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Serialized Stories

Dates: Tuesdays, Sept. 8, 2015–May 31, 2016
Grades: 3 and up; can be read aloud to all ages
Program includes: in-paper content and an online teaching guide

“Up in the Air: The Story of the Wright Brothers” Written and illustrated by Brian Floca Sept. 8, 2015–Jan. 19, 2016

“Up in the Air: The Story of the Wright Brothers” is historical fiction based on the story of Wilbur and Orville Wright’s invention of the airplane. The story brings immediacy and life to the actual events, methods, and ideas of the Wright brothers’ story.

It follows the brothers from youth, to their first flight in 1903, to Wilbur Wright’s public demonstrations of the plane in France 1908, the triumphant movement at which the world first recognized Wilbur and Orville as the inventors of the airplane.

It is said that a strong compulsion to learn by doing is a reliable sign of genius, as compared to just absorbing knowledge. “Up in the Air: The Story of the Wright Brothers” offers a fascinating look at two brilliant bicycle shop owners who pursue the secrets of flight and thereby change the world.

“The Winner’s Circle” Written by Jennifer Armstrong, Illustrated by C.B. Mordan January 26, 2015–May 31, 2016

With his mother no longer alive and his father in prison for arson, teenaged Ben feels like anything but a winner. So he’s lucky to be taken in by the Brennans, kind-hearted people who breed and raise thoroughbred racehorses at Wind Rider Farms in Saratoga Springs. But the stakes are high for both Ben and the racehorses, particularly when a barn fire breaks out and threatens to destroy the farm. Is it arson, and is Ben the guilty one, or did the mysterious Joe Pastore, who haunts and taunts the boy, set the fire? And what about Rachel? What role does she play? Sure, she’s smart and pretty—and Ben has a crush on her. But that doesn’t mean she can’t be a suspect, does it?

Running eighteen chapters and full of the sights, sounds, and smells of horse country, “The Winner’s Circle” is rich in moral dilemmas and chapter-by-chapter high adventure. It’s a winner!

Serial Stories will not run on the following dates: 12/22/15, 12/29/2015 and 2/16/2016

Sponsored Programs

Health/Science

Recycling 101

Aug. 30, Nov. 15, and December 2015; March and April 2016
Grades: K–8
In partnership with Republic Services

Recycling 101 is a yearlong series with Republic Services that increases students’ familiarity with the basics of recycling as it relates to environmental sustainability, conservation, science and civic responsibility. Topics for the 2015–2016 school year include America Recycles Day November 15th, Recycling Around the World, Green Building and The Recycling Process.

The Past, Present and Future at the Washington State Fair Sept. 3, 10, and 17, 2015 Grades: 4–8 *In Partnership with The Washington State Fair*

This three-part series and accompanying teacher’s guide will explore Northwest Outdoors and Wild West and this year’s special Trek attraction at the Washington State Fair. Each article and accompanying teacher’s guide will provide students with resources to understand the science and social studies behind these features and connect to Washington state science and social studies standards for grades 4–8.

Seafood 101

Sept. 27, 2015
Grades: 6–postsecondary
In partnership with NOAA Fisheries and the Port of Seattle

Seafood 101 will educate students about eating healthy with seafood and the nutritional value of seafood. With highlights from local seafood restaurants and markets and fun tips on how to cook seafood, we will explore the science of seafood sustainability, the surrounding ecosystem, careers within the fishing industry, the value of eating wild-caught seafood and the role of NOAA and how it manages healthy fisheries.

Where does Puget Sound Start?

Sept. 16 and October 1, 2015
Grades: 4–8
In partnership with The City of Bellevue

Think like a raindrop! This program takes you from cloud and sky, to earth, through the pipes beneath a storm drain, and finally into Puget Sound. Find out how your everyday actions affect our local salmon and the lakes and streams we all enjoy. Understand the differences between a stormwater and sewer system, what a watershed is, and ways you can take action to prevent stormwater pollution. This program and lessons teach students and families about water systems, landforms, and stewardship.

Take Winter By Storm/ Make it Through

October 2015
Grades: 4–8
In partnership with Seattle Public Utilities, King County, Washington Emergency Services and partners

The Take Winter By Storm series will help increase awareness of natural disasters including storms and freezing temperatures and inform students of the science behind weather and weather prediction. In the Make it Through series, students and families will

be encouraged to take action with emergency preparedness steps through reader-friendly tips and checklists.

Maritime 101

March 2016

Celebrate Seattle’s five-star working waterfront in this special section dedicated to educating students on the careers, environment and economic impact of the Seattle maritime industry. Students will learn about careers in the fishing, shipping, cruise, tugboat and boat-building industries as well as how Seattle’s working waterfront impacts our economy and environment. Learn about local business, upcoming events, and hear first-hand perspectives from those who work in the maritime industry. Don’t miss this in-depth look at an important local industry.

Every Day is Earth Day with Washington Farmers

April 24, 2016
Grades: 4–12
In partnership with Washington Ag in the Classroom and partners

This program will bring an increased awareness of practices in agriculture to students and community members. By shining a spotlight on forms of technology used on Washington farms, organic farming-sustainable practices, farmers’ involvement in soil and water conservation efforts, the issue of a carbon footprint, animal care and Washington ecosystems, students will understand the interrelationships among various forms of life and their environments.

Social Studies

Since Time Immemorial: Tribal Sovereignty in Washington State

November 8, 2015
Grades: 4–12
In partnership with OSPI and Pacific Northwest Tribes

This program not only meets Washington state educational goals, but also offers materials to provide a solid introduction into the various issues/topics for First Nations and non-Native Americans including geography, economy, culture, treaties and sovereignty. This program’s goal is to educate and inspire students to ask questions and to look towards the future of our First Peoples.

Celebrate the Year of the Monkey at the Wing!

January 2016
Grades: 4–8
In partnership with Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience

This three-part series will highlight Asian New Year celebrations that have been brought to the Pacific Northwest by Asian American immigrants and practiced by successive generations. The articles will cover Hawaii, Laos and China.

Arts, Literacy

Teacher of the Year

May 2016
Grades: K–8
In partnership with Ivar’s and Kidd Valley

Team up with Ivar’s and Kidd Valley to support local teachers. The program will offer students tips and guidelines for writing an essay to nominate their teacher for Teacher of The Year.

Hana’s Suitcase

January 2016
Grades: 3–5
In Partnership with Seattle Children’s Theatre

It is March, 2000. A child’s suitcase arrives from Auschwitz at the tiny Holocaust Education Centre in Tokyo. Painted on the side are a name, Hana Brady, 1931, and the word “Waisenkind” (orphan). Spurred on by the children at the Centre, the curator Fumiko Ishioka, embarks on a relentless search from Tokyo to Prague to Toronto to uncover the story of Hana and her fate.

Rodgers and Hammerstein’s The Sound of Music

October 2015
Grades: 3–12
In partnership with the 5th Avenue Theatre

Connect with a significant moment in world history through the power of performance. Set in Austria on the eve of World War II, learn the true story of the Von Trapp family.

Life Skills

Steering Teens toward Safety

Aug. 23, 2015
Grades: 9–12
In partnership with State Farm Insurance

This program is designed to help teenagers prepare to be safe drivers and passengers and reduce the risk for everyone on the road. Topics will include: National Teen Driver Safety Week, Graduated Driver’s Licensing, Passengers as Deadly Distractions, Electronic Distractions, Why Teens Crash (Speed, Seatbelts, and Impaired Driving), Night Driving, Unsafe Driving Practices, Risky Behavior, Parents as Role Models, Putting it all into Practice and Tools for Safe Teen Driving available from State Farm. As a result, students will know how to be safe drivers on the road, how to prevent accidents and what to do if an unsafe situation occurs.

Be Smart. Be Safe.

October 14, 2015, March and May 2016
Grades K–5
In Partnership with Sound Transit

Join Sound Transit to learn about rail safety. School is back in session and it begins to get dark earlier; this is a key time to talk about light rail safety for kids walking near tracks in their neighborhoods. In late spring/early summer Sounder trains run near beach access areas. Learn what to watch out for when the weather gets nice and how to be a transit rider. Sound Transit unveils a new light rail service to UW in February/March.

Vocation Destination

Monthly beginning in October

Newspapers In Education’s Vocation Destination feature will help

students navigate these transitions in high school and beyond. This monthly page will showcase different types of careers, and is ideal for colleges, technical schools, industry organizations and others involved in preparing young people for future employment. Each month, a different career path or industry will be featured. Examples include manufacturing, technology, health and education. This series kicks off with a feature from the Washington Center for Nursing.

On Course College Planning Guide

October 18, 2015
Grades: 9–12

The on course guide provides step-by-step guidance to college planning. Your students will find practical tips on transferring from community college, getting a master’s degree, saving up for higher education and more. Offering guidance from school counselors, financial advisors, educational consultants and students, the resources in this guide focus on Northwest and area colleges and what makes them special places for students.

Financial Literacy for Teens

April 2016
Grades: 6–12
In partnership with BECU-Financial Literacy

This special section will provide middle and high school students with tools for building financial literacy.

Map Your Career

April–May 2016
Grades: 9–12
In Partnership with Workforce Development Council of King County

This four-part series will educate your students on career pathways, wages and current trends in key industries in Seattle-King County. Take advantage of our final program of the school year to help your students explore their futures and map their careers in growing industries.

Emailed Lesson Plans

Elementary

Teaching News is Elementary

Grades 1–3
Fridays, Aug. 28, 2015–June 17, 2016

This lesson is designed to introduce elementary students to the newspaper and engage them in activities which support language arts, math, science and social studies.

Math

Sum Up the News

Grades 8–12
Tuesdays, Sept. 8, 2015–June 14, 2016

Students can increase their math skills and vocabulary through prompts built to prepare them for high school proficiency exams.

Current Events, Literacy

Newsbreak

Grades 4–8 and struggling readers
Mondays and Wednesdays, Aug. 24, 2015–June 15, 2016

Increase students’ reading comprehension, scanning/skimming techniques and vocabulary through an examination of the day’s current events. Lessons include Reading In-Depth and the Current Events Scavenger Hunt, taking students through all sections of the Sunday newspaper.

Language Arts and Social Studies

Civic Minds

Grades 8–12
Fridays, Sept. 11, 2015–June 17, 2016

Develop your students’ political awareness and inspire them to take meaningful action while building literacy and writing skills. Students will review the top political stories that relate to important local, national and global issues, with the goal of inspiring them to take action in their communities through thought provoking activities. These weekly lessons will connect to the Classroom-Based Assessment models suggested by OSPI for social studies, especially physics and geography.

Science

Science Time

Grades 6–12
Wednesdays, Sept. 9, 2015–June 15, 2016

Ideal for any STEM classroom, this program will increase your students’ awareness of scientific issues facing our local community and our world. Develop students’ science vocabulary and build literacy skills through comprehension and inquiry-based questions and activities.

ELL

Building Language Skills: English Language Learners

All grades
Thursdays, Aug. 27, 2015–June 16, 2016

Build your students’ second language skills using the daily newspaper as a resource. This program is ideal for students who are building their cognitive academic language proficiency in English.

Lesson plans will not be sent on the following dates: 11/11/15, 11/26/2015, 11/27/2015, 12/20/2015–11/2016, 2/15/2016–2/19/16

Additional Curricula

Online teachers’ guides are available to use with your classroom newspaper. Topics range from reading the newspaper to writing, math, science, media literacy, multicultural awareness and many more.

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