



Classroom Connections

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FREE RESOURCES!

Toolkits for Teachers: lesson plans, quiz makers, class rosters and more!

Sign-up for FREE at
www.PBSLearningMedia.org

Parenting resources and tips on raising children, planning birthday parties, and kids activities. Visit

<http://www.pbs.org/parents/>

Want to see the 2018 Winners of the WLJT's Young Writers & Illustrators Contest? visit www.wljt.org

All About The Holidays - February

February is Black History Month. How are you celebrating in your community? <https://to.pbs.org/2TKlUYc>

Is it time for spring or will we have six more weeks of winter? Why does a groundhog get to decide? Find out more about the history of this holiday in this video from @PBSTeachers. <https://to.pbs.org/2TSqUKF>

Learn more about the history and traditions of Chinese New Year, a celebration of good fortune at the end of winter, in this video from @PBSTeachers. <https://to.pbs.org/2TRqGmZ>

Happy Valentine's Day! Who was St. Valentine? Learn all about this day of love in this @PBSTeachers "All About the Holidays" video. <https://to.pbs.org/2TRqK6d>

In this @PBSTeachers video, learn how Presidents' Day evolved from a birthday party for George Washington to a day to celebrate all American presidents. <https://to.pbs.org/2TNMObu>



2019 Young Writers & Illustrators Contest

Children in grades K-5th across West Tennessee are invited to put their pens to paper and get creative! Aspiring artists and storytellers are encouraged to participate in WLJT's annual Young Writers & Illustrators Contest from now until March 15, 2019.

Enter the free contest for a chance to win several prizes, including an opportunity to read their winning story for on-air and online use on WLJT. Since its inception, more than 1,000 children in West Tennessee have participated in the contest, building their creative voices and developing critical reading and writing skills.

Only one entry per person will be accepted into the contest. All stories must be on 8.5" x 11" paper. Children in K -1st grades must have a min. of 50 words and max. of 200 words. Children in second and third grade must have a min. of 100 words and a max. of 350 words. Children in fourth and fifth grade must have a min. of 100 words and a max. of 500 words.

All stories must have at least five (5) illustrations, which can include drawings, collages, and 3-D images created by the author or photographs. Art work cannot exceed the paper size of 8.5" x 11". All entries must include the WLJT Young Writers & Illustrators Contest entry form.

Prizes for winners may include gift cards, arts and crafts supplies and age-appropriate books. 1st and 2nd place winners in the fourth and fifth grade contest will also receive an annual membership pass to Discovery Park of America in Union City. Teachers of winning students in the fourth and fifth grade categories will be awarded scholarships for a classroom field trip to Discovery Park of America. WLJT will also award the teacher who submits the most (qualified) entries.

All entries must be postmarked or delivered no later than Friday, March 15, 2019.

Winners will be notified by April 19, 2019.

An awards reception and special taping of the winners reading their story will take place on Friday, May 03, 2019.

For additional info. contact Jennifer Shell at 731-881-7561 or by email at mece@wljt.org.



The graphic features the PBS KIDS logo (a green circle with a cartoon face) next to the text 'WRITERS CONTEST'. Below this, large yellow text reads 'Calling all kids kindergarten through fifth grade!' followed by 'YOU COULD BE A WINNER!!'. At the bottom, smaller text encourages entering for prizes and publishing online, with a link to 'HERE' for rules.

Enter your story for a chance to win cool prizes and have your story published online. Click [HERE](#) for rules, entry forms and other materials. For more information contact Jennifer at 800-366-9558 or jshell@wljt.org.

PBS KIDS Movie Night - Feb. 8th



Love is in the air and in tonight's
#PBSKIDSFamilyNight marathon!

End a lovely week with Valentine's Day specials
from @OfficialClifford,
@PinkaliciousandPeterrific, @DanielTigerTV
and more.

Valentine's Marathon - Feb. 15th

It's #PBSKIDSFamilyNight!

Tonight's movie marathon features favorites
@DanielTigerTV,
@SplashAndBubbles, @ReadyJetGoPBS and The
Cat in the Hat! As you watch, chat with your child
about the ways the characters are being kind, brave
or curious.



Peg and Cat Save the World - Feb. 22nd



Calling all problem solvers!

In tonight's #PBSKIDSFamilyNight,
@PegPlusCatTV must investigate when
strange signals come from outer space!

Black History Month, PBS LearningMedia Resources

This February engage educators with PBS LearningMedia's collection of resources spotlighting Black artists, educators, and innovators. Here are just a few:

[Black History Month Collection](#)

[The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross](#)

[The March on Washington](#)

[The Life of Poet Maya Angelou](#)

[Remembering Nelson Mandela](#)



From the PBS TEACHERS LOUNGE: Earthrise



22 Ways to Bring Earthrise into the Classroom

On December 24, 1968, humans saw our planet Earth "rise" over another celestial object for the very first time. The astronauts who took the first look snapped the picture that would come to be known as the iconic Earthrise image.

Here are [22 Ways to Bring Earthrise into the classroom](#).

Professional Development PBS TeacherLine Bootcamp

The [PBS TeacherLine](#) Bootcamp is a collaborative online 5-day learning experience designed for K-3 teachers to spend 20-minutes daily, refining reading teaching strategies through the practice and study of Shared Reading. At the end of this learning experience, teachers will be receiving a certificate of completion for 2.5 professional credit hours.

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 $2t - kt - 3k = -6$
 $t(2-k) = -6$
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WLJT: WHO WE ARE

MISSION: WLJT's mission is to serve West Tennessee by providing a world of learning and discovery through quality programming, educational services, and online information that educates, inspires, and entertains.

VISION: On the air, online, and in the community, WLJT uses media for good, delivering exceptional programs and services that expand knowledge, celebrate the world around us, and enrich lives.

VALUES: We believe in the power of information, exploration and imagination to fill our lives with wisdom and purpose. Our passion to enlighten, inspire, and entertain knows no bounds. Our work ensures that lifelong learning is an opportunity for all and that our children have a safe, welcoming place to come as they grow and prepare for the future.

Visit www.wljt.org to learn more about our programs.



WLJT Kids Club only
\$5.00 a month with a
sustaining membership!

WLJT Kids Birthday Club!

WLJT offers a Kids Birthday Club (ages 0-12) to raise awareness of PBS and to celebrate the children of West Tennessee. "I am so excited that WLJT is able to offer a Kids Club! WLJT opens a world of possibilities for all the children of West Tennessee and this is a great way to make them feel as special as we know they are," Mandy Hinson, WLJT's Manager of Individual Giving, said.

For only \$5 per month, through a sustaining membership, Kids Club members will receive special birthday surprises. Features include a "Happy Birthday" wish broadcast

twice a day, during PBS Kids programming and prime time throughout the child's birth month. Additionally, a birthday wish in the monthly program guide SPOTLIGHT during their birth month, and a special birthday gift from WLJT.

Just for signing up, WLJT will send a welcome packet that includes a PBS stickers and coloring sheets. The \$5 a month sustaining membership covers up to five children in a family!

"This is a stimulating program that WLJT offers to the community. We believe that children are the future of PBS and WLJT. Our goals are to educate, entertain and inspire.

Through the Kids Club, we hope to achieve those and develop an excitement for learning that will continue for many generations." said Jennifer Shell, WLJT's Manager of Education and Community Engagement.

To sign up for WLJT Kids Club, contact Mandy at (731) 881-7561, or by email at mhison@wljt.org. WLJT airs popular educational children's programming such as Curious George, Sesame Street, Dinosaur Train, Super Why!, and Wild Kratts.

