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MIVN Announcements

Mississippi Interactive Video Network (MIVN) provides students with courses that are not offered in their school such as higher science, advanced or electives courses. MIVN offers students access to courses that are required for graduation while filling the gap for schools that cannot hire teachers due to budget restraints. MPB received a 259,533 grant from the USDA Rural Utilities and Telemedicine program that is expanding the MIVN IP based video systems infrastructure. The number of current session would increase from 40 to 80 per 60 minute class period with the potential to manage more than 500 sessions per day.

Ed goes to Washington, D.C.

Kay Strickland, who wrote the curriculum on which MPB's "Ed Said" is based, was invited to the White House after meeting Dr. Janey Thornton, USDA Deputy under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services. While there, Kay gave information about Ed Said and his mission, as well as a few "Ed Said" goodies, to one of the White House assistants, asking for it to be given to First Lady Michelle Obama. "Ed Said" creator/producer CJ Burks recently received a signed letter from the First Lady thanking MPB and Kay Strickland for the gifts and the support of her "Let's Move!" campaign for healthier children.

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MPB's 2012 Writers Contest

We would like to invite you to join Mississippi Public Broadcasting as we encourage Mississippi children to create their own stories as part of the 2012 PBS KIDS GO! Writers Contest. Children are encouraged to celebrate the power of creating stories and illustrations by submitting their own original pieces. Students in Kindergarten through 3rd Grade can participate. Deadline: March 30, 2012. All entries from Mississippi are judged locally. For further inquiries contact Tonya Garcia at tonya.garcia@mpbonline.org or visit <http://mpbonline.org/Kids>

Professional Development

Have you gotten your ticket? Are you ready to board the DINOSAUR TRAIN? Mississippi Public Broadcasting is excited to offer "Discover Science with *Dinosaur Train*," an early childhood professional development workshop for **preschool** teachers, on February 11, 2012, from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon in our MPB auditorium, located at 3825 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211. Receive educational resources and engage in hands-on activities focused on transforming science and nature centers in the classroom and involving children in science discovery beyond the classroom walls. Teachers who attend this workshop will also receive prizes and other incentives leading up to the NatureFest: Calling All Nature Trackers! event at the Museum of Natural Science in April 14, 2012. To register, contact Ann Deininger at 601-432-6749 or visit <http://mpb.gosighmeup.com>