

A Tip from the PTA

Family media strategies from the PTA



Customizing Internet Safety Month for Your Family

June is traditionally declared Internet Safety Month. Keeping kids safe and secure as they experience the benefits of the online digital world means more than simply teaching online safety, just as teaching a teenager how to drive involves much more than traffic laws. Safety is vitally important. But kids need to learn how to behave ethically, how to react to problems, how to use the computer or the car for the right reasons in the right ways. Just as you don't have to know how a car engine works to teach your teenager to drive, you don't have to know exactly how the computer works either. You do have to have a dialogue, one that covers your rules and expectations for their online behavior. For background information and ideas for helping kids learn to be safe and media smart, visit PTA's [Media Safety](#) or Cable in the Classroom's [Media Smart for Parents](#).

Family-Friendly Cable Programs in June

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



Nick News with Linda Ellerbee: Love Stories: Tales of Middle School Romance (Nickelodeon)

June 7 at 9:00 PM ET/PT

Middle school can be a difficult time for students, emotionally as well as academically. This *Nick News* special tries to help kids answer questions such as "What is love?" and "How old do you have to be to fall in love?" TV-G.



Inside Planet Earth (Discovery Channel)

June 7 at 9:00 PM ET/PT

This Discovery Channel program takes viewers on a voyage to the center of the Earth, diving down through layers of coal, diamonds, and mantle plumes. Discover life thriving in excruciating heat and radiation, and learn if the core's protective powers are failing. TV-G.



Home by Yann Arthus-Bertrand (National Geographic Channel)

June 5 at 9:00 PM ET

On June 5, World Environmental Day, National Geographic Channel will join a global premiere event to air this program for one night only. This visually dramatic special (pictured) illustrates the planet's fragile state entirely from a bird's-eye view in stunning high definition. With spectacular aerial views from more than 50 countries, viewers will see the extent of human impact on our landscapes. TV-G.

Space Week (Science Channel)

June 21-26 at 9:00 PM ET/PT

Science Channel brings you to the one place where the sky isn't the limit -- it's just the beginning. In the fourth annual *Space Week*, viewers continue a fascinating exploration of one of the last mysterious, awe-inspiring places known to man. Ratings vary from TV-G to TV-PG.

Modern Marvels: Deep Sea Salvage ([History Channel](#))

June 1 at 7:00 PM ET/PT

This episode grabs a ride aboard the USS *Salvor*, to see how its underwater remote-operated robots were put to use following the crash of TWA Flight 800. Also examined will be a bomb-locating mini-sub and saturation diving, which allows divers to stay below for days at a time. TV-PG.



Environmentally Challenged: Mountain Men ([FUEL TV](#))

June 23 at 8:00 PM ET/PT

Incorporating travel, snowboarding, and adventure, this FUEL TV series explores the challenges facing our environment through the unique perspective of snowboarder Travis Parker (pictured). In this episode, Travis searches for wilderness but finds developed lands instead. TV-G.

Kick Like A Girl ([HBO2](#))

June 10 at 3:30 PM ET

Combining compelling game footage and photography with anecdotes from players, parents, and coaches, this HBO documentary chronicles what happens when, after two undefeated seasons, the coach decides the girls team should compete in the boys' division. TV-G.

BrainRush ([Cartoon Network](#))

June 20 at 8:00 PM ET

This new game show from Cartoon Network features kids trying to answer pop-culture and general-knowledge questions and solve visual puzzles while riding a rollercoaster. TV-PG.

For more family-friendly programs, plus information on using parental controls to block out inappropriate content, go to ControlYourTV.org.

Cable on the Web

CIC presents a sampling of family-friendly websites

Stonehenge Decoded (channel.nationalgeographic.com/episode/stonehenge-decoded-3372#tab-game)

This interactive game from Nat Geo has users retrace the steps of the ancient builders of Stonehenge. You also will find additional links to interactive maps, theories, and more.

Disney Playhouse: Stories (tv.disney.go.com/playhouse/stories/index.html)

Every parent knows the benefits of reading with your child -- but it doesn't always have to be a book. The shared activity between parent and child is just as important. Check out the stories on this Disney site, including *Donald and the Beanstalk*, *The Glass Slipper Ball Storybook* featuring *The Little Einsteins*, and many more stories from your child's favorite Disney Channel characters.

Note: PTA does not endorse any television programs or websites and is not responsible for the selections in this newsletter or the content in those selections. All programs and websites are selected independently according to criteria established by Cable in the Classroom, the cable industry's education foundation. For information about these criteria, go to www.ciconline.org/parents.

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