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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.aptpplus.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.aptpplus.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't remember your Username and Password, you may retrieve them by following the directions below:

- Log on to www.aptpplus.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.

APTPLUS EXPANDS TO INCLUDE NEW CONTENT

NEWS FLASH!

APTPLUS will offer more content than ever before! **Learn360**, a new and exciting educational database, is being added to our APTPLUS educational Web site. This incredible resource will add more than 8,000 new streaming video titles from over 35 of the most trusted and award-winning education producers such as PBS, National Geographic, Phoenix Media, Sunburst, WGBH, NASA, A & E, tvo, Media 4 Math, cerebrillum, and Weston Woods. Learn360 offers content for grades K-12 in social studies, language arts, mathematics, guidance & health, arts and world languages to all educators and students through APTPLUS.

Educators will feel even more empowered to engage their students in the learning process with this enriched content using 21st century Web 2.0 tools including the creation of classroom blogs and podcasting capabilities.

APTPLUS DATABASES

Learn360 will not replace Discovery Education streaming (formerly unitedstreaming). Discovery Education streaming will continue to be available to all educators and students free of charge on APTPLUS. Learn360 will, however, replace PowerMediaPlus. The PowerMediaPlus database will no longer be available on APTPLUS. Learn360 provides upgraded quality of video, more current titles, 3 different bit rates (384Kb, 512Kb and 1.5 Mb),

and 3 different formats (Flash, Windows Media and QuickTime). The APTV Video Plus and Local Content databases will continue to be accessible through APTPLUS.

TIMETABLE FOR CHANGE

The new APTPLUS Web site will be operational this fall. Tutorials to guide educators through the changes on APTPLUS to access the new content in Learn360 as well as Discovery Education streaming will be posted on APTPLUS before the end of the year. Watch for more information in the November issue of the *Learning Curve*. In the meantime, continue to enjoy all of the educational content available on the existing APTPLUS Web site including the Discovery Education streaming database.

SPOTLIGHT ON EDUCATION

The State of Our Schools

Featuring State Superintendent Dr. Joseph Morton

As educators, the state of our schools in Alabama is of paramount importance. Budget concerns, proration, important educational initiatives such as the Reading Initiative and AMSTI, and revisions to the high school graduation exam are a few of the topics that State Superintendent Joe Morton will address as our guest on the next *Spotlight on Education* show airing on Alabama Public Television on October 29th at 7:00 pm. The show will be hosted by producer Rhonda Colvin who will question Superintendent Morton on "No Child Left Behind," AYP results, and how Alabama schools are handling health issues such as the swine flu. These are all topics of concern and interest to every teacher and parent in the state but we want to hear from you as well. If you prefer to phone your questions in, please call toll free at #1-866-552-0025 during the live broadcast. If you prefer to participate through our live blog, please log on to <http://www.aptv.org/liveblog.asp> or if you prefer to e-mail your questions, please e-mail them to stateofourschools@aptv.org during the live broadcast. Educating Alabama's youth is everyone's responsibility and we all need to be actively involved in providing the best resources and 21st century learning tools possible. We welcome your opinions and questions and hope that you will join us for the next *Spotlight on Education*.

Alabama "Young Heroes" Awards for 2010

Down through the ages, civilizations have defined and identified heroes in a myriad of ways. Webster's defines a "hero" as "one that shows great courage" or "a man admired for his achievements and noble qualities." So, what is "Young Heroes"? It is a partnership between Alabama Public Television and the State Department of Education to recognize and honor students in grades 9-12 who have excelled in academics, served their community, and overcome specific hardships in life. Alabama Public Television is thrilled to announce that the search for the 2010 Young Heroes in Alabama has begun. Students who meet the criteria of *courage, determination, volunteerism, and commitment to excellence* qualify for entry. Each of the five students selected for a Young Hero Award will receive a generous \$2,500 scholarship, a new laptop computer, associated software, and other gifts.

Educators, administrators, guidance counselors, and teachers, ACT NOW! Nominate a qualified and deserving student for this prestigious award. The deadline for receipt of nominations is December 18, 2009. To access the application form, log on to www.aptv.org, and click on Young Heroes on the APT home page. Award recipients will be announced in February of 2010. The awards ceremony will be held on May 12, 2010, at the Renaissance Hotel in Montgomery and it will be broadcast live throughout the state on Alabama Public Television. For more information, contact Alabama Public Television at 1-800-239-5233, extension 152.

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ALABAMA PUBLIC TELEVISION

Focus on:

Columbus Day / American Indian Heritage Day

- Columbus Day (K-2nd) [DE]
- Holiday Facts and Fun: Columbus Day (3rd-5th) [DE]
- The New World: Encountered (6th-8th) [DE]
- Exploring the World: Christopher Columbus and the New World (3rd-5th) [DE]
- Exploring the World: Spanish Explorers of North America (3rd-5th) [DE]
- The Great Age of Exploration (1400-1550) (6th-12th) [DE]
- Culture Clash: New World Meets Old (9th-12th) [DE]
- Native Americans: Contact and Conflict (6th-8th) [DE]
- Pow Wow: a Native American Gathering (6th-8th) [DE]
- Native Americans: Native Americans Today (6th-8th)[DE]
- TLC Elementary School: American Values in Conflict (6th-8th) [DE]
- Discovering Alabama: Moundville Native American Festival (3rd-12th) [DE]
- Discovering Alabama: Black Warrior River (3rd-12th) [DE]
- Oct. 12, 1892: Pledge of Allegiance first recited in public schools**
- The Pledge of Allegiance (K-2nd) [DE seg]
- U.S. Symbols (K-2nd) [DE]

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DATE	EVENT	VIDEO TITLE	GRADES	MEDIA ASSET
8th	Great Chicago Fire started, 1871	Big Fires in History: The Chicago Fire Firefighters and Fire Safety For Kids Understanding: Fire	K-2nd K-2nd 6th-8th	DE seg DE DE
11th	Apollo 7 launched, 1968	The Space Files: Exploration: A History of Space Flight Junior Space Scientist: Riding in the Sky	6th-8th K-5th	DE DE
14th	Normandy defeats England at the Battle of Hastings, 1066	Medieval Times: Life in the Middle Ages (1000-1450 A.D.) Elementary Video Adventures: Times Medieval	6th-8th 3rd-5th	DE seg DE
15th	Birth date of Virgil, Roman poet, 70 B.C.E.	Myths and Legends: Ancient Rome Living History: Living in the Roman Empire The Aeneid Journals Through History: Ancient Rome: The Eternal City	6th-8th 6th-8th 3rd-5th 3rd-5th	DE DE DE DE
21st	Birth date of Samuel Alderson, inventor of the crash-test dummy, 1914	Ask Any Dummy: Seat Belts Make Sense! Safe Driving for Teens	9th-12th 9th-12th	DE DE
24th	United Nations Day	The History Game: The United Nations The Birth of the United Nations and Postwar Recovery Operation Restore Hope is a Success: U.N. Takes Over for U.S.	6th-8th 6th-8th 9th-12th	DE DE seg DE seg
25th	Birth date of Pablo Picasso, 1881	Pablo Picasso Art Tango: Completing Picasso Portraits One Minute in a Museum: "Two Women Running on the Beach"	9th-12th K-2nd 3rd-5th	DE DE DE
26th	First televised presidential debate, 1960	1960 Presidential Election The Words of JFK Campaign Essentials: Unraveling of a Candidate Elements of Presidential Debate: Technique The Lincoln-Douglas Debates, 1858	6th-8th 9th-12th 9th-12th 9th-12th 6th-8th	DE seg DE seg DE DE seg DE seg
29th	Stock Market crashes, 1929	The Tarnished Dream: 1929-1931 American in the 20th Century: the Great Depression Economics: a Framework for Teaching the Basic Concepts: Fundamental Economic Concepts	6th-8th 6th-8th 9th-12th	DE DE DE
30th	Radio dramatization of <u>The War of the Worlds</u> creates panic, 1938	Radio Station's "Attack by Mars" Panics Thousands	6th-12th	DE seg
31st	Halloween	Holiday Facts and Fun: Halloween McGruff: Halloween By the Light of the Halloween Moon	K-5th K-5th K-2nd	DE DE DE

DE=Discovery Education streaming (full video) DE seg=Discovery Education streaming video segment
PMP=PowerMediaPlus APTPLUS=videos produced by Alabama Public Television