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Financial Education in Practice

Maine High School Supports Financial Literacy

Students say they are better with finances after completing a Leavitt Area High School course called "Money." They learned about credit cards, insurance, college loans and car loans. They've learned how to budget. How to spend less. How to save.

Check out the full article at

http://www.sunjournal.com/story/301563-3/ToughTimesNews/Minds_on_the_money/

Wabanaki Teacher Workshop

DATE: Monday March 9, 2009

TIME: 8:30-4:00 (teachers will receive 7 contact hours)

LOCATION: Abbe Museum downtown Bar Harbor

The Abbe Museum, in Bar Harbor Maine, will host a free teacher workshop dedicated to give all Maine teachers basic information needed to meet their new Maine Learning Results and LD 291.

The day will focus on two topics; the strengths and limitations of using Wabanaki legends to teach about Maine Native Americans, and a brief overview designed for teachers on the Wabanaki at the time of European contact. The workshop is designed to give teachers content to apply to the classroom, and is open to teachers of all grade levels. You can find the information on the Abbe Museum's website at www.abbemuseum.org under "Educator Resources: Teacher Workshop".

Panwapa Global Citizenry Education

Panwapa is an educational initiative targeting 5 to 8 year olds about global citizenry. The Panwapa initiative was created through a partnership between Sesame Workshop (creators of Sesame Street) and the Merrill Lynch Foundation.

The primary aim of Panwapa is to build children's awareness of the diverse world in which we live by providing them with the building blocks to explore self, their community, and the wider world.

Featuring an entirely new group of Muppet characters, Panwapa consists of an interactive website, www.panwapa.com, a DVD and print materials that are available in five languages - Arabic, English, Japanese, Mandarin, and Spanish - to children both here in the United States and around the world.

Looking for Lincoln

On PBS February 11th (Check local listings for broadcast times)

Looking for Lincoln is an unprecedented two-hour series exploring the life and legacy of the man considered to be one of our best and most enigmatic presidents. The series, hosted by Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr., addresses many of the controversies surrounding Lincoln - race, equality, religion, politics, and depression - by interpreting evidence from those who knew him and those who study him today. Gates' quest to piece together Lincoln's complex life takes him from Illinois to Gettysburg to Washington, D.C. The series features Pulitzer Prize winners Doris Kearns Goodwin and Tony Kushner, Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush, and a variety of Lincoln scholars, writers, and journalists.

The Web Site goes live January 26! Visit www.pbs.org/lookingforlincoln for more information.