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Welcome to **EDUCATION CONNECTION**—Education Services' monthly e-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 Department. 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.

If you would like to join our Education Services' distribution list and receive important updates for Educators, or if you wish to no longer receive these newsletters, please e-mail darrell.lee@mpbonline.org.

Special Announcements

Introducing the MPB KIDS CLUB!!!

Attention, Teachers, Parents, Grandparents and Guardians!

Are you looking for something fun and educational for the kids? Well, look no further! Mississippi Public Broadcasting is pleased to announce the arrival of a club especially for children ages 4-12...THE MPB KIDS CLUB!!!

OBJECTIVES:

- Engage kids in educational and enriching activities

- Promote career development, especially in math, science, and technology
- Encourage kids to be creative in visual and performing arts
- Foster self-esteem and self-awareness
- Educate kids in the importance of making good decisions
- Increase knowledge of public broadcasting
- Provide increased exposure to current state, national, and international events
- Support parental participation in the lives and educational development of their children

The MPB KIDS CLUB will allow members to enter contests, to submit stories and illustrations, and to create KIDS CLUB characters. Kids can also attend scheduled PBS meetings, events and show tapings. MPB KIDS CLUB members will have the chance to go online and play interactive games, go on virtual field trips and upload content that they create. They'll also receive special discounts from participating sponsors, as well as gifts and prizes from MPB!

In addition, kids will receive an official membership card and an on-air birthday announcement. The MPB KIDS CLUB is now open for enrollment...and it's FREE to join! For an application and additional information, go to www.mpbonline.org.

Educational Technology

MPB extends invitation for Educators to join *Teachers' Domain!*

Teachers' Domain is an online library of free multimedia resources as well as professional development courses developed by WGBH in Boston that help teachers enhance their students' learning experiences and advance their own teaching skills using media from *NOVA*, *Frontline*, *American Experience*, and other public broadcast programming.

Registering with *Teachers' Domain* is free and allows you to:

- View as many resources as you like
- Save, sort, and share resources using My Folders and My Groups
- Download resources to your desktop
- See standards correlations for your state

To register, please visit <http://www.teachersdomain.org/>. *Teachers' Domain* PBS TeacherLine courses:

- Offer convenient and flexible access
- Are led by trained, certified facilitators
- Include real-world applications

- Tap media-rich resources from the Teachers' Domain collections
- Help PreK-12 teachers enhance instructional practice
- Help you find new innovative ways to integrate technology and media into your curriculum

For more information and/or a promotional code to obtain discounted enrollment fees, visit <http://www.pbs.org/teacherline/>, or contact Jill Boteler at jill.boteler@mpbonline.org.

PCS Digital Media Lab Giveaway

Educators have a chance to win big from PCS Edventures newest product line. Introducing the new Infusing Technology Digital Media Labs! Designed for today's youth, PCS Digital Media Labs will transform any classroom into a technology-driven environment that uses digital photography, video, and podcasting to make your daily lesson plans more effective and engaging for both you and your students! Three lucky winners will receive a Digital Media Lab of their choice! Simply click on the link below then fill out a simple form to win your school or organization one of the exciting prizes mentioned! Also, if you tell others about the giveaway, you can improve your odds of winning. Click here to participate: www.edventures.com/dmlgiveaway

Educational Outreach

And the Winners Are...

More than 250 kindergarten-third grade students in Mississippi submitted stories and illustrations in this year's annual *Reading Rainbow Young Writers and Illustrators* contest. The prestigious awards go to the following students:

Kindergarten Winners

1st Place

Caylee Bruce—Brandon, MS—Word of Faith Academy
"Meg and Her Doll"

2nd Place

Morgan Allyse Breland—Laurel, MS—Ellisville Elementary School
"Have a Tea Party and Call Your Friends"

3rd Place

Ada Fulgham—Ackerman, MS—Homeschool
"The Unicorn Who Loved Blueberries"

3rd Place

Carly Pope—Lucedale, MS—Rocky Creek Elementary School
"My Mama and Me"

First Grade Winners

1st Place

Chip Purviance—Brandon, MS—Rouse Elementary School
"Chance and Darla Get Along"

2nd Place

Abby Cannon—Brandon, MS—Rouse Elementary School
"The Snaggled-tooth Princess"

3rd Place

Brittany Roberson—Brandon, MS—Rouse Elementary School
"My Brother"

3rd Place

Seth Ward—Quitman, MS—Quitman Lower Elementary
"The Animals' Home"

Second Grade Winners

1st Place

Julia Bristow—West Point, MS—Oak Hill Academy
"How Many Wishes?"

2nd Place

Winston Charles Bennett—Meridian, MS—Northeast Lauderdale Elementary
"Rescue at Sea"

3rd Place

Emma Siler—Brookhaven, MS—Mamie Martin Elementary
"Oliver Finds His Perfect Sport"

Third Grade Winners

1st Place

Renee Prulhiere—Corinth, MS—East Corinth Elementary
"The Magic Mansion"

2nd Place

Kayla Love—Jackson, MS—Boyd Elementary
"The Goddess of Dreams"

3rd Place

Lillian Fulgham—Ackerman, MS—Homeschool
"The Hawk Saw It First"

3rd Place

Miller Carlton—Corinth, MS—East Corinth Elementary
"The Farmer's Girl and Her Search for Friendship"

Each of the winners will receive a *Reading Rainbow* backpack and DVD, as well as a set of children's books to encourage reading during the summer. In addition, all first place winners will advance to the National Competition.

Early Childhood

Continued Research Proves *Between the Lions* is Successful with Preschoolers!

The *Between the Lions Preschool Literacy Initiative* is completing its third year of mentoring in preschool classrooms. Seventy four classrooms and 1375 children have participated in the project from fall 2005 to spring 2008. In the 2006-2007 findings, the *Between the Lions Literacy Curriculum* demonstrated significant gains in letter recognition, phonemic awareness and other benchmarks for four-year olds.

The literacy program created by Mississippi Public Broadcasting and Mississippi State University provides technical assistance and mentoring to local childcare centers. Such efforts have demonstrated gains of as much as 142% in standardized classroom literacy environment evaluations.

In addition, after intensive mentoring, these gains are sustained in later years, which subsequently lead to better literacy gains for children in learning environments. The 2007 – 2008 research findings should be completed by August 2008.

Adult Education

Hey! Did you know...

...that if your GED program is associated with a school district, you can use [Discovery Education Streaming](#)? This impressive and comprehensive multimedia resource for K-12 and private schools in Mississippi allows Educators to stream, download and utilize digital content however they choose.

As a registered user of *DE Streaming*, you will have access to more than 40,000 videos, images, quizzes, writing prompts, assignments, an interactive calendar and atlas, and much more, all correlated to the states standards. All content in *DE Streaming* is searchable by keyword, grade level or subject area. You'll even be able to find videos on careers!

Just think of how you can engage your students with a video on ratios, proportions and percentages, or interest them with a video segment on the U.S. Constitution, or even on nouns and adjectives. To start using *Discovery Education Streaming* in your centers, or to schedule a two-hour workshop on how to effectively utilize this wonderful digital resource, please contact Darrell Lee at darrell.lee@mpbonline.org, or (800) 922-9698.

Helpful Links and Resources

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

[PBS.org](#)

[PBS Teachers](#)

[PBS TeacherLine](#)

[PBS Kids](#)

[PBS Kids Go!](#)

[PBS Parents](#)

[PBS Literacylink](#)

www.ket.org/ged2002

<http://www.ketadultlearning.org/>

www.TV411.org

[Mississippi Department of Education](#)

[Mississippi Institutions for Higher Learning](#)

[State Board for Community Colleges](#)

[Discovery Education Streaming](#)

[Test Prep Review](#)

www.gedonline.org

www.NetSmartz.org

[Discovery Educator Network](#)

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 darrell.lee@mpbonline.org, or you can call us at (800) 922-9698.

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

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