Current Events

Content Area: **Social Studies**
Course(s): **Social Studies 3**
Time Period: **MP1-4**
Length: **All Year**
Status: **Published**

Essential Questions

- What is in the news?

Social Studies Skills

Chronological Thinking

- Explain how the present is connected to the past

Spatial Thinking

- Determine locations of places and interpret information available on maps and globes
- Use thematic maps and other geographic representations to obtain, describe, and compare spatial patterns and information about people, places, regions, and environments.

Enduring Understandings

Focus Areas

- Identify places where students can find information.
- Distinguish between eyewitness and secondary accounts.
- Discuss age appropriate interest stories gathered from a variety of sources (e.g., books, newspapers, TV, radio, Internet).
- Place events on a timeline
- Determine locations of events using maps and globes
- Distinguish fact from fiction

Activities and Assessments

- Current Events reports (Scholastic News for grade appropriate material)
    - Summarize a news story

- Class Discussion
- Present ideas in oral format