

Study Notes

News about PBS digital tools, interactive games, and trainings to help the **K-12 student** thrive.

Prairie Public
Education Services



Back-to-school edition

'Education is our ticket out of poverty.'



Join in 'Class of '27' screening to learn how Minnesota's White Earth Nation uses early childhood education to help kids

The public television documentary *Class of '27: America Reframed* spotlights people who are helping their children grow into successful graduates - and Minnesota's White Earth Nation has a starring role!

Join Prairie Public on Thursday, Sept. 29 at 1pm CT for a special live discussion and online screening of the documentary, and learn how community leaders and organizations are working to improve their children's futures through early childhood education.

RSVP to participate in the online screening at <http://bit.ly/ClassOf27> and chat with the film subjects, the filmmakers, and early learning experts. Hear their stories and discover how you can make a difference during this special post-

broadcast online screening and discussion.

Learn more about the film [HERE](#).

Educator support



You'll want to hang out in THIS teachers' lounge!

Do you like the idea of interacting with your peers from all over the country? Then you won't want to pass up **PBS Teachers' Lounge**, a creative digital space where teachers can share their best ideas, learn from peers, find daily inspiration, and access the tools and resources they need to enhance their work in the classroom.

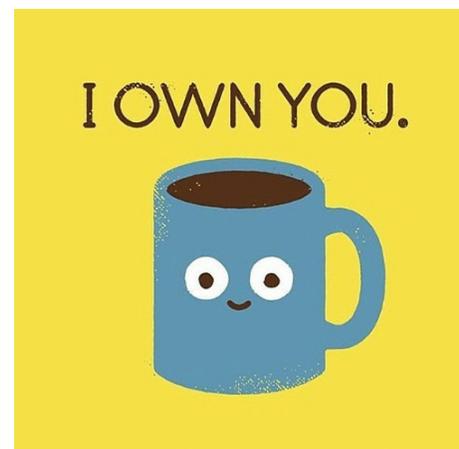
Find it at www.pbs.org/education/teacherslounge

Great perks: Enter now to win free coffee!

PBS Education understands that many of us need coffee to feel like a human "bean." Our year-long teacher support campaign includes the **#TeachBoldly** contest, which invites teachers to enter as many times as they like for the chance to win a month's supply of the beloved beverage for themselves and their teammates.

Also, one lucky grand-prize winner will receive a high-end renovation of their own school's teachers' lounge - including a high-tech upgrade!

Enter here: www.pbs.org/education/teachboldlysweeps



Coffee runs my life..

ELECTION 2016

Elementary, middle school and high school resources



YOU CHOOSE



Prepare today's kids to be tomorrow's voters with activities, videos and kid-friendly website on political process

It's never too early to learn how to become an informed voter. The [PBS KIDS You Choose kid-friendly website](#) introduces your kids to non-partisan, democracy-related topics through interactive exploration and video.

Kids can:

- Create their own campaign posters about anything they care about,
- Collect presidential trading cards of past U.S. Presidents and First Ladies,
- Watch videos that focus on important issues relevant to them.

PBS KIDS Digital has also curated a ["Get to Know a President a Day"](#) YouTube playlist

to lead up to the election with content from LearningMedia. The video clips provide an overview about each President of the United States in just 60 seconds.



Create in-class debates with debate toolkit from PBS Election Central

Teach the basics of effective debates - while showing students how our own presidential debates are set up - through the Classroom Debate Tool Kit on PBS Education's Election Central.

This tool kit includes resources to engage students through a process of student-led discussions designed to foster meaningful

and civil conversations with people who think differently. By listening, sharing, questioning, and reflecting, students develop skills critical to becoming thoughtful, responsible citizens.

Access the toolkit [HERE](#).

Find numerous other election videos and learning tools at [PBS Education's Election Central](#).

Interactive history game, 'Mission US,' adds mission about Great Depression

Mission US is an interactive "serious game" that immerses students in rich historical settings and then empowers them to make choices that illuminate how ordinary people experienced some of the most important events in US history.

A new mission has just been released: "Up From the Dust," in which players take on the roles of twins whose family wheat farm is devastated by the Depression and Dust Bowl. As with all the others, this mission comes up downloadable, standards-aligned lesson plans.

"Mission US" is free. For more information, go to www.mission-us.org/



K-Grade 3 resources

Learning is a family affair: Win grant to host a Family Learning Event at your school

We know it can make a significant difference in outcomes if parents are interested and involved in their child's learning. Prairie Public Family Learning Events nurtures that connection by hosting a Family Learning Event in your school.

Read on to learn more about it, then click the blue button below to apply.



PRAIRIE PUBLIC'S SHARE A STORY FAMILY LEARNING EVENT GRANT

Looking for help to encourage your families to invest in their relationship with your school? Even better, how would you like to give them an opportunity to actively engage with their child in learning? Apply today for the Family Learning Event grant - valued at up to \$2,000 in services and support - from Prairie Public Education Services (PPES) to host a Wild Kratts-themed evening of learning at your elementary school!



Complete the application online at:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2017ppbleapp>

****Applications are due by
October 31, 2016.****

**Award recipients will be notified by
November 10, 2016.**

Grant award consists of the following:

- Two PPES staff will bring to your school all of the necessary materials for seven STEM learning stations, "habitat passports" for students to fill with stickers indicating completion of each station, a Wild Kratts photo booth, and free learning resources for kids and parents to take home.
- Prairie Public will provide you with flyers and RSVPs to send home with each student, as well as on-air, online, and social media promotion for your event.
- Your school will need to provide the space (a gym or classrooms), tables and chairs, and staff to host the event and run the stations.
- If you choose to serve food at your event, you will be reimbursed up to \$500 upon receipt.
- Family Learning Events must take place on an approved date in February or March; a Doodle Poll will be sent for you to complete in order to secure a date.
- Upon award notification, you will receive a planning PowerPoint explaining each station's objectives, directions for staff at that station, and setup requirements.
- Project Manager for your school will be expected to communicate regularly with the Ready To Learn coordinator at PPES in order to adequately plan a successful event. Please contact swinning@prairiepublic.org with any questions in regards to this grant opportunity.

Click
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