Using current events can be an engaging motivator for tapping into the interests of students. Studying current events helps students understand the importance of people, events, and issues in the news. Current event topics also stimulate students to learn more about the topic and to pay attention to the news they see and hear outside of school. The news can also serve to foster curiosity of the outside world and contribute to a lifelong interest in solving community problems.

Tell Science Scope readers how you

- Use websites such as Science Daily to foster discussions and investigations.
- Identify events that cover a wide range of subjects and connect to all areas of the curriculum.
- Use news stories to develop language, vocabulary, reading comprehension, critical thinking, problem solving, oral expression, and listening skills.
- Develop informed citizens and lifelong newsreaders.
- Use the news as a “writing model” for a clear, concise style of writing.
- Teach media literacy skills.
- Use the news to foster communication between students and parents.
- Create purposeful writing assignments and cooperative group assignments based on news events.
- Utilize current events to engage your students in discussion and in the applications of science.
- Determine what makes a current event appropriate for the classroom.