



Teens and the Political Process
Tuesday, October 28, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

The upcoming election is the focus of this season's first *Teen Connection* program. We again need your help finding students for the show: we are looking for students that are Democrat, Republican or Independent to be on the panel.

In addition, NEWIST producer Eileen Littig is looking for students to be interviewed showing civic responsibility and community involvement, who have instituted projects on their own. For instance, maybe someone did a cancer benefit, got friends together to do something for the environment, cleaning up a park, raising funds, doing a video, etc.

We also need ten students to help answer the phone lines coming into the studio.

If you know of students who would be willing to be on the program, on the phones, and/or to be interviewed, please contact Eileen at her email address, littige@uwgb.edu, or call NEWIST.

Teen Connection is co-produced by NEWIST/CESA 7, Educational TV Productions of Northeastern Wisconsin (ETP-NEW) and Wisconsin Public Television and is broadcast statewide by Wisconsin Public TV and WMVS, Channel 10 in the Milwaukee area.

Host Kathryn Bracho appears courtesy of WBAY-Channel 2 in Green Bay. The toll-free number, 877-988-2888, is provided by Nsight Long Distance.

MARC Records Available for Download

The Educational Communications Board (ECB) is now offering Machine Readable Catalog Records (MARC) for many of our instructional video series and other materials. Referred to as MARC records, these are electronic card catalog files that can be downloaded easily into an existing electronic card catalog program.

Into the Book Workshop Scheduled

October 1, 2008, 9:00-3:00
CESA 7, 595 Baeten Road, Green Bay

Research shows that skilled readers use a set of learning strategies that help them make meaning from text. *Into the Book* provides you with tools to help elementary students learn to use these strategies in reading, the arts, and across the curriculum.

Workshop participants will:

- summarize the eight learning strategies that proficient readers use to comprehend text.
- learn how to integrate literacy, technology and media including the nine-part Wisconsin Public Television program, *Into the Book* that teaches children how to be strategic readers.
- explore the new and completed *Into the Book* Website!
- identify resources for use in accomplishing their professional development goals and aligning their curriculum with 21st Century Learning Skills


Workshop leader is Peggy Garties of the ECB, co-director of *Into the Book*.

To register copy the link below and paste it into your browser:

<http://www.solutionwhere.com/cesa7/cw/showcourse.asp?1287>

If you have any questions please email or call Margie Thomas, mthomas@cesa7.k12.wi.us or 920-465-2599 locally (toll free: 800-633-7445).

teachers'domain



learning experiences no textbook can provide

free multimedia resources for students and teachers at

www.ecb.org/education

Teachers, library media specialists, or other school employees who have video programs, DVDs or CD-ROMs from the ECB in their collection are encouraged to download free MARC records from ECB's Web site at www.ecb.org.

MARC records are now available for the following series:

- Bridging the Gap**
- Cultural Horizons of Wisconsin**
- democracy it is!**
- Digital Wisconsin**
- Exploring Wisconsin Our Home**
- Getting Along**
- Hand in Hand**
- Harmony Tree**
- Into the Book and Behind the Lesson**
- Investigating Wisconsin History**
- Storylords**
- Working Together**

ECB would appreciate feedback to help us improve this new service. Please let us know how these records work with your automation system by using the "Contact us" link at the bottom of the page, or send an e-mail to peggy.garties@ecb.org.

World Language Assessment: Get in the Mode! A New Professional Development Series from the ECB

With a new school year underway, the Education Services division of the ECB is proud to announce the release of our most recent professional development series, *World Language Assessment: Get in the Mode!*

This seven-part series was developed due to a need for professional development resources for teachers of world languages. Specifically, the series assists teachers of world languages in developing and implementing the best strategies for assessing student learning.

Each of the seven programs emphasizes different elements related to assessment. Content includes a framework for approaching assessment, an overview of performance guidelines

based on state and national standards, and methods for improving efficiency.

Teachers of world languages from around the state took part in the development of this series, and were instrumental in shaping the content of each program to fit Wisconsin Model Academic Standards. Each episode features a teacher in a classroom covering lessons or doing an assessment that meets the episode's objectives.

Each episode concludes with an interview with the teacher in that segment and a World Language Summative Assessment Professional who will provide feedback and insight into each lesson.

This new professional development series will be broadcast on Wisconsin

Public Television (WPT), and also will be available on-demand over the Internet. DVDs will be available for purchase from the ECB.

Visit <http://explore.ecb.org/itv/> for information on air dates and times for *World Language Assessment: Get in the Mode!*

For more information visit the series Web site at www.ecb.org/worldlanguageassessment.

Shelter from the Storm

This new 30-minute documentary looks at women and children in poverty and shows the struggles of four single mothers who've made their way out of poverty into realizing affordable housing for themselves and their children.

Everyday struggles with transportation and quality childcare hinder their attempts to locate and hold better paying jobs.

Shelter from the Storm gives an insightful look into the issues of women and children in poverty, illustrating the human and personal challenges and consequences of poverty.

Remember, NEWIST members can use this, and other NEWIST productions, FREE for one week. NEWIST members also get a 40% discount on the purchase of any NEWIST-produced documentaries.

Contact NEWIST for your free preview!

PBS Teachers Connect—Join Today!

PBS Teachers Connect is an online community of teachers exchanging ideas, resources and instructional strategies on the integration of digital media and technology.

Become a member, and you can receive:

Exclusive Content from PBS!

Be the first to see previews of new PBS programs and access teaching resources exclusive to PBS Teachers Connect members.

Save Classroom Resources

With PBS Teachers Connect, you can save and tag classroom resources you find on PBS Teachers.

Discussions on Media and Technology

Connect with teachers who use PBS resources – and soon, program producers and local stations – to share ideas and innovations.

Discount at ShopPBS

Just by signing up, teachers will receive a 10% discount on your next purchase at ShopPBS for Teachers.

Visit www.ecb.org and click on PBS Teachers™ and join PBS Teachers Connect today!

Information taken from www.pbs.org/teachers/connect/create-profile-1/

Interconnect

WISCONSIN EDUCATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

3319 West Beltline Highway
Madison, WI 53713-4296
608/264-9600; fax 608/264-9685
www.ecb.org

Gene Purcell, Interim Executive Director

Education Services

Linda A. Hanson, Administrator
Marta Bechtol, Director, School Services
Susan E. Stevens, Coordinator, ITV Scheduling

Interconnect Staff

Elizabeth Witzke, Editor
Lucinda Mack, Designer

Wisconsin Educational Communications Board Members

Rolf Wegenke, Chair
Elizabeth Burmaster, Vice Chair
Eileen Littig, Secretary
June Anderson, Tom Basting,
Dan Clancy, Sen. Spencer Coggs,
Darnell Cole, Judith Crain,
Diane Everson, Michael Morgan,
Rep. Scott Newcomer,
Sen. Luther Olsen, Kevin Reilly,
Ellen Rosewall, Rep. Marlin Schneider

The Wisconsin Educational Communications Board publishes *Interconnect* to inform PK-12 educators about educational telecommunications.

Wisconsin's Public Television Stations

WHA-TV/Madison	WHLA-TV/La Crosse
WPNE-TV/Green Bay	WHWC-TV/Menomonee-Eau Claire
WHRM-TV/Wausau	WMVT-TV/Milwaukee
WLEF-TV/Park Falls	WDSE-TV/Duluth-Superior

NEWIST/CESA 7

Serving CESAs 6, 7 and 8

Jo Mellen, Director

Eileen Littig, Producer

Margie Thomas, Admin. Asst.

2420 Nicolet Drive, IS-1040

Green Bay, WI 54311

Telephone: 920-465-2599

Toll-free: 800-633-7445

Email: newist@cesa7.k12.wi.us

Website: www.newist.org

September Interconnect Selects

All programs listed are scheduled to air on WPT only, unless otherwise noted.

Evening programming differs among Wisconsin's public television stations.

BE SURE TO CHECK LOCAL LISTINGS.

1 Monday

6:30 a.m. (Monday through Friday)
Sid the Science Kid
9:00-10:30 a.m. (special preview)
Sid the Science Kid
7:00 p.m.
PBS Convention Coverage- A Newshour Special Report "Republican Convention" (Social Studies)



Sid the Science Kid is a new educational animated television series that promotes discovery and science readiness for preschoolers. Support materials are available at pbskids.org. Sid begins each day by asking a question and then sets out to discover the answer.

11 Thursday

7:00 p.m.
Land Trust Stories: An In Wisconsin Special (Social Studies)

14 Sunday

Pledge ends.

16 Tuesday

Mildred Fish Harnack Day

7:00 p.m.
NOVA "Einstein's Big Idea" (Science/ Social Studies)
9:00 p.m.
Debating our Destiny II (Social Studies)

17 Wednesday

United States Constitution Day

8:00 p.m.
Live from Lincoln Center "New York Philharmonic Opening Night with Sir James Galway" (Music)

18 Thursday

9:00 p.m.
Globe Trekker "Malawi & Zambia" (Social Studies)

19 Friday

POW-MIA Recognition Day

21 Sunday

9:00 a.m.
Now on PBS "Women & Power" (Social Studies)

22 Monday

8:00 p.m.
The History Project "Charge of the Light Brigade" (Social Studies)
9:00 p.m.
American Experience "Reagan: Life-guard" (Social Studies)
11:00 p.m.
Two Million Minutes (Social Studies)

23 Tuesday

7:00 p.m.
NOVA "Monster of the Milky Way" (Science)
10:00 p.m.
Documenting the Face of America (Social Studies/ Art)

24 Wednesday

Wisconsin Day

10:00 p.m.
American Horizons: The Photographs of Art Sinsabaugh (Art)

26 Friday

9:00 p.m.
Independent Lens "Storm of Emotions" (Social Studies)

28 Sunday

Frances Willard Day

29 Monday

9:00 p.m.
American Experience "Reagan: An American Crusade" (Social Studies)

30 Tuesday

8:00 p.m.
P.O.V. "Critical Condition" (Social Studies/ Personal Financial Literacy)
10:00 p.m.
National Geographic Special: Killer Stress (Health Education/ Social Studies)



POV's "Critical Condition" puts a human face on the nation's growing health care crisis.

2 Tuesday

7:00 p.m.
PBS Convention Coverage- A Newshour Special Report "Republican Convention" (Social Studies)

3 Wednesday

7:00 p.m.
PBS Convention Coverage- A Newshour Special Report "Republican Convention" (Social Studies)

4 Thursday

7:00 p.m.
PBS Convention Coverage- A Newshour Special Report "Republican Convention" (Social Studies)

6 Saturday

Pledge begins. (continues nightly through Sunday, Sept. 14)

7 Sunday

7:00 p.m.
Great Performances "Pavarotti: A Life in Seven Arias" (Music/ Theater)

15 Monday

9:00 p.m.
Objects and Memory (Social Studies)
10:00 p.m.
Any School Any Time (Guidance/Social Studies)
11:00 p.m.
Where We Stand: America's Schools in the 21st Century (Educator's Interest)



Where We Stand: America's Schools in the 21st Century presents a revealing assessment of America's schools. Among those visited is Harlem Children's Zone in New York City, pictured above.

These and other great programs of interest to educators can be seen on your local public television stations. Check the program listings at www.wpt.org, <http://mptv.org/listings/index.php>, or www.wdse.org/schedule.asp for program descriptions or times of repeats.

PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

If taping any of these programs for educational use be sure to check the PBS Web site at www.pbs.org/teachers/copyright/guidelines.html for taping rights and restrictions.



Surf Report

<http://explore.ecb.org/surf>

Elections

As the November elections approach, here are some Web sites to help you and your students stay informed and involved.

Elementary

<http://bensguide.gpo.gov/3-5/election/>
Ben's Guide to Government presents *The Election Process*, a basic guide to the election of federal officials. This guide for grades 3-5 is provided by the U.S. Government Printing Office.

<http://pbskids.org/democracy/>
The *PBS Kids Democracy Project* presents information for elementary students in three interactive sections: "How Does Government Affect Me?" "Step Inside the Voting Booth," and "Be President for a Day."

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/scholastic-news/indepth/election2008.htm>
Scholastic News' Election 2008 special report provides a kids' eye view of the presidential election, including kid reporters blogging about the election. The site includes election games like *Create a Campaign Poster* and *You're the Candidate*.

<http://www.timeforkids.com/TFK/election08/>
Time for Kids Election Connection includes campaign news, meet the candidates, and election games.

<http://www.kidsvotingusa.org/>
Kids Voting USA® is a national non-profit organization that teaches students about citizenship, civic responsibility, democracy, and political participation. Students can cast a Kids Voting ballot on election day, voting on the same candidates and issues as adults. The site includes activities for grade K-12 classes who have registered with the site.

<http://www.nationalmockelection.org/index.html>
The National Student/Parent Mock Election is a nationwide effort to get students interested in and involved in our democratic process. American students will vote for President, Sena-

tors, Congresspersons and Governor (in appropriate states). Curriculum materials for primary, middle and high school students and a BrainPop movie about elections are provided on the Web site.

<http://pbskids.org/zoom/fromyou/elections/index.html>
ZOOMout the Vote features "Elections 101," a short discussion of the voting process and why voting matters. This site from PBS, targeted to six- to twelve-year-olds, was designed for the 2004 elections but the voting process information is still valid.

<http://www.readingrockets.org/articles/books/c339/>
Reading Rockets provides *Hail to the Chief*, a list of picture books appropriate for three- to nine-year-olds on the theme of elections.

Middle and High School

<http://www.pbs.org/teachers/vote2008/blueprint/>
Access, Analyze, Act: A Blueprint for 21st Century Civic Engagement from PBS is designed to help educators discover the power of social media for teaching media and information literacy, critical thinking, communication, collaboration and technology skills while developing students' understanding of the political, social and economic issues facing our country at election time.

<http://www.pbs.org/teachers/vote2008/tools.html>
A collection of *Interactive Tools for Election 2008* from Public Media stations will keep you informed and engaged in the election process.

http://www.apple.com/education/itunesu_mobilelearning/itunesu.html
American Public Media provides audio programs exploring *2008 Election Issues* on iTunes University. The segments are from two public radio series, *Marketplace* and *Word for Word*, and range from 7 minutes to an hour. Open iTunes, go to the iTunes Store and choose iTunes U.

<http://www.readytovote.org/index.html>
Ready to Vote '08 is designed to help students learn more about the voting process and encourage them to vote. The site, from South Carolina Educational Television, includes a quiz and video reports from the Ready to Vote "PodSquad."

<http://learning.loc.gov/ammem/ndlpedu/features/election>
Elections: The American Way, from the Library of Congress, provides an interactive guide to elections that covers the candidates, voters, party system, election process, and issues.

<http://uspolitics.america.gov/uspolitics/elections/index.html>
U.S. Elections: Guide to the 2008 Election is a State Department site designed to inform people from other countries about U.S. elections. Sections about the electoral college, the candidates and the issues are provided, along with a Frequently Asked Questions section and a glossary that will be useful for obtaining basic information.

<http://www.votesmart.org/>
Project Vote-Smart provides information about candidates and elected officials in five categories: biographies, issue positions, voting records, campaign finances, and interest group ratings. Users can enter their zip code to see a list of their local elected officials and candidates, then click on a name for their voting records, speeches and public statements, and more.

<http://www.wisconsinvote.org/>
Wisconsin Public Television and Public Radio present *WisconsinVote*, an elections site that provides information on candidates running for state and federal office.

<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/vote2008/index.html>
NewsHour Extra, from PBS, features information and lesson plans.

Election History

<http://pbskids.org/wayback/prez/index.html>
Presidents: The Secret History, from PBS *American Experience* presents historical facts about presidents and elections for elementary students.

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/vote/>
Vote: The Machinery of Democracy looks at the history of voting methods in the United States. This engaging exhibit from the Smithsonian National Museum of American History explores how ballots and voting systems have evolved over the years as a response to political, social, and technological change.

Find more at <http://explore.ecb.org/surf>.