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October Brings PBS Kid's Halloween!

October is shaping up to be a "monstrously" entertaining month for [PBS KIDS](#) with Halloween-themed episodes of kids' favorite series.

PBS KIDS gears up for Halloween with a bevy of Halloween-themed episodes, including brand new episodes of science-focused series DINOSAUR TRAIN, SID THE SCIENCE KID, and THE CAT IN THE HAT KNOWS A LOT ABOUT THAT! From October 17 through 31, children can ride the Night Train to a "haunted house" with DINOSAUR TRAIN, learn some "spooky science" with Sid, trick-or-treat with the Cat.

"Halloween is such a fun holiday for kids, and gives us the opportunity to tell entertaining stories while also covering interesting concepts, and experimenting with the chemistry of making slime."

PBS KIDS' Halloween episodes premiere on-air starting on October 17, and select full episodes and clips will be available online on <http://PBSKIDS.org/video> and <http://PBSKIDSGO.org/video> in October.

PBS Parents provides an array of Halloween resources for parents – from trick-or-treating safety tips to how to make your own Buddy (from DINOSAUR TRAIN) costume – all of which are available here: <http://www.pbs.org/parents/special/halloween.html>.

NEW Halloween-Themed Episodes:

SID THE SCIENCE KID

"Halloween Spooky Science Special" (premieres October 17)

It's Halloween time and Sid and his friends have dressed up in the spookiest and scariest costumes possible. Sid is a bat with big fangs. May is a spooky black cat. Gabriela is a furry, yucky spider. And Gerald is a super spooky skeleton that goes boo! Susie (dressed as a silly mad scientist) loves their costumes, and helps the kids discover that Halloween can be spooky and scientific! The kids investigate how bats are helpful creatures that catch mosquitoes, spiders are expert engineer web builders, cats are leaping aerial acrobats, and skeletons help hold up our bodyframes! At the Halloween party, the kids also investigate how to make icky, gooey green slime. Susie then ends the day with a special "Halloween Parade" song so the kids can march around and show off their spooky and scientific costumes!

DINOSAUR TRAIN

"Haunted Roundhouse/Big Pond Pumpkin Patch" (premieres October 20)

"Haunted Roundhouse"

Dad takes the kids on a special Night Train to Troodon Town, where the Troodons have decorated their Roundhouse into a "haunted house" for a spooky party. The kids end up meeting a strange new nocturnal creature – a mammal named Mad Volaticotherium, who was hiding in the roundhouse trying to get some sleep.

"Big Pond Pumpkin Patch"

The Pteranodon family learns more about the customs of their neighbors, the Lambeosaurus family, when they are invited for the first time to accompany them to the Big Pond to celebrate "Gourd Day" – a kind of Mesozoic Halloween. The kids see their first pumpkins, and Larry Lambeosaurus even shows our family how to hollow them out and carve faces into them.

THE CAT IN THE HAT KNOWS A LOT ABOUT THAT!

Two Halloween stories, "Aye Aye!" and "Trick or Treat," premiere in October, first as parts of two separate episodes and then in encore presentations as one episode.

"Sniff and Seek/Aye Aye!" (premieres October 20)

"Trick or Treat/King Cecil the Seahorse" (premieres October 21)

"Aye Aye!/Trick or Treat" (airs October 28)

"Aye Aye!"

Nick and Sally are making Halloween masks, but they want to make them really scary. Cat takes them to meet Aiya, the Aye Aye, in the forest of Spookywoowoo. Aiya shows them, that even though he may look scary - his big ears, huge eyes and long fingers help him to find food. And now Nick and Sally know just how to make their masks scary!

"Trick or Treat"

It's Halloween! The Cat in the Hat takes Sally and Nick trick or treating - his way! Around the world they go, meeting three new friends who teach them each of the tricks they do and share the treats that they like to eat. Back at home Nick and Sally are ready to go trick or treating, with plenty of new tricks to share!



Daniel Tiger Unveils New Learning App!

Has your child ever wanted to visit Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood? With this new app, the neighborhood is at your fingertips!

Explore Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood encourages open-ended, imaginative play as children visit familiar places and create stories about their friend Daniel Tiger. It's like playing in a digital dollhouse where you can turn the lights on and off, open and close doors, give Daniel and his family food to eat and much more. Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood is a land of make-believe – a place to explore and have fun!

Explore Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood is based on the hit PBS KIDS series "Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood," produced by The Fred Rogers Company. Designed for kids ages 2-5, this app extends the series' social-emotional curriculum by encouraging open-ended, pretend play. In the words of Fred Rogers, "Play is really the work of childhood." [Download it here.](#)



Plum Landing Introduces New Free App for Young Explorers!

Go on a nature adventure with Plum's Creaturizer! Kids and families can build wild creatures, then head outdoors to photograph them right in their own backyard. It's part of PLUMLANDING, a PBS KIDS project that helps kids develop a love for this amazing, beautiful, and dramatic planet we call home.

The app provides opportunities for kids and their families to interact with nature in a thoughtful way and have fun exploring together.

Plum's Creaturizer is based on the PBS KIDS web-original PLUMLANDING, developed by WGBH, producers of award-winning kids programs such as ARTHUR, CURIOUS GEORGE and MARTHA SPEAKS. Targeting kids ages 6-9, the app is designed to extend the series' environmental science curriculum. WGBH worked closely with advisors (and kids!) to develop this app. [Download it here.](#)



Curious George Opens Season 9 Stars in a Halloween Special.

On Monday, October 27, **CURIOUS GEORGE: A Halloween Boo Fest** returns to PBS KIDS, kicking off Season 9 with a week of new episodes from the popular series (check local listings). New adventures with Curious George debut on PBS KIDS October 28-30; one of them features an original song performed by Belinda Carlisle. The week of Halloween will also feature an encore play of **CURIOUS GEORGE: A Halloween Boo Fest** on October 31 (check local listings).

"Each year, Halloween is a highly anticipated and fun time for children around the country," said Linda Simensky, Vice President, Children's Programming, PBS. "PBS KIDS is excited to mark this festive time of year with a one-hour special and new episodes from **CURIOUS GEORGE** – the number-one show among households, kids 2-5, kids 2-11 and moms.*"

New episodes of **CURIOUS GEORGE** kick off on October 28 with the premiere of "Submonkey," an underwater adventure that includes the song "Down, Down, Down," performed by Belinda Carlisle.** "I've always loved Curious George and I loved singing this song," said Carlisle. "The lyrics are genius and make me smile. I'm honored to be part of the series."

"Season 9's theme is the five senses, and what better way to kick it off than Halloween?" said Senior Vice President of Animation Production, Ellen Cockrill. "Kids' senses are so heightened during this time special time in fall. We hope our new episodes inspire kids to use their senses to explore their world and deepen their understanding of science, math and engineering – just as George does."



Want A Literacy Grant?

Want to promote literacy in your school? Looking for a way to get parents more involved in their children's learning?

Prairie Public Education Services is offering a grant, worth up to \$2,500, to hold these fun-filled community events, which encourage parents to support their children's scholastic development. The events feature the always-popular Prairie Public mobile-apps learning lab, fun activities like crafts and storytelling, appearances by favorite PBS characters, and a free book for every child who attends.

Teachers, principals, librarians, school staff, and community organizations serving young children are

encouraged to apply for this grant opportunity, which

has an application deadline of Oct. 31. The grant will assist your community team with planning, funding, and hosting a Family Literacy Event.

Click here to download the application: <http://prairiepublic.org/education/teachers/literacy-grant/>



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