



LPB Parents E-Newsletter January 2017

PBS Kids Channel 24/7

Here's a great gift to start the New Year. Starting January 16th **LPB 2** will begin airing **PBS Kids programs around the clock**. That will make any time learning time for your children. One thing will change, children's programs will continue to air on **LPB HD only in the morning and from 3 to 5 p.m.** Some adjustments will be made to LPB HD, LPB 2 and LPB 3 so we'd like to know what your favorite programs are. If you have program preferences, please let us know through this [short questionnaire](#). You will still receive LPB 2 through your current provider or free over-the-air using a digital antenna. In the spring watch for the PBS Kids 24/7 channel to become available over the internet so your children can watch anytime, anywhere.

Splash and Bubbles

January 16th at 9 a.m. is the premiere of **Splash and Bubbles: One Big Ocean**, a one-hour movie. The Reeftown kids catch the currents and embark on an epic journey across the sea to help a friendly young turtle. Along the way, they learn that all creatures are interconnected and how even a small gesture can greatly affect the friends and neighbors who share the one big ocean they call home. The show repeats on **January 16th at 1 p.m.**, **January 20th at 9 a.m.** and **1 p.m.**, **January 21st at 7 a.m.**, and **January 22nd at 7 a.m.**

PBS Kids New Games

Your children will have fun developing eye-hand coordination by tossing the pebble with **Finball Friends**, the colorful fish from Splash and Bubbles. This new game can be found on the [Splash and Bubbles website](#). It can also be found on [PBS Kids](#) with other new games. Make a new power suit with **Wild Kratts Creature Powersuit Underwater Challenge**, dig for fossils with **Hal's Big Dig**, deliver emergency supplies with **Fidgits to the Rescue**, manage money in **Mega Mall with Peg + Cat**, sing with Daniel Tiger **Spin and Sing**, and build rocket ships with **Jet's Rocket Ship Creator**.

ODDTUBE

Join Odd Squad's Agent Olympia, the host of the new digital series **OddTube**, as she video blogs about her work at Odd Squad, interviews other agents, reveals secrets about the Odd Squad site, and reacts to input from her viewers. Each video is about 1-3 minutes long and can be viewed on **YouTube**, **PBS Kids Video App**, **PBS Kids Web Player** <http://pbskids.org/video/>, the **Odd Squad website**, and OTT streaming devices like **Roku**, **Chromecast**, and **Apple TV**.

New Plum Landing Content

Hold on to your field journals! Everyone's favorite purple alien, Plum, and her five Earthling friends Clementine, Oliver, Cooper, Gabi, and Brad are embarking on a new adventure, exploring nature in the city! Twelve new **Plum Landing** animations show Plum and friends investigating urban myths, mysteries, and strange phenomena in their wild city at the [Plum Landing website](#) as well as on **YouTube**, **PBS Kids Video App**, and **PBS Kids Web Player**.

Dreaded Meltdowns

The holidays may be over, but the potential for meltdowns isn't. The prolonged fun, excitement, and activities of the holidays can be overwhelming for children...and adults. It can be hard for children to get back into their

routines. These [tips](#) may help children avoid meltdowns and get back into their [routines](#). If you have a toddler then this [parents' survival guide](#) may be just what you need.

Just for you: Lots of Who-Done-Its

Looking for mystery and intrigue to watch over the holiday? LPB has it!

- In Australia, the coroner, trained in forensics and law, serves as advocate for the dead. Love-interests of the investigators add to the intrigue. **The Coroner** airs Mondays at 9 p.m. starting January 2nd.
- Dr. Blake returns to his home town in Australia after a 33 year absence to take over his later father's practice as a general practice physician and police surgeon. Using rather unorthodox methods he solves who-done-its in the **Dr. Blake Mysteries** airing Thursdays at 9 p.m. on LPB HD.
- **Miss Fisher Murder Mysteries** also take place in Australia, Melbourne to be precise, and follow the adventures of a sharp-witted, glamorous female detective in the 1920s.
- **Mr. & Mrs. Murder** believe it or not is another Australian series. These comedic murder mysteries follow the adventures of a married couple who run an industrial cleaning business and find themselves cleaning up crimes in the process. Airing Saturdays 9 p.m. on LPB HD.
- It is not set in Australia, but **Father Brown** is an active sleuth in a quintessentially English community. The priest and amateur sleuth solves mysteries using his intuition and keen understanding of human nature. Airing Thursday at 7 p.m. on LPB HD.
- **Midsomer Murders** are the stories of a twosome, a veteran detective and his young sergeant, who investigate murders set in the English county of Midsomer. Airing Sunday evenings. Check the [online schedule](#) for specific times.
- Don't forget the new season of **Sherlock** begins on January 1st at 8 p.m.

I hope you have a chance to enjoy some of these programs. Happy New Year!

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