

**A Tip from the PTA****Family media strategies from the PTA****Internet Safety Technology Needs a Parental Hand**

In January, the Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University released the final report of the [Internet Safety Technical Task Force](#). The task force, requested by state Attorneys General, looked at how today's technologies could address Internet safety risks for children. Among the report's conclusions:

- there is no magic bullet technology that will keep kids safe online;
- parents should educate themselves about parental controls and how their child uses the Internet; and
- parents, caregivers, and educators should talk with kids, from an early age, about risks and appropriate behaviors.

For tips on how to get started, visit [PointSmart.ClickSafe](#), [National PTA](#), or [Cable in the Classroom](#).

**Family-Friendly Cable Programs in February**

**Cable in the Classroom** presents a sampling of entertaining TV programs for family viewing

**Nick News with Linda Ellerbee: We Shall Not Be Moved (Nickelodeon)**

February 8 at 9:00 PM ET/PT

America was forever changed when Barack Obama was inaugurated as the 44th president of the United States. In celebrating Black History Month this year, this *Nick News* special takes a look at what history is being made right now by kids of all races coming together to make change in our neighborhoods, our world, and themselves. TV-G.

**Megaworld (Discovery Channel)**

February 19 at 8:00 PM ET/PT

*Megaworld* takes one country and showcases its latest innovations in the worlds of science and technology in a fun, fast-paced way. TV-PG.

**Serious: Amazon (Discovery Kids)**

February 2 at 9:00 PM ET

This documentary series (pictured) features an expedition made up of 12- to 15-year-olds helping wildlife or assisting in environmental projects. The Amazon episodes show the team dealing with illegal fishing nets in the Amazon River and endangered red uakari monkeys. TV-Y7.

**Emeril Green (Planet Green)**

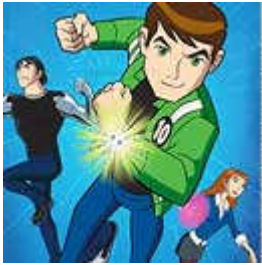
Monday-Friday at 8:00 PM ET

Chef Emeril Lagasse helps real people solve cooking problems by using fresh and organic sources of food to promote a healthier lifestyle. TV-G.

### **Morphed (National Geographic Channel)**

February 8 at 8:00 PM ET/PT

This three-part series (airing back-to-back) charts the evolutionary history of dinosaurs, whales, and bears through fossil evidence, forensics, animation, and more. TV-G.



### **NBA Alien Force Marathon (Cartoon Network)**

February 15 at 12:00 PM ET/PT

In *Ben 10: Alien Force*, Ben Tennyson (pictured) is now 15 years old, and his reconfigured DNA allows him to turn into 10 brand new aliens -- all used to help save the galaxy, of course. TV-Y7.

### **Wow! Wow! Wubbzy!: My Speedy Valentine (Nick Jr.)**

February 13 at 1:00 PM ET/PT

This Valentine's Day-themed episode sees Wubbzy, Widget, and Walden trying to come up with a shortcut to finish their Valentine cards quickly and will help teach your preschooler why putting in time and effort with their cards makes them special. TV-Y.

### **Puppy Bowl V (Animal Planet)**

February 1 at 3:00 PM ET/PT

Puppy Bowl is back, and this year's teams are made up solely of animals from shelters. TV-G.

For more family-friendly programs, plus information on using parental controls to block out inappropriate content, go to [ControlYourTV.org](http://ControlYourTV.org).

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## **Cable on the Web**

**CIC presents a sampling of family-friendly websites**

### **American Presidents: Barack Obama ([www.history.com/presidents/obama](http://www.history.com/presidents/obama))**

This website, from History, celebrates our newest president with a biography, video and image galleries, polls, and more.

### **Forecast Earth: Living Smart ([climate.weather.com/living-smart/index.html](http://climate.weather.com/living-smart/index.html))**

This Weather Channel website features videos and the latest news exploring healthy living at home, school, and the office.

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