



for educators

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smartmedia focus:
arts and culture



Greetings from WQED Multimedia in Pittsburgh!

WQED is pleased to bring you a monthly e-newsletter that highlights some of our many high-quality, standards-aligned PBS educational assets. You already recognize our beloved children's shows like Mister Rogers' Neighborhood and Curious George, but did you know we also offer shows for older students and explore diverse content areas, like literacy, science, math, financial literacy, health and wellness, history, and much more? Plus, each show is matched with curriculum to use in your classroom so you can integrate multimedia components in a way that is enriching and meaningful for your students.

Don't Forget:
Applications for the
Student Freedom Ride
are due 1/17!



Spotlight on... Franny's Feet

Where will my feet take me today? Each animated segment of **Franny's Feet** follows five-and-a-half-year-old Franny on a magical adventure. The shoes she tries on in her grandfather's shoe repair shop transport her to destinations around the globe, where she meets new friends and tries to help them solve problems.

shoebbox adventures

grandpa's globe

Franny's words

lessons + activities

Franny's Feet, for kids ages four to seven, is rooted in the excitement, learning, and joyful discoveries that exploration can bring. In each episode, Franny discovers a new place, new people, and new situations that broaden her – and our own – understanding of the world. Problem solving, global awareness, science, and vocabulary development are woven together with delightful storytelling for a seamless, interdisciplinary learning experience.

featured contest

WRITE ON!

Few things capture a child's imagination like a good book. Please join **WQED** and **WVBP** as we encourage children here in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky to create their own stories and to take part in the PBS KIDS GO! Writers Contest.

To participate, read the contest **Rules and Guidelines**, then fill out the **Entry Form** and return with your original illustrated story! This year's Contest runs from January 31, 2011 to March 31, 2011.

Be sure to check out the **Writing Guide** for terrific tips on making your story great!

And new in 2011, we're taking the Writers Contest online and on the road! **Families**, join us for our three kickoff events to learn more about the Contest and meet a PBS KIDS! character. **Parents and educators**, log on to our free webinars on storyboarding, writing, and illustrating to learn tips and techniques that will help your child write a winning entry. Visit wqed.org/edu to learn more about all these opportunities and to register.

The Contest is brought to you by EQT Corporation, a long-time supporter of raising readers in our community.



watch!

Don't miss these engaging shows for every age!

Find out when these shows air on WQED-TV!



Sesame Street is a place where multiethnic, multigenerational, and even multispecies residents coexist in harmony. Here, children learn to use their imaginations, build social skills, and respect people's differences.

ages 3-5



Martha Speaks stars Martha, a beloved family dog. She is accidentally fed alphabet soup, which gives her the power of speech and the chance to speak her mind to anyone who will listen.

ages 6-8



Wilson and Ditch showcases two funny, energetic and talkative gopher brothers who explore America in an eco-powered van! As they drive from city to city, these gopher tourists learn the history and fun facts of each location. The brothers love experiencing the usual tourist attractions as well as all the weird stuff America has to offer!

ages 8-12



Antiques Roadshow is part mystery, part history lesson, and part treasure hunt! The show has taped appraisals of close to a million objects in 66 cities. Use the show's content to engage students in the world of material culture, support social studies and humanities programs, sharpen kids' observational- and critical-thinking skills, and bring history to life.

ages 12-18

Check out these great online resources for each grade!

K - Grade 2: **Curious George** and **Maya and Miguel**

Grades 3 - 5: **The Music Instinct** and **The Electric Company**

Grades 6 - 8: **Artopia** and **Building Big**

Grades 9-12: **Circle of Stories** and **Secrets of the Dead**

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