

Vermont PBS Kids and Education: April 2022

Vermont Public Broadcasting System (PBS) and the Agency of Education (AOE) continue their partnership to support learning for Vermont students and school communities heading into the new school year. This partnership provides access to free educational programming, curricular connections, offline kits, and distance learning tutorials through [Vermont PBS Kids and Education](#).

The Broadcast Schedule can be found [online](#), for in classroom or take-home enrichment.

Would you like to know more? Watch the webinars:

- [Beyond Screen Time: The Fundamentals of PBS Navigation](#) (1 Hour)
- [Playful Learning Collections for Home: Resources for Parents](#) (1 Hour)
- [Molly of Denali: Indigenous Cultural and Informational Text](#) (1 Hour)

Join the Vermont PBS Educational Resources group on [Edmodo](#) and share resources related to PBS programming and classroom strategies. To join the group:

- Activate your Edmodo account and join the VTED Learns community by filling out [this form](#).
- [Join the group](#) with the link provided or the group code “zyqyd4.”

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As a primary resource, [PBS LearningMedia](#) provides recommended collections for PreK-12 resources for in-person or remote instruction, both with or without internet access. These are anytime, anywhere resources.

Teacher Resources Accessible Ahead to Stream On-demand and Through Broadcast

NEW SURVEY!

Brave Little State wants to hear from you! They're developing lesson plans around past episodes and they want to know how teachers are already using the show. Email hello@bravelittlestate.org if you are a teacher who has used (or has ideas about using) Brave Little State in the classroom.

Teachers and community members can navigate resources in two ways:

1. Access weekly thematic bundles with specific episodes highlighted per week by content area and age-level that are available to stream on-demand. These episodes connect to specific resources on [PBS LearningMedia](#) and [PBS Kids for Parents](#).
2. Use the [Vermont PBS grids](#) with the Incorporating PBS guides to help pick and choose specific educational series that align with content focus, standard, and age-level. Not all content is available on-demand.

Looking for Specific Content Connections?

- Go to [PBS LearningMedia](#) and search by content, standard, or grade.
- Search resources by using the [Incorporating PBS Documents](#) by series, age, or content.

Collections you might like...

Explore the Outdoors

It's the perfect time of year to explore! Support local families' springtime adventures with nature-themed crafts and activities from PBS KIDS for Parents and curriculum-aligned resources from PBS LearningMedia.

Support Conversations about Ukraine

PBS Learning Media is offering context to unfolding events in Ukraine.

- For those looking to engage younger audiences around the Ukraine crisis, WVIZ/Ideastream's [NewsDepth](#) program and KET's [News Quiz](#) both have weekly news segments with timely updates for students in late elementary and middle school.
- PBS NewsHour Classroom has added a segment on the [Ukrainian refugee crisis](#) to PBS LearningMedia accompanied by classroom discussion questions for middle and high school students, and teachers can visit the [PBS NewsHour Classroom collection](#) to search for news segments covering the ongoing conflict in the region, including [these segments](#) from newscasts between December 2013 and March 2014.

Holocaust Remembrance Collections (Grades 6-8 and 9-12)

PBSLM: [Lessons of the Holocaust Collection](#) – These three video collections offer educators a detailed exploration of different ways to approach the history of the Holocaust in the classroom.

- [Murals of the Holocaust](#) describes a summer program that offers an art-integrated history course on Germany and the Holocaust.
- [Juliek's Violin](#) focuses on three pieces of classical music, including music from the scene in Elie Wiesel's Night where Juliek plays the violin in the concentration camp.
- [Teaching the Holocaust](#) explores how two middle school educators approach the teaching of Holocaust history to their students.

Just for Teachers!

- As the nation navigates the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this film, [A Trusted Space](#), and curriculum offers tools to mitigate the effects of grief, trauma, anxiety, and other emotional stressors affecting both students and teachers.
- Ken Burns in the Classroom Professional Development Series
- PBSLM: [Teaching Benjamin Franklin Authentically: Expanding Narratives about Early American History with Dr. Shanedra Nowell](#)
- Find [resources to support conversations about Ukraine](#): But Why (PreK, K, Grade 1-5), PBS NewsHour (Grade 6-12).

PreK

STEAM, Seasons, and Story

NEW Elinor Wonders Why: A Wonderful Journey explores the world around us

- PBSLM Collection: [Elinor Wonders Why](#)
- [Incorporating Elinor Wonders Why into Your Classroom](#)
- [Family Activity: Plant Journal](#)
- [Center Card: Caring for the Environment](#) for Earth Day
- [Six Ways to Explore Nature with Preschoolers](#)

Vermont Connection! [VINS: At Home Education Resources for Families](#)

Grades K-2

Science – Exploring Nature

But Why (podcast) and Learning Guide: [How Do Fish See? How Do Fish Sleep? How Do Fish Breathe?](#)

- PBSLM Interactive: [Water](#) From the Bringing the Universe to America's Classrooms Collection
- Elinor Wonders Why: [Pond Life Game](#)

Grades 3-5

Art and Science

Celebrate 20 years with [Cyberchase](#)

- Connected Cyberchase [“Green it up” Curriculum](#)

Earth Day Activities

- [Waste Not Want Not Digital Game](#)
- [Celebrate Earth Day Poster Activity](#) with Ready Jet Go!
- Creative Educator: [Upcycled Art](#)
- Arts Integration: [Upcycled Wearables](#)
- TeacherVision: [Recycled Art](#)

Current Events

But Why (podcast) and Learning Guide: [Why is Russia Invading Ukraine?](#)

- [Meet the Helpers](#)
- Common Sense Media: [How to Talk to Kids About Violence, Crime, and War](#)
- Common Sense Media: [Best News Sources for Kids](#)
- [NAMLE Parent’s Guide to Media Literacy](#)

Middle School

History

PBSLM: [Ken Burns in the Classroom Collection: Benjamin Franklin](#)

- PBSLM: From [Citizen Ben](#)

Don't forget [to sign up for the teacher PD series](#) with Dr. Shanedra Nowell.

Science

PBSLM: [NOVA Lab Interactive](#) – (New!) "Citizen scientists" can use this digital platform to actively participate in the scientific process and take part in real-world investigations by visualizing, analyzing, and playing with the same data that scientists use.

High School

Science

Brave Little State (Podcast): [The Secret Life of the Moose Crossing](#) is about moose, animal crossing signs, and the intersection between natural world and the built environment.

PBSLM: [Nova Next Collection](#) – This digital publication provides answers from the cutting edge of science and technology, featuring in-depth articles and commentaries from some of the most respected journalists, scientists, and engineers.