

Daily Curriculum – April 28

Media Literacy Question of the Day:

What are some ways in which news media might play a role in storm preparedness?

Key Concepts: Identify or explain these subjects you heard about in today's show:

1. prime minister
2. Enhanced Fujita scale
3. 529 Savings Plan

Fast Facts: How well were you listening to today's program?

1. What are some events that have followed the sinking of a ferry off the coast of South Korea? What high-ranking government official has resigned? What reason has he given for this action?
2. In what ways was history made yesterday in the Roman Catholic Church? What two popes were declared saints? How did Pope Francis describe these men?
3. According to the video: What signs indicate that Ukraine may be "bracing itself for war"? In a nationally televised speech, what did Ukraine's prime minister say about recent actions by Russia? How has President Obama responded to the heightened tensions in Ukraine? Who are Russian leaders accusing of "orchestrating" the crisis?
4. What is "Tornado Alley"? Where is it located? What factors combine to make this region especially prone to tornado activity? How does tornado activity from this past March compare to that of other years? According to the video, what may be one reason for this?
5. What is the purpose of a 529 Savings Plan? According to the video, what advantage does this method of saving for college have over a traditional savings account?

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you think that the international community should respond to the current situation in Ukraine? If so, how? If not, why not?
2. Do you live in an area that has experienced tornadoes? If so, how does your school and community prepare for these storms? What are some things that you and your family can do to be prepared for violent storms?
3. Are you planning to go to college? If so, what steps are you and your family taking to pay for college costs? Where do you think is a good place to start that process? Whom might you talk to about your options? What online resources might you consult?