

Vermont PBS Kids and Education: December 2021

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

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.

Celebrate the Season

Collections you might like...

Celebrate the season and school vacation using the anytime, anywhere playful learning activities and guides. A few of our favorite winter themed bundles are included to compliment your time at home!

- Check out the PBS LearningMedia Holiday collection for [PreK-Grade 8](#) to find great reading lists, word searches, videos, and more. Send home [PBS Parents](#) video links to help inspire indoor and outdoor connections, including DIY Garland, Kid-Made Place Cards, and how to make Gratitude Jars. Don't forget about the easy to print and send [Learn Along Bingo](#) collection. (PreK-Grade 3)
- [Expanding Narratives Using Media](#) – This planning kit has resources, tips, and professional development opportunities rooted in supporting critical media literacy skills. Media literacy education emphasizes skills of inquiry and expression and empowers students to think critically, communicate effectively, and engage as active citizens. (All Grades)
- [Teaching Students to Critically Analyze Media: Empowering Young Media Consumers and Creators](#) – This professional learning series considers how to tackle misinformation, how to analyze digital media, and why it's important for students. Prioritizing fun, engaging and accessible tools for your students, the series will highlight techniques for analyzing media, and amplifying student voice through authentic storytelling. (Middle and High)
- Take time to check out PBS LearningMedia's new [Student Portal](#) allowing students to search with tech savvy.

Just for teachers! The *American Narrative* series (recordings) which look at **Ken Burns in the Classroom** resources like [Ernest Hemmingway](#) and Ali. Join the discussion!

Preschool

Celebrate the Season! NEW Episodes from *Alma's Way*.

Find new SEL resources for your classroom (English/Spanish) with [Alma's Way](#)

- PBSLM: [Neighborhood Notebook](#) and [Think It Through](#) – Activity Bundles include video, lesson plan, and activity cards
- [SEL VT](#): This virtual platform provides free materials for understanding key elements of healthy social emotional learning (SEL). SEL VT contains a series of professionally developed modules that can be accessed by educators, students, and caregivers.

Kindergarten to Grade 2

Activities for Home Vacation

- Dogsledding Themed Resources inspired by *Molly of Denali* – [Tooey's Hero](#)
 - [Dog Sled Family Activity](#)
 - [Welcome Home Balto Video](#) and [Lesson Plan](#)
 - [Episode Specific Discussion Questions and Activities for Tooey's Hero and Welcome Home Balto](#) (and other *Molly of Denali* episodes)

- [Sled Dog Dash Game](#)
- PBS Kids: [Happy Holidays Arthur](#) - learn about different winter holidays
- PBS Parents: [Holiday Crafts and Activities](#)

Grades 3-5

[Let's Go Luna!](#) Learn about Latin America food, art, music, and more. Pair with our Middle School podcast recommendation to learn from home.

Activity for Home Vacation: *Let's Go Luna*, “[Let's Talk](#) & “[Let's Do](#) Cards conversation starter

- [Mexican Hot Chocolate Video](#) (English/Spanish)
- [A Visit from Luna Activity](#)
- [The Chocolate Song](#)

Middle School

VPR Podcast: [Timeline](#) with NEW Learning Guide (WebQuest).

Learn more about Maria Grever's contributions to music. She was named the "Woman of the Americas" developing music across a career inspired by influences from the United States of America, Mexico, and Latin America. This music, and its history, is ours.

- PBSLM: Connect with music and history with this [Arts Toolkit](#)

VPR Podcast: [Brave Little State](#)

Brave Little State, VPR's people-powered journalism podcast, explores the question:

- *Are people following Vermont's new recycling laws, and where does our recycling end up?*

If this is interesting, follow up with these connected videos and activities:

- PBSLM Podcast: [Recycling Getting to Zero Waste](#) and [The Economics of Household Recycling](#)
- Vermont Agency of Natural Resources: [Lesson Plans and Resources](#)

High School

VPR Podcast: [Brave Little State](#)

Brave Little State, VPR's people-powered journalism podcast, explores a question about the descendants of this region's first residents.

- *What is the Status of Abenaki Native Americans in Vermont Today?*

If this is interesting, follow up with these connected videos and activities:

- PBSLM Media Gallery: [Amplifying Indigenous Experiences](#) from Unladylike 2020 (Engage, Explore, Explain, Elaborate, Evaluate)
 - Enjoy: [Note to Educators](#) and [Note from Authors](#)
- Flow of History: [Teaching Toolkits: Abenaki History and Culture](#)