



CPTV Parents E-Newsletter December 2017

Themes: Holidays, Winter

Happy Holidays from CPTV and PBS KIDS!

Happy Holidays!

Whether you are a family of carolers, candle-lighters, or Kwanzaa celebrators, create family traditions this holiday season with PBS Parents' tips, ideas, crafts, recipes, and more! [Learn more.](#)

Gift Giving for Kids

So much of the excitement during the holiday season is all about receiving presents. How can we get our kids to develop the same enthusiasm for giving? One sure way is to help kids experience the joy of giving. [Read more.](#)

How to Turn the Holidays Green

Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Winter Solstice, New Years, or other winter holidays, start some of your own seasonal traditions that help children become more conscious consumers who respect their planet. [Learn more.](#)

Stories for the Holiday Season

With visions of toys and games dancing in their heads, it's easy for children to miss the real significance of holidays such as Christmas, Hanukkah, Diwali, and Kwaanza. Fortunately, there are plenty of enjoyable books for kids that teach the historical and cultural meanings of these and other winter celebrations. [Check out our picks.](#)

Take a Break from the Holiday Hustle and Create Calming Holiday Art

The holiday season is busy no matter what you do or do not celebrate. Social engagements, school functions, and extra time shopping take a toll. We all get wound up, and kids are no exception. Use art to take a break and get calm between the sugar rushes and other holiday excitement. [Here's what you will need.](#)

Classic Holiday Cookies

We love encouraging parents and their children to cook and bake together as a way to connect and spend quality time with one another. You and your kids will have fun making and sharing this classic holiday treat: Peanut Butter Kiss Cookies. [Get the recipe.](#)

Winter Crafts for Kids

Get in the DIY spirit when you try some of PBS Parents' winter crafts, including ice paint, winter wonderland terrariums, and holiday decorations. [Find them here.](#)



Deck the Halls with PBS Kids Holiday Coloring Pages and Printables

Your kids can get creative this holiday season with coloring pages, ornaments, wrapping paper, and other holiday-themed printables featuring their favorite PBS Kids friends. [Browse the printables.](#)

Just for Kids: PBS Kids Holiday Month

PBS Kids celebrates the season with holiday movies from *Wild Kratts*, *Curious George*, *The Cat in the Hat*, and new seasonal episodes from *Ready Jet Go!* and *Splash & Bubbles*. [Check CPTV's program schedule for upcoming shows.](#)

Just for You: A Chef's Life Holiday Special

Looking for some seasonal inspiration for your holiday meal? Join Vivian Howard as she serves up the best of her Southern cooking heritage and the Chanukah traditions of her husband Ben. From humble Hoppin' John to elegant red velvet cake, sample a charming and delicious holiday celebration. See the special on CPTV Spirit on Thursday, December 14 at 8 p.m. [Watch the preview here.](#)

Give the Gift of PBS Kids This Year

Looking for that perfect gift for your very own PBS Kid? Find favorites from all our PBS Kids shows, from *Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood* to *Wild Kratts* and *Splash and Bubbles*, as well as PBS Kids puzzles, games, activity sets, and more at the [PBS Kids Shop](#).

Get in the Spirit: Share your love of PBS Kids!

Don't forget that you can help CPTV and PBS Kids by making a year-end donation. Your support helps us continue to share the programs, online games, educator resources, and local events you value with everyone in our community -- free of charge -- all year round. Help us get a strong start in 2018! [Donate now.](#)