

Constitution Day – Ben Franklin Live

Fifth Grade – September 14, 2009 10-10:50 AM CST

Senior High – September 14, 2009 2:00-2:50 PM CST

The Nebraska State Bar Association underwrites the cost of a live, in-person re-enactor portraying Ben Franklin. This year, the Bar Association wanted to bring Ben Franklin somewhere besides the Lincoln schools so ESU 10 was offered the opportunity to host.

The presentation will be delivered to participating schools in two ways. Four schools will participate by a live two-way video conference with all remaining participating schools through a live one-way video stream.

Presentation Information:

- Christopher Lowell as Ben Franklin will present two sessions on Monday, September 14.
 - The first session For 5th graders will be presented from Windy Hills Elementary, Kearney Public Schools on Monday, September 14 from about 10:00-11:00 am.
 - The second session will be for Senior High students from ESU 10 Kearney from 2:00-2:50 pm. These will be the only live presentations for each grade level.
- Ben's topic will include...Background of the Constitution, inadequacy of the Articles of Confederation, description of what a constitution is, makeup of the delegates to the Constitutional Convention, Ben's role in the convention and just a little about Ben's life.
- Please review the Constitution Day resource page (<http://www.nebarfnd.org/constitution-day-resources>) and discuss the upcoming event with your students. As part of this discussion please have your students prepare some questions for Ben Franklin. The following are ways you can share your questions:
 - If you are part of the two-way video conference, you will be able to ask your questions live to Ben Franklin.
 - If you are participating via a streamed connection, you can
 - During the presentation you can send your question(s) via email to jstritt@esu10.org
 - Prior to the presentation, you can send your questions(s) via email to jstritt@esu10.org
 - Note that all questions sent in by email may not be answered because of time limitations.
- This project is a first attempt at video streaming for many. It is hoped that it provides an introduction into a technology that can provide a future use in our classrooms. ESU is very interested in helping us develop video streaming and video conferencing.