

*Extra! Extra! ... Coming this Fall ...*



## A New(s) Contest for Middle School Kids

**Sponsored by Vermont Public Television & our Community Partners.**

The week of November 7, 2011, will be a special week, as middle school children throughout Vermont sharpen their journalistic skills – reporting on state and community news and creating their own newspapers in VPT’s statewide **Above the Fold** contest!

The contest is open to middle school, home school and library groups, grades 6-8, with children reporting on school, community and statewide events during the week of Nov. 7, 2011. Entries should be in the form of a newspaper’s front page and can include articles, photos, editorials, cartoons and more. Be creative! We’ll provide a newspaper template to help with initial layout.

Entry deadline is Friday, Nov. 21, 2011. Winners will be announced and printed in newspapers across the state during the week of December 12. Gathered together, **Above the Fold** entries will encapsulate newsworthy events from “one week in Vermont.”

**Above the Fold** will:

- Highlight the excellent work of Vermont students.
- Help improve reading, writing and critical thinking skills.
- Create a fun-filled, real-world educational experience for your students.

In addition, staff members from participating newspapers will be available to come to your school or library to speak with students about their work and about careers in journalism.

***Teachers, principals, librarians and students:***

**Plan to include **Above the Fold** in your fall activities, and watch for more details in September!**

For more information, contact  
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**Collaborating newspapers/Community partners:**

Addison Independent, Barre/Montpelier Times Argus, Bennington Banner, Brattleboro Reformer, Burlington Free Press, Caledonian Record, Colchester Sun, Essex Reporter, Milton Independent, Rutland Herald, St. Albans Messenger, The Commons.

Special thanks to Team USA at the St. Albans City School for their **Above the Fold** “test run” this spring.