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Registration for APTPLUS™

The registration process for APTPLUS has been simplified! A single sign-on through the APTPLUS Federated Search function is now operative.

Currently Registered:

If you previously registered with APTPLUS or Discovery Education streaming (formerly unitedstreaming) and have a Username and Password, you do not need to register again. To access the content, follow the directions below.

- Log on to www.aptplus.org.
- Click on the APTPLUS Federated Search icon. (This is a **requirement**)
- Click on "Sign In Now."

Type in your Username and Password and click on "Login to APTPLUS."

New to APTPLUS:

If you have NOT registered with APTPLUS or Discovery Education streaming (formerly unitedstreaming), you may register online by following the directions below:

- Log on to www.aptplus.org.
- Click on the APTPLUS Federated Search icon. (This is a **requirement**.)
- Click on "Register Now."
- Scroll down to the section entitled "How do I register?"
- Select the category that identifies your position and click on the appropriate link.
- Complete the contact information profile and click "Send to APTPLUS."
- Your Username and Password will be e-mailed to you.

Your assigned Username and Password will permit future entry into APTPLUS and access to all of the content available on APTPLUS by following the directions outlined above under "Currently Registered."

Forgotten your Username and Password:

If you are registered in APTPLUS or Discovery Education streaming (formerly unitedstreaming) and can not remember your Username and Password, you may retrieve them by following the directions below:

- Log on to www.aptplus.org.
- Click on the APTPLUS Federated Search icon.
- Click on "Register Now."
- Scroll down to the section entitled "I am already registered but ..."
- Click on the designated link, complete the contact information profile, and your Username and Password will be e-mailed to you.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH ON APT

THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN ALABAMA TOLD BY THE PEOPLE WHO WERE THERE

Let Alabama Public Television (APT) be your source for educational content to teach students about African American history and the Civil Rights movement. Both on air and online, Alabama Public Television can bring video content to the classroom to help teachers tell the story of those whose legacy we commemorate.

Black History Month was originated in 1926 by historian Carter G. Woodson. Woodson chose the second week of February because it marked the birthdays of two Americans who greatly influenced the lives and social condition of African Americans: former President Abraham Lincoln and abolitionist Frederick Douglass. It is a remembrance of important people and events in the history of the African Diaspora.

ON AIR

APT documentaries

In commemoration of Black History Month, APT presents two of its original documentaries that examine the African American

struggle for equal rights in this country.

Justice Without Violence airs on APT on Sunday, February 1 at 8:00 pm and on February 15 at 2:30 pm. *Sisters of Selma: Bearing Witness for Change* airs on APT on Tuesday, February 17 at 8:00 pm.

Justice Without Violence tells the story of the now legendary Montgomery Bus Boycott of 1955-1956. This nonviolent protest to end bus segregation inspired a new era in freedom and human rights struggles across the globe. Never has a movement so successfully united a group of people across class, gender and age.

Sisters of Selma: Bearing Witness for Change is the story of a group of nuns who made history in the streets of Selma in 1965. At a time when church leaders were reluctant to address the treatment of African Americans in the South, these women defied authority to publicly share their conviction of equal rights for all people.

Colonial Williamsburg live, electronic field trip

On the third Thursday of each month (October - April) at NOON central time, APT airs a live, electronic field trip produced by Colonial Williamsburg. In recognition of Black History Month, the February 19th electronic field trip is entitled **Freedom Bound**. It is a live portrayal of slaves who despite overwhelming odds chose to run to freedom. Their tales of choice, hope and escape from slavery are highlighted in stories that span three centuries. This powerful electronic field trip is produced for grades 4-8 and offers students the opportunity to ask questions of on-site experts through a call-in procedure as well as online.

ONLINE

To identify online streaming video content on APTPLUS™ appropriate for Black History Month, please see page 2 of this newsletter.

APTPLUS™ UPGRADES!

NEWS FOR YOUR ONLINE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER AND WEB SITE

Alabama Public Television (APT) has launched a new and improved APTPLUS™, APT's educational Web site. Check it out at www.aptplus.org. In addition to a simplified registration process for educators not yet enrolled, APTPLUS™ is now available, FREE of charge, to all Alabama parents!

Parent Eligibility

Parents may now register for

APTPLUS™ by logging on to www.aptplus.org, click on the Parent icon, complete the profile form and send to APT. Their username and password will be e-mailed to them within 48 hours (unless an excessive number of requests has been received which could delay the process). Please inform the parents of your students that this FREE service is now available to them to use at home with their children. (Note:

APTPLUS™ for parents includes all databases except Discovery Education *streaming* (formerly unitedstreaming.)

NOTE TO LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALISTS: PLEASE POST THE ABOVE NOTICE ON YOUR SCHOOL'S WEB SITE AND ONLINE NEWSLETTER.

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Focus on:

The Heart

Discovery Education *streaming*

- **Where is Your Heart?** (K - 2)
(segment from Mighty Me - an educational exercise program)
- **Keeping Your Heart Muscles Healthy** (K - 2)
- **Working on the Heart and Lungs** (K - 2)
- **Exercising the Heart and Circulatory System** (3rd - 8th)
- **The Heart: The Heart of the Circulatory System** (3rd - 5th)
- **How the Heart Works** (3rd - 5th)
- **Pumping Life: The Heart and Circulatory System** (6th - 8th)
- **How to Improve Your Cardiovascular Endurance and Other Fun Facts About the Heart** (6th - 8th)
- **What Should Your Cholesterol Levels Be?** (9th - 12th)

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- **Silly Willy Workout** (Pre-K - 3)
- **Science is Elementary: What's Inside Your Body? Heart & Blood** (K - 6)
- **Yucky Guts: Physical Fitness for Children** (K - 3)
- **Human Body for Students: Circulatory System** (4 - 8)
- **Lifestyle Diseases** (7 - 9)
- **The Human Condition: The Heart of the Matter** (7 - 12)

Discovery Education *streaming*

Date	Theme	Media Title	Grades
1st	2003: Space Shuttle Columbia Breaks Apart Upon Reentry	Columbia's Final Mission (segment from WHEN WE LEFT EARTH: The NASA Missions: A Home in Space)	6th - 12th
9th	1870: U.S. Weather Bureau Authorized	Weather Bureau, National (scholarly article)	6th - 12th
14th	1817 Frederick Douglass Born	Abolitionist (segment of Causes of the Civil War)	6th - 8th
18th	1745: Alessandro Volta, Physicist, Born	Simple Voltaic Cells Physics: A World in Motion:Current Electricity Electronics Classroom	9th - 12th 9th - 12th Prof. Dev.
21st	1953: Structure of DNA Molecule Discovered	The Biology of Life: DNA: The Master Molecule of Life	6th - 8th
25th	1841: Pierre Renoir, Artist, Born	Styles of Renoir and Monet (segment from Discovering the Arts: Impressionism and Beyond)	6th - 12th
26th	1852: John Harvey Kellogg, Healthy Lifestyle Pioneer, Born	The Magic Coach: Exercise and Nutrition for Fitness	6th - 8th
27th	1902; John Steinbeck, Writer, Born	Great Books: The Grapes of Wrath (part of the Great Books series)	9th - 12th

PowerMediaPlus

Date	Theme	Media Title	Grades
1st	2003: Space Shuttle Columbia Breaks Apart Upon Reentry	Space Science for Students: The Space Shuttle and Its Support Staff (also see Teacher's Guide and Worksheet)	4th - 6th
9th	1870: U.S. Weather Bureau Authorized	The Ultimate Geography Starter Collection: Weather & Climate	1st - 6th
14th	1817 Frederick Douglass Born	Leading Black Americans: Frederick A. Douglass (MP3 audio)	6th - 9th
18th	1745: Alessandro Volta, Physicist, Born	Science is Elementary: How Does That Work? Electricity & Magnetism How Electricity Works (segment from Knucklehead's Electrical Safety)	4th - 6th K - 2nd
21st	1953: Structure of DNA Molecule Discovered	Introduction to Cell Structure: The Structure of the Cell	7th - 12th
25th	1841: Pierre Renoir, Artist, Born	Impressionism: Shimmering visions	7th - 12th
26th	1852: John Harvey Kellogg, Healthy Lifestyle Pioneer, Born	Exercise Series, Second Edition: Feel Good, Think Sharp, Look Your Best	7th - 9th
27th	1902; John Steinbeck, Writer, Born	Voices of the Dust with Steven Anderson	7th - 12th