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## **EDUCATION CONNECTION**

**EDUCATION SERVICES e-NEWSLETTER**  
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Welcome to **EDUCATION CONNECTION**—Education Services' monthly e-Newsletter to help the educational community stay current regarding Mississippi Public Broadcasting's educational services, programming and information. We hope you'll find this helpful. Please feel free to copy or forward to your colleagues.

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](mailto:darrell.lee@mpbonline.org).

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## **Educational Technology**

### **Opportunity Knocks: Become an Online Facilitator with e-Learning!**

The MS e-Learning for Educators Initiative is seeking highly motivated individuals to serve as facilitators/instructors for e-Learning for Educators courses that will be delivered to Mississippi educators online.

Course facilitators will:

1. Earn a \$1,000 stipend for each course facilitated.
2. Participate in a 10-week course and learn facilitation techniques that will enhance your own teaching experiences as well as prepare you to lead online courses.
3. Become part of an initiative to provide high quality professional development to Mississippi educators.

If you are interested in becoming a course facilitator please click the link below and choose the "opportunities" option:  
<http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/olpd/elearn/index.html>

The deadline for submission is **September 5, 2008**. If you have additional questions, please email [elarningsupport@mde.k12.ms.us](mailto:elarningsupport@mde.k12.ms.us).

## **MPB Educator's Express is pleased to offer Mississippi teachers a new and free web-based development tool!**

MPB Educator's Express delivers the best selection of digital content available from world-class producers including National Geographic, Weston Woods and PBS. These resources are categorized by grade and subject and segmented for "teachable moments" achieving high impact use in the classroom.

MPB Educator's Express provides:

- a Learning Management System (LMS) accessible by any Internet browser - teachers communicate directly with parents and students by assigning and retrieving homework, grades, and personal notes. Parents get notifications when grades are posted and critical assignments are submitted, helping them stay connected to their child's educational progress and discover opportunities for further involvement and support when their child needs help
- a media-rich library of 3500 teacher-contributed lesson plans and digital content including audio, video, textbook, and assessment content
- participate in an online community of educators and thought leaders on current educational issues through a collaborative education portal with articles and blogs
- online professional development for teachers

All premium content available through MPB Educator's Express is aligned to state standards. These assets provide educators with extraordinary access to curriculum content and are ready for simple integration for the classroom.

Preview, download or stream content from school or at home using an easy-to-use and powerful Web 2.0 interface that uses progressive search technology to deliver results quickly and accurately.

In addition, MPB is providing you the opportunity to select content from a list of digitized titles that best meet your needs and the needs of your students promoting classroom technology integration, best practices and authentic learning experiences.

For more details about MPB Educator's Express, contact Nancy Pearson at [nancy.pearson@mpbonline.org](mailto:nancy.pearson@mpbonline.org).

## Early Childhood

### ***Between the Lions* is still going strong in local daycare centers!**

MPB's Early Childhood Mentors are providing on-going professional development to nineteen classrooms of local childcare centers in Jackson. Early Childhood teachers are receiving extensive training in the implementation of the *Between the Lions* curriculum in their centers.

The *Between the Lions* program promotes early literacy skills for preschoolers. The show airs Monday-Friday at 6:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.m., and on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

## Adult Education

### **New Teacher Training for GED 2002!**

GED instructors can get help with teaching strategies for the new GED test at KET's free *GED 2002 Professional Development Online* resource at [www.ket.org/GED2002](http://www.ket.org/GED2002). Independent study guides, videotaped teleconferences, and a workshop leader's manual will be available soon for a small fee. Call (800) 354-9067 to learn more.

### **Viewing MPB's ABE Programs has gotten a lot easier!**

Tired of waiting weeks before the episode on *Economics* is broadcast again? Did the VCR just eat your video lesson on *Ratios and Proportions*? Fret not! *GED Connection*, *Workplace Essential Skills* and *TV411* are being videostreamed on Mississippi Public Broadcasting's website. From any Internet-connected computer you will have immediate access to content. This allows you to stream any full-length video whenever it's convenient for you. Start streaming now at: <http://www.mpbonline.org/educators/EduAdultLearning.htm>.

## Announcements

### **KIDS CLUB Membership Drive Ends in September!**

Any child ages 4-12 may join the MPB KIDS CLUB at no cost. Simply download an application at [www.mpbonline.org](http://www.mpbonline.org) and mail or fax it in using the information on the form. But hurry... Membership ends **September 12, 2008!**

### **PCS Edventures Giveaway!**

PCS Edventures invites you and others within your organization to participate in their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) Giveaway. Click on the link below

and fill out the short entry form to register your school or organization for a chance to win an Edventure educational product.

Four Grand Prizes:

- 1) Science - Junior Science Wizard Package (Valued at \$2,495)
- 2) Technology - Demo Digital Photography Lab (Valued at over \$3,000)
- 3) Engineering - Academy of Engineering (Valued at \$10,995)
- 4) Mathematics - BrickLab (Valued at \$595)

Click here to participate: [www.edventures.com/stem08](http://www.edventures.com/stem08)

Over the past 25 years, PCS Edventures has developed a comprehensive K-12 STEM Solution that delivers engaging, hands-on activities with fischertechnik®, LEGO®, K'NEX®, and other manipulatives. PCS Edventures K-12 STEM Solution enables schools and districts to deploy planned, systemic programs for boosting STEM involvement and achievement. Research shows strong improvement in test scores, direct correlation to important standards, stronger problem solving capabilities, and higher levels of self-esteem in students. Implementing a school or district wide Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) solution can be done using a combination of PCS programs at different levels throughout the entire K-12 spectrum. If you have any questions, please feel free to call (800) 429-3110 or visit [www.edventures.com](http://www.edventures.com).

## Helpful Links and Resources

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

[PBS.org](http://PBS.org)

[PBS Teachers](http://PBS.org/Teachers)

[PBS TeacherLine](http://PBS.org/TeacherLine)

[PBS Kids](http://PBS.org/Kids)

[PBS Kids Go!](http://PBS.org/KidsGo)

[PBS Parents](http://PBS.org/Parents)

[PBS Literacylink](http://PBS.org/Literacylink)

[www.HotChalk.com](http://www.HotChalk.com)

[www.intel.com/education/teach](http://www.intel.com/education/teach)

[Mississippi Department of Education](http://MississippiDepartmentofEducation.org)

[Mississippi Institutions for Higher Learning](http://MississippiInstitutionsforHigherLearning.org)

[State Board for Community and Junior Colleges](http://StateBoardforCommunityandJuniorColleges.org)

[Test Prep Review](http://TestPrepReview.org)

[www.ket.org/ged2002](http://www.ket.org/ged2002)

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

[www.gedonline.org](http://www.gedonline.org)

[www.TV411.org](http://www.TV411.org)

[www.NetSmartz.org](http://www.NetSmartz.org)

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## **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](mailto: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](http://www.mpbonline.org).

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