

# Interactive Student Video Conferences



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The Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center offers numerous interactive student lessons. Most student sessions are available upon request and are accompanied by program extensions that extend student meaning.



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## **2014-2015 Distance Learning Pricing**

**45 student sessions-FREE to all current  
MVESC DL Members**

**\$85.00 per building/per connection**

**\*30 student maximum**

*\*if your school building/district requires special bridging services, your district technician will be responsible for all scheduling requirements. Individual districts in this case are responsible for any line charges and fees that result from the connection*

Fall Themed Lessons	Grade
<p><b><u>Friendship and Respect</u></b> Building student citizenship skills through respect are an important component of any classroom setting. Students will look at gaining and giving respect to each other through interactive literature extensions. The perfect distance learning event for building friendships in the new school year. This unit can be modified to use for Valentine Day celebrations.</p>	K-3
<p><b><u>No More Bullies!</u></b> Students will explore the challenges of growing up and getting along with others. A very important topic in society today. Don't miss this distance learning event.</p>	K-5
<p><b><u>Citizenship: It's Your Right!</u> GREAT addition to "Constitution Day" activities!</b> This distance learning event looks at many different aspects of citizenship. Students will explore the rights and responsibilities of citizens, the branches of the United States government, and patriotism.</p>	3-6
<p><b><u>Spider Insider</u></b> (<a href="#">Special holiday event; dates and times determined at a later date</a>) Come one, come all, if you dare. Spiders, spiders, EVERYWHERE! This interactive lesson is perfect for fall holiday integration. PreK-K students will enjoy music, literature, and science all wrapped into 1 fun and interactive lesson. Spider Insider includes activities that practice letter recognition, rhyming words, sorting /classifying, and fine motor skills. Don't miss the opportunity to explore these creepy crawlers with a bad reputation!</p>	PreK-KDG
<p><b><u>Boo-ti-ful Pumpkins</u></b> Students will examine various math concepts in this "fall themed" video conference lesson. Using a pumpkin the presenter will facilitate an interactive student lesson on circumference and estimation. Student groups work collaboratively to explore the mathematic concepts and to explain their methods of achieving the answer. Appropriate literature is used to solidify the topics explored.</p>	1-3
<p><b><u>A-Maize-ing Corn!</u></b> Centered around a Thanksgiving theme, students will examine, observe, and predict information as they explore the concepts of estimation and measuring lengths using non-standard units. They will differentiate between a "wild" and a "reasonable" estimate and utilize different strategies for reasonable estimation. They will expand their knowledge of the history and uses of corn, hear a Thanksgiving story about a "plump and perky" turkey, and will read a special Thanksgiving poem.</p>	1-3
<p><b><u>Living in a New Land: The Pilgrims Meet the Wampanoag Tribe</u></b> This program looks at why the Pilgrims chose to come to the new world, and the settlement they made in the American wilderness. Students will use various reasoning skills to determine the challenges that they faced, the tribes they met, and the hardships they endured. Students will compare and contrast cultures for a better understanding of the life and times during the 1600's.</p>	K-2
<p><b><u>Coming to America: The Colonization of Jamestown and Plymouth</u></b> This program explores the first English settlements in America: Jamestown and Plymouth. By viewing this program students will discover who the colonists were, from where they came, how they crossed the ocean, and the things they did to create settlements in the American wilderness.</p>	3-5
<p><b><u>Where the Buffalo Roam</u></b> Students will investigate the ways in which the Native Americans relied on the buffalo for their survival. Shared discussions, videos, literature, and an interactive game will show students how valuable this resource was in their lives. Don't miss out on this fall event!</p>	4-5

Winter Themed Lessons	
<b>Spending Time With Mrs. Claus</b> ( <a href="#">Special holiday event; dates and times determined at a later date</a> )	
Do you want the perfect holiday themed “educational event”? Students and teachers love this literature based session! Classrooms will have the opportunity to meet with Mrs. Claus via video conference to share holiday stories, traditions, and educational lessons. Basic map and geography skills along with various reading and writing activities will be completed. One of our most “popular” distance learning events!	PreK-2
<b>Cobwebs for Christmas</b>	
Students will learn about the all-important tradition for adding a little “bling” to their Christmas trees. <i>Cobwebs for Christmas</i> looks at the tradition of placing tinsel on trees. The story, <i>Cobweb Christmas</i> by Shirley Climo will be read, and explored in this 50 minute lesson that incorporates Science, Language Arts, and Technology standards. The charming story is set in Germany, and focuses on some curious spiders paying a visit to Grandma's tree. Students will extend learning by looking at arachnids, their similarities and differences, and their needs for survival. This lesson is intended for grades K-2	K-2
<b>The Polar Express</b>	
This is a fun, informative, and very interactive math and language activity tailor made for the holidays. The Polar Express focuses on the details of the timeless Chris Van Allsburg story “The Polar Express”. Presenters will use the story details to teach various math and language concepts. This lesson is intended for grades K-3. The activities will be modified for the grade level attending the conference. Don’t miss this “jolly” time on the mythical “Polar Express”!	K-3
<b>Reindeer Games with Mrs. Claus</b> ( <a href="#">Special holiday event; dates and times determined at a later date</a> )	
Preschool and kindergarten classrooms will have a “Claus” for celebration as they meet with Mrs. Claus via video conference. A holiday lesson with educational concepts will be experienced in a unique new way for young audiences. A hands-on activity will keep students engaged in the lesson and the materials will be provided to the classrooms who attend.	PreK-KDG
<b>Follow your Dreams! (Martin Luther King)</b>	
This special event takes an up close look at an American hero, Martin Luther King Jr. His background information will be explored along with the heroic actions he endeavored throughout his life. Students will learn the significance of Martin Luther King Day and discuss how this hero has impacted their lives	3-5
<b>Our Changing Weather: The Science of the Seasons</b>	
Students examine the seasons through various weather characteristics and will discuss the changes that occur on the Earth’s surface as a result. Students investigate how water changes from one state to another, trace weather patterns, and determine the weather that is associated with each cloud type. Perfect session for those cold winter months!	3-5
<b>“Snow” Much Fun!</b>	
Winter can be a dreary time when students are wishing to be outside and productivity in the classroom seems to dwindle. Pump up your students with a little bit of winter fun while they learn about the seasonal changes in weather and explore snowflakes at the same time! An introduction to “Snowflake Bentley and his snowflake theories and photography, will help students connect geometry and math to the weather.	K-2
<b>Roses are Pink, Your Feet Really Stink!</b>	
Perfect addition to Valentine Day activities! Students will look at gaining and giving respect to each other through interactive literature extensions. Students will investigate the importance of getting along with others in a fun new way.	K-3
<b>American Heroes: George Washington and Abraham Lincoln</b>	
Take an up close look at two American heroes: George Washington and Abe Lincoln. Students will examine why these two important Presidents have made a lasting impact on our country. Students will compare and contrast important facts in history through this 50 minute interactive session that is perfect for celebrating President’s Day or even just expanding student knowledge of historical events!	2-5

Spring Themed Lessons	
<b>More Trees Please!</b> ( <a href="#">Special Earth Day event; dates and times determined at a later date</a> )	
Saving the Earth and its creatures is now a global concern! We continually ask ourselves...How do our actions affect the Earth? In this interactive event, students will investigate ways in which humans use natural resources to meet their needs, and the ways the Earth is changed in the process. Students will explore decisions and consequences through the eyes of Dr. Seuss's story "The Lorax". Various concepts will be explored including pollution, conservation, and recycling. This is a perfect addition to your Earth Day activities!	2-4
<b>A Day at the Beach (oceans)</b>	
This interactive session explores the wondrous ocean habitat. Students will learn characteristics of mammals that you might find in the ocean as well as discuss the importance of oceans. From graphing to a fun science experiment, many content areas will be explored in this session. Don't miss out; it's a whale of a time!	K-3
<b>Down on the Farm</b>	
Students will finally get the answers to those brain burning questions like... <i>"Why do pigs roll in the mud?"</i> , and <i>"Why are some eggs white, and others are brown?"</i> . Experiments and farm artifacts will take kids on a virtual field trip to the farm! Don't miss the opportunity for your students to find the answers to these questions and more! It is definitely a connection that they will not soon forget!	K-3
<b>Egg-Citing Animals and Egg Activities</b>	
No "yolk's" about it folks, this video conference will keep your students engaged for an entire 60 minutes! This lesson is packed full of "dozens" of egg facts, fun, experiments, and literature. Topics explored include: Dr. Seuss (author discussion, and shared reading of "Green Eggs and Ham"); Rhyming Words; Reader's Theater (Shared student reading of poetry selection); Identification of main ideas, characters, and supporting details; Science Link: Oviparous Animals. This lesson is perfect for celebrating Dr. Seuss's March birthday or incorporating it into Spring or Easter classroom activities.	K-3
<b>From Egg to Butterfly</b>	
This distance learning This distance learning event looks at the life cycle of the magical butterfly. The life cycle stages and butterfly development will be explored in this interactive lesson. Topics discussed include: habitat, metamorphosis, migration, adaptation. The kids will wrap up this lesson with an interactive game titled: "Who Wants to be a Butterfly"	K-2
<b>It's Not Easy Being Green! The Metamorphosis of a Frog</b>	
Do frogs have teeth? What do frogs eat? Where can amphibians live? This distance learning event looks at the life cycle of an amphibian and many characteristics of these slimy yet cool creatures. From egg to frog, many "froggy" aspects will be explored in this lesson. <i>One of our most popular distance learning connections!</i> This session is modified for the grade level attending.	K-5
<b>Bloom Where You are Planted!</b>	
This interactive distance learning event explores various Life Science concepts. Plant parts, and life cycles are just two of the concepts that will be discussed. Students will wrap up this event by participating in a game of Who Wants to be a Millionaire!	2-4
Math Sessions	
<b>Bits and Pieces</b>	
This event is designed to introduce fractions in a fun and engaging way! Students will explore how we use fractions in our everyday lives and learn why it's important that we know about them. Basic mathematical terms will be introduced such as fraction, fair, equal, numerator and denominator.	1-2

<p><b><u>Fraction Action!</u></b>  This lesson is an extension of "Bits and Pieces" with emphasis on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade indicators. Topics include equivalent fractions &amp; dividing whole numbers into fractions. Students will investigate how fractions are used in our daily lives.</p>	3-4
<p><b><u>We're in the Money!</u></b>  This interactive math session serves as an introductory lesson on money. Students will discuss the value of coins as well as other attributes and discover the importance of learning about money. The poem, "Smart" by Shel Silverstein will be shared and the audience will find out how "smart" the main character really was. Don't miss out on this engaging math event!</p>	K-2
<p><b><u>Perimeter and Area for All!</u></b>  Using the story, <i>Spaghetti and Meatballs for All!</i> By Marilyn Burns, this distance learning event explores area and perimeter in a real-world context. After this 50 minute session, students will be able to see the relationship between perimeter and area and their own lives.</p>	3-4
<p><b><u>Wonderful Watermelons</u></b> (<a href="#">Special event; dates and times determined at a later date</a>)  This distance learning event is an interactive math lesson centered on a good ole' summer favorite...the juicy watermelon! Students involved in this lesson will enjoy group work with their classmates and practice oral communication skills sharing with other classrooms connected in the conference. As always, we will incorporate a literature selection within the course of the lesson.  <b>This video conference will address the following common core standards in Mathematics:</b>  <b>(1.MD.2) (1.G.3) (2.G.3)</b></p>	1-3
<b>Science Sessions</b>	
<p><b><u>As a "Matter" of Fact</u></b>  This is a beginning look at the states of matter and how they can be changed. Students spend time observing activities while simultaneously practicing good scientific inquiry and ways of knowing standards.</p>	K-2
<p><b><u>Who Needs Me? ...symbiotic relationships</u></b>  This session identifies the three major symbiotic relationships: mutualism, parasitism, and commensalism. Each relationship is described and several pictures are included for understanding. Working in small groups, students will have the opportunity to check their comprehension of each relationship with an interactive game. Finally, students will have the opportunity to play, "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" to assess their learning of the relationships. Topics discussed in this session include: predator, prey, host, symbiosis, commensalism, parasitism, and mutualism.</p>	4-7
<p><b><u>Web Browsers...A Look at Food Chains and Webs</u></b>  This fast-paced, fully illustrated class geared toward fourth and fifth graders is an introductory approach to food chains and webs. Vocabulary investigated includes energy, producers, consumers, carnivore, omnivores, herbivores, community. The transfer of energy is fully described in a class activity, and students will interactively create their own food chains and webs. The class ends with a review game. Additional hands-on follow-up activities for your classroom are included.</p>	4-5

## 2014-2015 Distance Learning Price Structure

\$85.00 per building/per connection\*

*\* There is a 30 student maximum per session. If schools go over the maximum allowance, a \$25.00 fee will be charged to your district – please see detailed policy below.*

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To register for a distance learning session, please read and follow all directions below:

1. Please navigate to the "[DL Register](#) link on our website".
2. If you do not already have a **LOGIN ID**, click the link at the bottom of the screen "**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**".
  - a. **If you had already registered on our old system prior to this email, we have created a username and temporary password for you in addition to scheduling the session(s) that you registered. Your username is your entire email, and your password is your first initial last name no spaces. In the event that your first initial and last name did not add up to at least 6 characters, we added the first few letters of your first name to get the minimum character length.**
3. From this point, please fill in **all** the contact and billing information on the screen. If any field is missing info, you will not have access to further options in the system.
4. A message will be sent to the email that you provided to confirm your registration. As soon as you receive the email, click on the link provided, and your account is now available to use. **\*Again, for those who have already scheduled sessions, you will not receive any emails as your account is already active.**
5. Sign in using your e-mail as your username and the password you created while registering.
6. This will take you to a page where you can view the student sessions and professional development sessions that we offer.
7. Click on the link to sign up for a session. If the school you are registering is not listed under the drop down menu "select a school" (new users will not have any site listed until adding each site manually) you will have to select "**add school**". This will take you to another section where you must fill in **all** the pertinent information for your school. Please be as thorough as possible. New registrants might want to take some time and add each site (building) that you schedule. This will save you time as the year progresses. Once the information is entered one, you will not need to resubmit any site info in the future. **ALL** information will automatically populate the fields for all future session that you schedule. Please make sure that you have your IP# and contact info complete for each site.
8. After your school is entered, you will be re-directed back to the window in which you should now be able to select your school from the drop down box.
9. Finish filling in all session information that remains. If the billing information for this particular site is different than what you have previously entered, you can change the content at that time. At the bottom you will see our cancellation policy that you must read and accept before moving on.
10. Click "**Submit Registration**" and that session will be entered onto our master calendar.

### Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center- Distance Learning Connection and Cancellation Policy

*The Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center (MVESC) understands the occasional need to reschedule programs due to changing schedules, inclement weather, or technical difficulties; however, MVESC commits resources to a program the moment a reservation is received and presenters are scheduled. Presenters must be paid for their preparation, time, and travel. Please note the Distance Learning Cancellation Policy below:*

1. *The school will:*
  - *Have an audience for the time and date the district scheduled the session and coordinate with teachers, technicians, coordinators, treasurers, and other parties prior to submitting the request;*
  - *MVESC asks that anyone making a reservation please check school calendars for holidays, professional development days, and testing dates to avoid potential conflicts.*

2. *Failure of a school to have the audience available for the scheduled session will result in a \$25 charge for the session. Scheduled events must be cancelled at least 24 hours in advance of the session to avoid the \$25 cancellation fee. This fee is nonreturnable and may not be applied toward a future session.*
3. *MVESC strongly recommends performing a test connection at least two days prior to the event. The school has the right to cancel any program the day of the test if a successful connection cannot be made. In such a case, MVESC will not charge the \$25 cancellation fee. If technical reasons prevent a successful connection on the day of the session, the \$25 fee also will be waived. The \$25 fee applies to all MVESC sponsored programming.*
4. *If you should not establish a connection, you MUST contact the MVESC by phone at the time of the connection (740-452-4518 x 164, x133, or x171) to notify the instructor. The MVESC will not waive the \$25 fee if we are not notified that there is a connection issue.*
5. *If the connection you have registered for has materials that are sent by mail, you must supply the MVESC with mailing address of the classroom that will receive the instruction. Failure to supply the MVESC with the proper address will result in additional fees for materials and postage. (The school will be charged for each kit sent by mail and the associated extra postage).*
6. *Taping of sessions is prohibited.*
7. *There is a 30 student maximum on all MVESC connections.*

*It is the goal of the MVESC Distance Learning Program to maintain high quality student interaction with the presenters. Limiting the number of students per session will ensure successful connections.*

  - a. *All sessions will be charged an \$85.00 instructional fee.*
  - b. *For sites that go over the student maximum, an additional \$25.00 (overage fee) will be applied.*
  - c. *This fee will be applied on your invoice at the end of the month.*
  - d. *For extra students added to a connection, an additional \$25.00 fee will apply. (e.g. 31- 60 students—Site charged \$85.00 instructional fee plus \$25 overage fee; 61-90 students--Site charged \$85.00 instructional fee plus \$50.00 overage fee.)*
8. *All MVESC distance learning programs will only be scheduled upon receipt of a signed purchase order. These may be mailed or faxed to Leslie Charles at MVESC (740-455-6702). If you regularly schedule programs with MVESC, please provide a number for us to reference when invoicing for sessions completed. Invoices will be sent at the end of each month, and payment is required in U.S. dollars within 30 days of receipt.*

We want this connection to be an enjoyable and valuable experience for both you and your students. We appreciate your feedback! Please don't hesitate to contact us with questions, positive comments, or constructive criticism. We look forward to working with your classrooms in the future!