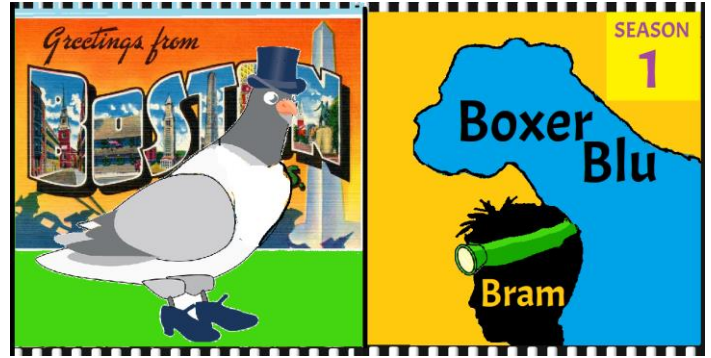


Lesson Plan Suggestions

BoxerBlu & Bram – News for 4 Year-Olds & Up

Season 1 – Episode 71 – May 15, 2020

Keywords: black holes, hurricanes, evolution, birds, ghost dogs, Boston pigeons, telemedicine



Item #1 – ‘Hurricanes are Reshaping Evolution across the Caribbean

Authors: Joshua Sokol

Source: NYT

Link: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/27/science/lizards-hurricanes-toes.html>

Activities – STEAM – Life Science [Lizard Variation and Evolution](#)

Item #2 – Title: “Dancing With a Black Hole

Author: Dennis Overbye

Source: NYT

Link: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/16/science/black-hole-sagittarius-a.html>

Activities – STEAM – Astronomy – [No Escape: The Truth about Black Holes](#)

Item #3 – Title: ‘The Amazon’s ‘Ghost Dogs’ Face 30 Percent Habitat Loss”

Author: Theresa Machermer

Source: Smithsonian Magazine

Link: <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/amazons-short-eared-dogs-face-30-percent-habitat-loss-180974816/>

Activities – STEAM – The Environment – [Erase It! Deforestation](#)

Item #4 – ‘Battle of the birds! Study finds New York and Boston pigeons do not mix because ample green space between the cities keeps them from migrating’

Author: Stacy Libertore

Source: Daily Mail

Link <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-8254139/New-York-Boston-pigeons-dont-mix-ample-green-space-cities-study-finds.html>

Activities – Language Arts Non-Verbal Communication: Homing Pigeon flies from Japan to Canada!

1. [Extension activities on this topic.](#)
2. [Unlikely Communicators: Carrier Pigeons](#)

Item #5 - ‘A Pandemic Benefit: The Expansion of Telemedicine

Author: Jane E. Brody

Source: NYT

Link: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/05/11/well/live/coronavirus-telemedicine-telehealth.html>

Activity – STEAM – Technology – What is Telemedicine?

materials: 2 iPads or similar with a Zoom or Skype account

1. After explaining what telemedicine *is*, play [this game](#)
2. Then, play the same game using the iPads where the ‘doctor’ can only see and hear the patient on the screen
3. Discuss the limitations and strengths of telemedicine.