



Video Pen Pal Program

2015-16 Program Proposal



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LumenEd is an education organization building a global network of teachers and students to reach any classroom in the world, irrespective of geography or infrastructure

The Video Pen Pal Program
inspires global citizenship by
using student creativity and
conversation to drive better
cultural understanding



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Dear Teacher,

Thank you for your interest in our organization and program. Since we began, our mission has been to bring resources and a voice to under-resourced students around the world. The Video Pen Pal Program is a major step towards our vision of global connectivity for every student.

We intentionally began our work by focusing on a select group of forward-thinking institutions and educators. As a network, we form the nucleus of an international community dedicated to inspiring students to explore the world and make a positive impact from a young age.

Together, we are embarking on an exciting journey that holds potential to help millions of students actively participate in a global conversation. Your involvement will help build a engaging, relevant, and impactful learning experience for K-12 students anywhere.

Thank you for participating.

Yours in learning,
The LumenEd Team

Four core learning goals



Global competency

Global competence is the capacity and disposition to understand and act on issues of global significance. In our program, students develop this expertise as they investigate multiple perspectives and communicate their own views through conversations with their peers abroad.



Digital literacy

By combining digital tools with the fascinating topic of global learning, students are engaged to develop communication skills to become better digital citizens. These skills will help them take advantage of online technology throughout their life.



PBL

Project-based learning

PBL results in more effective learning when compared to traditional methods of teaching. Our whole program is a great example of PBL, but we make special use of the concept by engaging students at the end of the year through creative and community-oriented final projects.

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Service learning

Service-learning incorporates multiple challenging activities that prompt deep thinking and reflection about oneself and one's relationship to society. Our curriculum topics drive students to explore service opportunities in each other's communities

A photograph showing three young students, two girls and one boy, sitting on a dark carpeted floor and working together on a project. They are gathered around a yellow box. One girl, wearing a pink shirt and a blue lanyard, is using a pink glue stick. Another girl, wearing glasses and an orange shirt, is looking into the box. A boy with blonde hair, wearing a teal shirt, is also looking into the box. A book titled 'A KNOW-N HALL' is visible inside the yellow box. The text 'Project-based learning allows students to explore concepts in-depth and in an authentic, inquiry-driven manner' is overlaid in white on the bottom left of the image.

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Inquiry-driven curriculum

Guiding philosophy

Our goal is to facilitate natural and open conversations. We provide teachers with weekly topic suggestions, but encourage students to collaborate to find topics that resonate most with them. Over the course of the year, students find themselves taking a proactive role in the classroom.

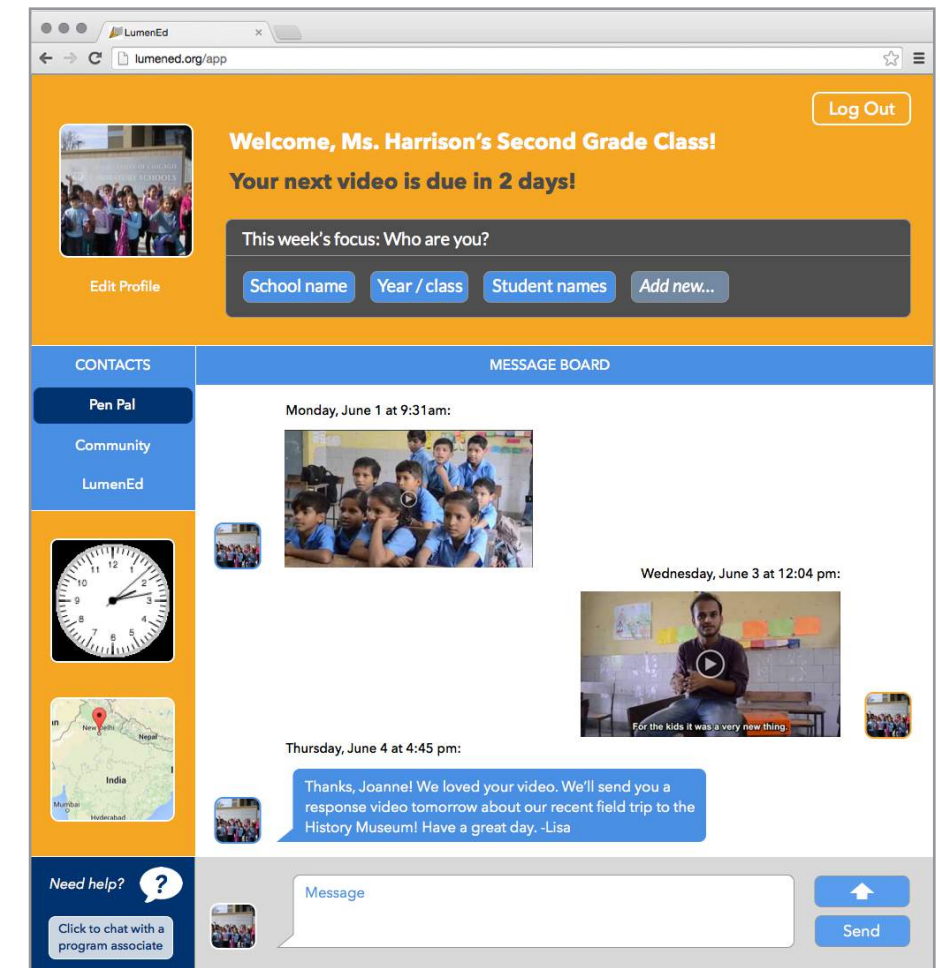
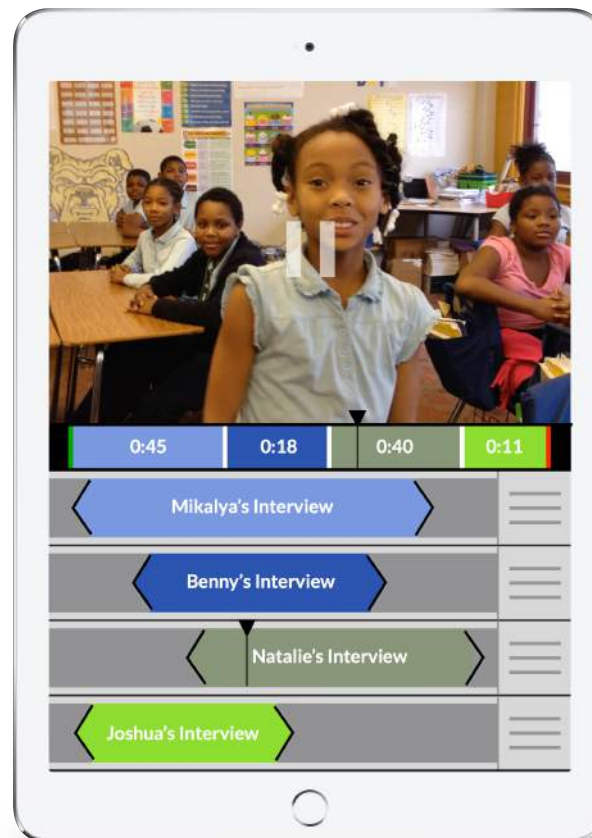
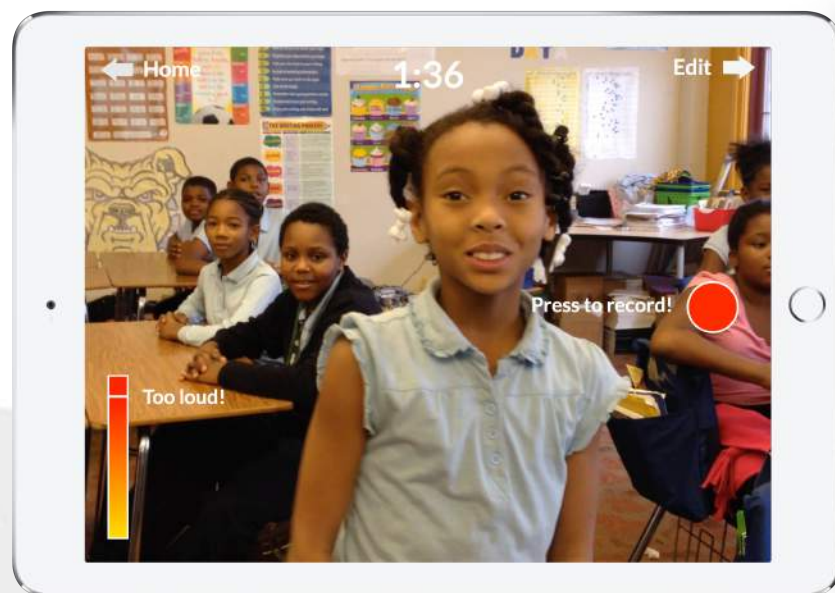
Grades 3 – 5

For younger students, our program covers the similarities and differences between partners' everyday lives. Conversations about favorite hobbies, daily routines, and cultural holidays give students a new window into the world.

Grades 6 – 8

Our older students engage with more complex topics such as religion, climate change, local history and current events. These topics challenge them to understand and appreciate perspectives other than their own.

Simple tools for teachers



Pen Pal Mobile App

Our mobile app lets teachers and students easily record and edit short video clips. The videos are pre-recorded which allows for both reflection and planning. By making the process easy, teachers can spend more time teaching and less time tinkering with technology.

Pen Pal Message Board

By logging on to their message board, teachers can send messages, photos, and videos to their partners. They can also send messages to the LumenEd team, and to a community channel that all participating teachers have access to.

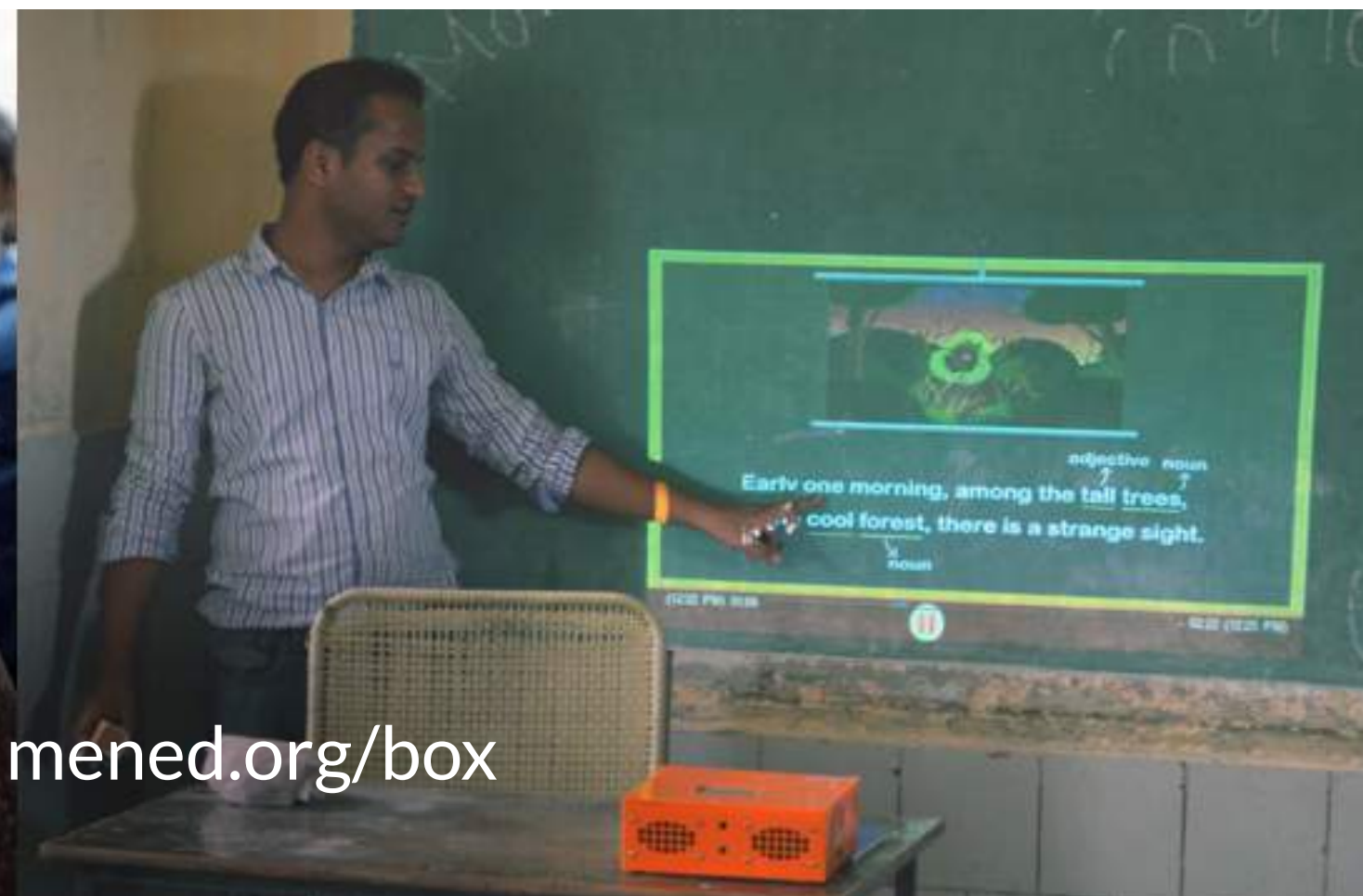
Equal-access in offline classrooms

The Bright Orange Box

The Bright Orange Box is our first step to reaching disconnected classrooms. It is a battery-powered multimedia device that combines a projector with a video camera. It is designed to work in any classroom in the world, regardless of existing infrastructure. Teachers control the Box with a touchscreen on the top, which also runs our Pen Pal App

Sponsorship Program

Our sponsorship program lets U.S. classrooms make a lasting impact on their partner schools by covering the cost of the Box. This allows us to remove the burden of cost away from the partner classroom, and helps deliver Boxes where they are needed most.



Learn more at lumened.org/box

Video Pen Pal Program Details

Overview: The 2015-16 Video Pen Pal program partners classrooms in the United States with Teach For India classrooms in New Delhi, India

Duration: September, 2015 – March, 2016

Videos are sent every week for an average of 20 total exchanges, accounting for schedule differences

Grade levels: 3rd - 8th grade

Classroom requirements:

- Access to a smartphone or tablet to run our Pen Pal App and Pen Pal Message Board
- Minimum of 30 minutes every other week to plan, record, and discuss videos as a class

Program subscription fee: \$500 annually per classroom

We charge a fee to cover the costs of managing the program and providing classrooms with our Video Pen Pal mobile and web applications

(Optional) device sponsorship fee: One-time fee of \$500

Your classroom can make a lasting impact on your partners' school by sponsoring a Bright Orange Box. This smart-projector will be an invaluable educational tool in their classroom for years to come.



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