



## LPB Parents E-Newsletter May 2016

Welcome to the LPB Parents E-Newsletter! Here are some fun things for May:

**Last Call for LPB Summer Camp!** Four and five year olds will have a blast learning while playing with resources from their favorite PBS Kids TV shows. One week camps begin June 6. For more information and registration go to [www.lpb.org/camp](http://www.lpb.org/camp).

### **THOMAS & FRIENDS and ARTHUR new episodes and activities!**

This May tune in for all new episodes of PBS KIDS favorites THOMAS & FRIENDS (May 9<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.) and ARTHUR (May 23<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.). Arthur ends his school year in a special two part episode on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. on LPB HD. For the schedule of more children's educational programs check [what's on](#).

Check out the brand new Thomas & Friends hands-on activities that you can enjoy with your little engineers. [Learn more](#).

### **Summer Learning Resources**

Coming in the June E-Newsletter!

### **Mother's Day Celebration**

Moms already know that they make the world go round. But it's nice to have a special day where everyone else acknowledges how special they are, too. Get your kids involved in the celebration by inspiring their creativity making crafts, e-cards and delicious treats. Find a collection of Mother's Day content and activities for the whole family to enjoy. [Check it out](#).

### **Children's Books for Mother's Day**

Mothers, and the families they nurture, fill our fun and touching selection of recommended books for kids ages 0-9. From the classic *Are You My Mother?* to the fun *My Monster Mama Loves Me So*, we offer stories about the special connection between a mother and her child. [Get the list](#).

### **Birthday Party Ideas**

Looking for ideas for children's birthday celebrations? Look at the themed printables, decorations, and activities at <http://www.pbs.org/parents/birthday-parties/#2>.

### **Cinco de Mayo Recipe: Mexican Nachos**

Cinco de Mayo is a fine excuse to celebrate the wonderful flavors of Mexico. And what family doesn't love diving into a plate of nachos? Bury your chips in layers of melty cheese, beans, radishes, cilantro, jalapenos, and avocado in [this recipe from PBS Food](#).



### **Maracas and Pinatas Oh Mayo!**

Tissue boxes are perfect for making piñatas. Egg cartons can easily be turned into musical maracas! Have fun getting festive this Cinco de Mayo with these Mexican-themed crafts you and your children can make together. [Learn how.](#)

### **Looking Ahead: Fun Summer Ideas**

Happy Memorial Day! In honor of the holiday that marks (in the US, anyway) the start of summer, we know you will soon be looking for low-cost activities to keep kids busy this summer. Playing in the sprinkler, climbing trees and catching lightning bugs don't cost anything, but they certainly make for happy childhood memories. [Check out our age-by-age guide](#) to making the most of the lazy days of summer without dipping into your savings account.

### **Recipe: Patriotic Chocolate-Covered Pretzels**

Celebrate Memorial Day and the start of summer with this simple recipe for patriotic pretzels. Your kids will love making their own and decorating them with sprinkles. [Get the recipe.](#)

### **For The Whole Family: NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT**

PBS offers you and your family a front-row seat to this annual star-studded concert, live from the National Mall on the eve of Memorial Day. Join co-hosts Gary Sinise and Joe Mantegna for this night of remembrance honoring the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform, their families at home and all those who have given their lives for our country. The National Memorial Day Concert airs live from the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol on Sunday, May 29 at 8pm. [Learn more.](#)

### **Military Families in Transition**

As May marks both Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day, Sesame Workshop salutes America's military families, offering special resources and programming designed to help make the transition to a "new normal" as healthy as possible. [Learn more.](#)

### **It's Out of This World**

READY JET GO!, is a new series for kids ages 3-8 that teaches astronomy and earth science concepts. Follow two neighborhood kids: Sean, who has an all-consuming drive for science facts, and Sydney, who has a passion for science fiction and imagination. They both befriend the new kid on their street, Jet Propulsion, whose family members happen to be aliens from the planet Bortron 7. Together, they explore the solar system and the effects it has on the science of our planet, while learning about friendship and teamwork along the way. Aired at 6:30 a.m. on LPB HD.

### **Just for You: Create TV**

Suppose you do have a few free minutes when you can relax and learn something fun. Tune in to LPB 3, Create TV, for round-the-clock creative how-to-shows.



### **Child Development Tracker**

Ever wish you knew what your development tasks your children face at each age? Through the tracker at <http://www.pbs.org/parents/child-development/> you can see the developmental challenges your children face and ways to support your children as they grow.

### **More Resources**

Find other fun resources to help you teach your children explore LPB's Kids website at <http://www.lpb.org/index.php/kids/> and the LPB Parents website at [http://www.lpb.org/index.php/kids/kids\\_parents](http://www.lpb.org/index.php/kids/kids_parents).