



# Education Newsletter



**December 2009**

## PBS KIDS GO! Writers and Illustrators Contest

Once again, KEDT will conduct a contest for students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade to show off their skills at writing and illustrating their very own stories. The PBS KIDS GO! Writers and Illustrators Contest (formerly the Reading Rainbow contest) details are being prepared and will be posted to the KEDT Education website after the Winter Holidays.

We are looking forward to another spectacular collection of stories, poems and wonderful tales! We hope every classroom in South Texas will participate in the contest. This is a perfect time for your students to show to work on their writing skills.

**Look for additional details in January!**

**GET READY FOR THE GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT!**

On February 12-15, 2010 people from all over the US and Canada will be tallying bird species in their own backyard. Last year, Texas had the most species and Corpus Christi was the top city!

To prepare your students for this event, you can arrange for Beth, the Bird Lady, Hoekje to visit your school and give a presentation. As always, this service through KEDT is free!

## KEDT SUPERFIT KIDS!

Diabetes has reached epidemic proportions in South Texas. As a matter of public interest, KEDT and the Coastal Bend Diabetes Initiative are joining forces in a major diabetes prevention effort called KEDT Superfit Kids. The Education Department would love to visit your HEALTH classes to help instruct students on how the right diet and exercise habits can help improve their lives.

You can also tune in to watch *Kid Fitness* on KEDT-TV Sunday mornings at 7:30 am and again at 2pm on Fridays. KEDT-FM is proud to host Dr Stephen Ponder's health reports at 12:12 pm Mondays and 7:35 am on Thursdays.

Audio recordings of Dr Ponder's show are available at [www.kedt.org](http://www.kedt.org)



### VIDEOS ARE A GREAT WAY TO ENHANCE YOUR LESSONS!

KEDT has a wide selection of videos for use in your class. Please take some time to look at our YELLOW Education Television Guide. We have thousands of videos on almost every subject—

**KINDERGARTEN THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL!**  
361-855-2213

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# DECEMBER PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS!

## PLAYING FOR CHANGE: PEACE THROUGH MUSIC

DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> @ 8:00 PM

*Playing for Change* is a multimedia effort to unite musicians and vocalists from diverse parts of the globe while seeking to immerse audiences in a movement to inspire, connect and bring peace to the world through music. Using mobile audio/video units, technicians traveled the world, recording local musicians outdoors in towns and cities worldwide. In addition, musicians from all over the world are now brought together to perform benefit concerts that build music and art schools in communities in need. Tune in for this heartwarming musical event.



## SCIENCE TREK

DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> @ NOON

This program explores the intersection of science fiction and science fact, combining clips from "Star Trek" and "Star Trek: the New Generation" with interviews from scientists and researchers. PBS star and Star Trek icon, Le Var Burton hosts.

## AMERICAN MASTERS: LOUISA MAY ALCOTT: THE WOMAN BEHIND LITTLE WOMEN

DECEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> @ 9:00 PM

The author of *Little Women* is an almost universally recognized name. Her reputation as a morally upstanding New England spinster, reflecting the conventional propriety of late 19th-century Concord, is firmly established. Alcott was actually a free thinker with democratic ideals and progressive values about women — a worldly careerist of sorts. Most surprising is that she led, under the pseudonym A.M. Barnard, a literary double life, undiscovered until the 1940s.

**TUNE IN FOR A NEW SHOW ON KEDT-FM (90.3)**

***WAIT, WAIT DON'T TELL ME!***

Saturdays @ 8:00 am with encore at 9:00 pm

*Thanks to Wienerschnitzel for supporting this program.*

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