



LPB Parents E-Newsletter August 2016

It is almost time to polish off the summer and prepare to go back to school. Here are some ideas to help you ease the transition:

Odd SQUAD: The Movie

Join us for the world premiere of the first ever ODD SQUAD movie, "ODD SQUAD: The Movie!" Mark your calendars now for a day of very odd adventures when the movie airs August 1st on LPB HD (repeating August 2nd -5th). Your children will also have fun playing the all new ODD SQUAD online game, "[Agent Check Up](#)."

Ready Jet Go!

Blast off to adventure with a week of all new episodes of Ready Jet Go! August 15th-19th at 6:30 a.m., repeating at 3:00 p.m. Neighborhood kids and Jet Propulsion, an alien from another planet, explore the solar system and the effects it has on the science of our planet, while learning about friendship and teamwork along the way.

Daily Summer Learning Tips

Follow [LPB Raising Readers](#) on Facebook and receive daily tips that you can use with your children to encourage summer learning.

PBS KIDS Back to School Activities

Let PBS KIDS help your children prepare for back to school this August! Download our [Back to School calendar and checklist](#) as well as activities designed to ease the transition from summer to school.

PBS Parents Guide: Going to School

PBS KIDS is a great place to find age-appropriate resources that help children get started for a lifetime of success. Children's programs and online resources are based on curricula that help children learn important social, emotional and life skills as well as academic skills like early literacy, math, science and more. [Read more](#).

PBS Parents Guide: Ease Back Into School

The beginning of school may very well be parents' most favorite time of the year. Even so, the transition for parents and children can be a little rough. We offer help to ease you and your child into the back-to-school groove. [Read more](#).

Just for Kids: DANIEL TIGER'S NEIGHBORHOOD

Going back to school and/or starting school elicit a variety of anxieties in young children. Look for new Back-to-School-themed episodes of DANIEL TIGER'S NEIGHBORHOOD beginning September 5th to ease the concerns that seem to arise at this time of year. Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood airs at 8:00 and 8:30 a.m. Monday-Friday and 6:00 and 6:30 a.m. on Saturdays and 6:30 a.m. on Sundays on LPB HD.

Ways to Get Involved Beyond Back-to-School Night

While every parent's involvement is different, being engaged in your child's learning is an essential foundation to his or her success. PBS Parents contributor Laura Bay offers ideas to get involved beyond back-to-school night at school and home. [Read more.](#)

5 Simple Techniques to Get Started with Bento Lunches

Have you ever tried packing a bento lunch for your child? Bentos — a Japanese tradition of food packed attractively in a box — are a great way to send a healthy, balanced, fun lunch to school with your child. [Learn how.](#)

Just For You: PBS Olympic-Themed Programming

While athletes gather to compete in Rio, we offer a night of special programming on Tuesday, August 2nd, with three Olympic-themed specials: [NAZI GAMES: BERLIN 1936](#) at 7 p.m., [THE BOYS OF '36: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE](#) at 8 p.m., and [INDEPENDENT LENS: T-REX'S FIGHT FOR GOLD](#) at 9 p.m.-10:30 p.m.

Burden Museum & Gardens: A Family's Gift

You may have enjoyed visiting the Burden Museum & Gardens in Baton Rouge. Now you can learn how they came to be. The story is told in a new documentary, **Burden Museum & Gardens: A Family's Gift** premiering on Monday, August 29th at 7 p.m. and repeating at 11 p.m.

In the 1800s the Burden family lived on hundreds of acres of woodland and farmland in Baton Rouge that one day would be gifted by their heirs to LSU to become the Burden Museum & Gardens. Their legacy ensures the protection and care of the flora and fauna, the lush landscapes, and the rich agricultural heritage. A [visit today](#) is an opportunity to learn about the lifestyle of an earlier time and take part in activities, such as: the Children's Garden; the Trees and Trails program which now includes The Mosaic Boardwalk at Black Swamp; Master Gardener courses; and the Junior Docent Program. Annual events invite kids to enjoy hayrides, corn mazes, and a farm animal petting zoo.

I hope you have the chance to use some of these resources. Good luck returning to school!

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