questions about Mississippi Public Broadcasting's Education Services. Please email all comments and questions to edservices@mpbonline.org, or you can call us at (800) 922-9698.

For more information about our services and programming, visit our Web site at www.mpbonline.org.

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