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## wmht teacher newsletter

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Hello Everyone,  
As the new year begins, I wanted to update you about some of the goings-on here at WMHT. See the links below to quickly find what you are looking for.  
And as always, please feel free to contact us at [education@wmht.org](mailto:education@wmht.org) with any questions that you might have.

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### WMHT American Graduate



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WMHT: American Graduate is a public media initiative funded by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to help local communities across America find solutions

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### VITAL NY



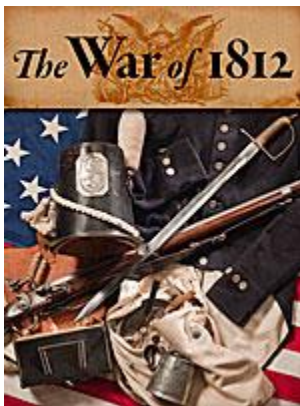
**NEW! Common Core Video Series**

Are you beginning to implement the

to address the high school dropout crisis. WMHT is facilitating this effort in our community to raise awareness about the high dropout rate, to mobilize community members to actively support at-risk students, and to promote or provide pathways to existing community resources. To learn more, visit the [WMHT American Graduate web page](#). Like us on the [WMHT American Graduate Facebook page](#).

If your organization has a program to support student success that can be featured on the WMHT American Graduate webpage as a community resource, or if you are interested in how community conversations can be shaped around the American Graduate Project, please contact [Amanda Lester](#), WMHT Community Engagement Coordinator, for more information.

## The War of 1812



A generation after the Revolution, Americans were once again plunged into war with Great Britain. Why? Join Henry Clay, Tecumseh, Andrew Jackson, James Madison, and others as they struggle to determine what course the United States will take.

Tune in to *the broadcast premiere of **The War of 1812***,

an electronic field trip from Colonial Williamsburg, on **Thursday, January 19 @ 10a.m.**, or record for future use.

The video preview is available [here](#).

Taping rights and school scholarship information are provided [here](#).

## Dinosaur Train: Free Educator Toolkit

Common Core standards in your classroom? Have questions? This [15-part video series](#) explains the new standards in depth.

[Contact](#) us for more information about professional development workshops.



WMHT's '[Composer of the Month](#)' for January is Edvard Grieg (1843-1907). The Norwegian composer and pianist is best known for his Piano Concerto in A minor, for his incidental music to Henrik Ibsen's play Peer Gynt (which includes Morning Mood and In the Hall of the Mountain King), and for his collection of piano miniatures Lyric Pieces. Links to related classroom resources can be found [here](#).

Composer's Classroom is a partnership between WMHT-FM and the Mohonasen Central School District! You can hear WMHT's Bill Winans on this month's composer just after the 7 a.m. news on Friday mornings on [WMHT-FM](#).



This nationwide challenge invites game makers, young and adult, to show their passion for playing and making video games. The competition aims to motivate



The [Dinosaur Train Educator Toolkit](#) is perfect for teaching paleontology, life science and natural history to preschoolers. Each toolkit contains episode clips, music videos, lyric sheets, and

PreK - Kindergarten appropriate lesson plans from the show. On the same form, you can sign up to receive a Dinosaur Train Nature Tracker poster!

And remember you can watch **Dinosaur Train** on [WMHT-TV](#) weekdays at 9:30 a.m. Visit the [WMHT Family Resources](#) page for links to more fun learning activities with your preschooler.

## OUR TOWN: SCHENECTADY



You are cordially invited to a Preview Screening of **OUR TOWN: SCHENECTADY** at *Proctors GE Theatre*, 432 State Street, Schenectady, on Tuesday, January 17 @ 7:00 pm. Please RSVP to 518.880.8400 or [rsvp@wmht.org](mailto:rsvp@wmht.org)

Enjoy the broadcast of OUR TOWN: SCHENECTADY on Thursday, January 19 @ 7:30pm. Watch a preview clip [here](#).

children's interests in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM).

PBS KIDS, in partnership with the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) is participating in the 2012 National STEM Video Game Challenge. Learn [more](#) about how you and your students can participate.

Hope your new year is off to a good start!

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