

WXXI Events and Off Air Taping Highlights for Fall 2009

National American Indian Heritage Month

Iroquois Airs 11/4 & 11/11 at 1-2 a.m.

The series, much of which was filmed on Iroquois reservations, explores different aspects of Iroquois culture, including the oral story-telling tradition and its historical significance, as well as contemporary Iroquois art, education and current political issues.

Words on the Wind Airs 11/18 at 10:30-11 p.m.

Native American poetry.

Weaving Worlds Airs 11/25 at 1-2 a.m.

Collected and highly valued throughout the world, Navajo rugs have been the subject of many aesthetic, scholarly studies. Weaving Worlds tells the story of Navajo rug weavers and their role within the global market economy. Through interviews and oral histories, the film gives an intimate look at current dilemmas facing Navajo weavers, as well as the relationship between weaving and family relations. <http://weavinginbeauty.com/trading-posts/weaving-worlds-documentary-to-be-shown-on-pbs>



Image from <http://www.loc.gov/topics/nativeamericans/photos/>

Frontline 9-10 p.m.

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/view/>

11/13 **The Medicated Child** Frontline confronts psychiatrists, researchers and government regulators about the risks, benefits and many questions surrounding prescription drugs for troubled children.

11/17 **A Death in Tehran** Neda Soltani was shot and killed on the streets of Tehran, Iran, during protests over the country's presidential election.

12/30 **The Card Game** Examines the future of the massive consumer loan industry and its impact on a fragile national economy.

American Experience 9-10 p.m.

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/>

11/2 **Civilian Conversation Corps** Enlisting 250,000 workers in just two months, the CCC was President Roosevelt's answer to the environmental and economic challenges facing the country.

11/9 **Hover Dam** Rising 726 feet above the raging waters of the Colorado River, it was called by the man whose name it bears "the greatest engineering work of its character ever attempted by the hand of man."

12/30 **Surviving the Dust Bowl** The remarkable story of the determined people who clung to their homes and way of life, enduring drought, dust, disease—even death—for nearly a decade.

Germs, Viruses and Vaccines

SID THE SCIENCE KID learns about vaccines and staying well. It's vaccination day at Sid's school, and Sid and his friends are a little apprehensive about getting a shot. Thankfully, a very special nurse will be giving the kids their vaccination—Sid's Grandma! Throughout the episode, Grandma, Teacher Susie, Mom and Dad all do their part to make vaccination day a fun learning experience filled with music, games and lots of laughs. Airs @ 8:30 a.m. on 10/29, 11/3, 11/11, 11/19, 11/27 and 12/21.



See Your Students on TV

Homework Hotline is looking for students in grades 4 - 12 to participate in the Book Review segment of their program. WXXI will come to your school and set up in your library media center to record students presenting their book reports. Students can dress up as the character of their book to present their reviews, use a drawing or other art projects as a visual aid if they choose. To look at archived book reports, go to <http://homeworkhotline.org/>. Attached is the permission slip that the students need to participate.

VITAL Information

New York Public Television Stations will discontinue their contract with *PowerMediaPlus* (a.k.a. Ed.Video Online and formally United Streaming) as of June 2010. You can still access this library of multimedia resources through their website at <http://www.powermediaplus.com/> until June. It is recommended that any lesson plans or other materials that you may have saved there now be saved locally so you can access it after June 2010.

To replace *PowerMediaPlus*, the New York Public Television Stations are now providing free of charge an online library of digital media resources for the K-12 classroom called **VITAL New York** <http://vital.thirteen.org/vital2td.html>. VITAL New York features public television video and interactive content that is fully aligned to the state's learning standards. It contains "online video-based instructional activities for more than 2,000 resources, including 300 developed to support the New York State core curriculum in English Language Arts and mathematics for grades 3-8, as well as more than 1,000 that have been aligned to the New York State Regents curriculum in Global History and Geography, Living Environment, Earth Science, Physics, and Chemistry." It is offered to **all** New York State educators, students and parents.

