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## Greetings!

We are pushing Black History Month beyond February with two new items. Plus, you will find a virtual field trip to the Vietnam Memorial Wall, lessons tied to NPR's Planet Money and plans for celebrating Mr. Rogers' 50th anniversary. Enjoy! --Kit Lively, KERA Education Director, [klively@kera.org](mailto:klively@kera.org)

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## Virtual Field Trip to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall

Students will come face-to-face with the Vietnam War when they meet veterans and visit the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The story of the war will be revealed through compelling stories grounded in the personal experiences of veterans and others who were touched by the Vietnam War. Student reporters will conduct interviews, experience a virtual draft, visit the Memorial with a veteran and consider the lasting effects of the war. **Streaming live on March 8, at 10 a.m. and 12 noon.**



[Learn more and sign Up here](#)

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## Interesting History for any Month

### [Learn About Texas' Historically Black Colleges](#)

Explore an important piece of Texas history with this new page from KERA about Historically Black Colleges and Universities across the state. The page has links to the official sites of Texas's 10 HBCUs and a map showing where they are located. The link for each college also has a feature **inviting alumni to post pictures and other memories** to share about their days at Paul Quinn College, Prairie View A&M or one of the eight other historic schools. The web page was created to go with the documentary [Tell Them We Are Rising](#). Find information on it and other documentaries



on KERA this season about notable black and Hispanic Americans on our [“Race In America Film Series”](#) site.

## [10 Black Scientists Your Students Should Meet](#)

These people are fascinating! Learning about them will help students see the possibilities of careers in STEM fields from a diverse group of role models. PBS has pulled together a multi-media collection featuring some of the top black scientists, engineers, inventors and mathematicians – including astrophysicist Neil De Grasse Tyson, pictured here -- along with free classroom resources to bolster your discussions about their lives and contributions.



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## **Economics Stories and Lessons from Planet Money**

Listenwise has teamed up with the [NPR's award-winning Planet Money podcast](#) to provide audio clips of selected podcasts, along with transcripts and teaching resources for high school students. Topics include the stock market, inflation, government spending, the Federal Reserve and much more. These stories are a great way to inform students about important economic systems, institutions, and issues facing the United States. Search the Listenwise site for “Planet Money.” New lessons are being added regularly.

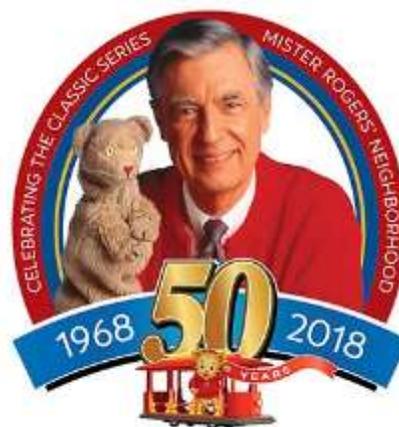


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## **It's a Big Year for Mister Rogers' Neighborhood**

“There is much more to independence than learning to master new skills. One of the most important parts of independence is learning to form new relationships with other people.” --Fred Rogers

Fred Rogers changed children's television forever on February 19, 1968, when he went on national public TV, removed his jacket and dress shoes and changed into sweater and sneakers to talk to children on their level. Through this year, KERA and the Fred Rogers Company will commemorate 50 years of *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* with events, special shows, reminiscing and caring for our neighbors. Check our [special anniversary web page for Mister Rogers' Neighborhood](#) to keep up with those activities through the year and relive memories from a favorite show.



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