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## **THIRTEEN's Emmy® Award-Winning Series *Cyberchase* Launches Season 11 with Halloween- Themed Episode October 23 on PBS KIDS**

*The “CyberSquad” takes on Hacker in 10 new animated episodes using teamwork, math, and creative problem-solving to learn about energy, habitats, pollution and more*

The CyberSquad is back—and so is the Hacker! THIRTEEN's Emmy Award-winning series ***Cyberchase*** continues to explore the intersection of math and the environment with playful storylines involving energy and water conservation, green roofs, pollution, renewable resources, data collection, measurement, spatial sense, estimation and more in Season 11, [premiering Monday, October 23 on PBS KIDS](#) (check local listings). The action-packed season kicks off with the Halloween-themed adventure, **“Watts of Halloween Trouble.”**

In the upcoming **“Watts of Halloween Trouble,”** the dastardly Hacker plans to keep Jackie, Matt, and Inez out of cyberspace by crashing Motherboard's portal system. But when the bumbling Buzz and Delete make a mistake, the portal system crashes too late, and the kids and Digit are trapped on the R-Fair City amusement park site! Now, the kids must find enough energy to power Digit's portal rebooter and keep the park going. But with the celebration in full swing, can they find big and small ways to save enough energy? And can they get back to Earth again? Fans can find out beginning October 23 on PBS stations nationwide, as well as on the PBS KIDS 24/7 channel, and streaming across PBS KIDS digital platforms, including the free PBS KIDS Video app and on [pbskids.org](http://pbskids.org).

The mystery, adventure, and fun continue with the launch of *Cyberchase*'s new mobile-friendly game, ***Watts of Trouble***, in which players use their math skills to power up the amusement park rides and fix any obstacles Hacker creates. *Watts of Trouble* will be available this month on the [Cyberchase website](#) and the free PBS KIDS Games app.

Series stars Christopher Lloyd, who voices "The Hacker," and Gilbert Gottfried, voice of "Digit," return to *Cyberchase* in Season 11. Bianca DeGroat and Matt Wilson continue in their starring roles in the live-action, *Cyberchase For Real* segments, accompanied by new young talents, Courtney Chu and Jaden Michael.

Later this season, *Cyberchase* will unveil a revamped mobile-friendly website that kids can access from any tablet, phone, or desktop computer. Additionally, new resources, including tips and activities that help parents explore environmental themes at home with their children, will be available on [PBS Parents](#) in English and Spanish. Video-based resources for teachers will be added to the *Cyberchase* collection on [PBS LearningMedia](#), PBS' free digital learning service for preK-12 educators. THIRTEEN will also launch an innovative "text to teacher" multi-week program that helps point educators to the online materials. Also coming soon are new accessible *Cyberchase* learning games for children with disabilities.

Produced by THIRTEEN Productions LLC for WNET, *Cyberchase* is designed to inspire children ages 6-8 to approach math with enthusiasm, confidence and a "can-do" attitude—and shows kids that math is everywhere, and everyone can be good at it. Serving a critical need in informal math education, *Cyberchase* puts the "M" in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math).

### ***Cyberchase* Season 11 Episodes (check local listings):**

#### **"Watts of Halloween Trouble" Premieres October 23, 2017**

**Topics:** *Energy conservation, pictographs*

It's Halloween Haunt-O-Rama on R-Fair City, and Hacker has a wicked treat up his sleeve: to keep the kids out of Cyberspace forever by crashing Motherboard's portal system. But when Buzz and Delete make a mistake, the portal system crashes too late, and the kids and Digit are trapped on R-Fair City! Now, the kids must find enough energy to power Digit's portal rebooter and keep the amusement park going. But with the celebration in full swing, can they find big and small ways to save enough energy? And can they ever get back to Earth again?

#### **"Creech's Creature Quandary" Premieres December 26, 2017**

**Topics:** *Habitat fragmentation, maps, spatial sense*

Creech invites the CyberSquad to Tikiville to show off the amazing new bike path that has everyone riding bikes rather than driving cars. Everyone is having fun – even Hacker is joyriding on his bike! When Inez realizes the busy bike path has divided the habitats of many of Tikiville's creatures, splitting up families and preventing animals from reaching food and water, she tells Creech the path should be shut down. But Creech doesn't want to take away the benefits the path has created for her community. The disagreement drives a wedge between the two good friends. Can Matt, Jackie and Digit help them find a compromise? And what is that sneaky Hacker up to?!

#### **"A Murky Mystery in Mermaidos" Premieres December 27, 2017**

**Topics:** *Thermal water pollution, temperature measurement, data collection & representation*

Digit is going on his annual visit to Mermaidos, an underwater paradise, to visit Eugene, one of his best friends in the whole cyber-world. But when Digit arrives, something is wrong. Mermaidos is murky and warm and the fish are leaving in droves. Feeling terrible for his pal Eugene, Digit calls in the CyberSquad to help. What could be heating the water and making it

uninhabitable for the Mermaidians? And can they stop whatever – or *whoever* – it is before all the Mermaidians need to leave their home?

**“Plantasaurus!” Premieres December 28, 2017**

**Topics:** *indoor air pollution, skip counting, simple ratios*

It's a special night in Cyberspace for Matt, Inez and Jackie. Motherboard has invited them to a slumber party in the newly renovated Control Central! But a case of sneezes, itchy eyes and scratchy throats threatens to put a damper on the slumber fun. And to make matters worse, Hacker has his own surprises in store for Motherboard that night. Inspired by a monster movie, he makes his very own plant monster to take over Cyberspace once and for all! Can the kids get to the bottom of the problems *inside* Control Central before the problems *outside* come to Motherboard's front door?

**“A Reboot Eve to Remember” Premieres December 29, 2017**

**Topics:** *wind power, modeling, data collection, guess and check strategy*

It's almost Reboot Day – when all of Cyberspace celebrates a fresh start for the new year! It's Delete's favorite holiday, but Hacker is in a bad mood because he's low on energy. Fortunately for Hacker, the blustery town of Bottawa has a powerful energy source he can steal. Unfortunately for Bottawa, this energy source raises the big ball at midnight on Reboot Eve, and the celebration is being broadcast live across Cyberspace! When Hacker goes through with his plan, Delete stays in Bottawa to join forces with the CyberSquad and save the holiday. Can they find a way to use Bottawa's wind to raise the big ball by midnight? And will Hacker's Reboot resolution bring Delete home?

**“Housewarming Party” Premieres April 16, 2018**

**Topics:** *green roofs, temperature measurement, estimation*

In Happily Ever Afterville, the Three Pigs have just finished building their new cottage at the base of Mount Evermore – a peaceful spot without any direct sunlight. They are celebrating with a housewarming party, and they've hired Jackie as their party planner! But trouble strikes when Hacker and Wicked, who are having a battle of wits above Mount Evermore, accidentally zap the mountain away. Now, the sun is streaming directly onto the pigs' house, and it is quickly heating it up inside! Meanwhile, Hacker starts feeling something very strange – guilt. Can the CyberSquad cool down the pigs' warming house and save their housewarming party? And will Hacker – for the first time ever – do the right thing?

**“Invasion of the Funky Flower” Premieres April 17, 2018**

**Topics:** *invasive species, linear measurement with non-standard units*

Contestants from all over Cyberspace have come to Gardenia, a gorgeous garden cybersite ruled by the Queen Mum, for its annual flower-growing contest. Hacker is sure his doofydill will win Tallest Flower, but when he loses to Inez and her happiolus, he is furious and plots a plant-based revenge. He flies off to a faraway site and brings back a funky flower – an invasive species! The funky flower emits a stinky odor that *no one* can handle – not even the Queen Mum. Worse, it also spreads quickly, steals water, hoards sunlight and crowds out all the native plants! The CyberSquad races against time to find ways to stop the funky flower. Can they rescue Gardenia before it – and Hacker – take over for good?

**“A Renewable Hope” Premieres April 18, 2018**

**Topics:** *renewable and nonrenewable natural resources, timelines*

Hacker has finally captured those Earth brats on the Wreaker! Before he can decide what to do next, an alarm goes off...the Wreaker is out of fuel! He lands on the nearest cybersite, Ekardia, an eerie place with no one in sight and no way to contact anyone. He has only one choice: enlist the CyberSquad's help so they can ALL get back home. They find one Ekardian left behind – Ted. Everyone else left because Ekardia ran out of frixite, the nonrenewable resource they used to power *everything*. Now Ted lives off the natural resources around him. If Hacker and the kids are going to get home, they and their resourceful new friend will need to learn from Ekardia's past. Can they also help save its future?

## **“The Migration Situation” Premieres April 19, 2018**

**Topics:** *citizen science, data representation & interpretation*

Bird lovers across Cyberspace have arrived at the Migration Celebration – a magical event where the rare teal-footed trillers flock once every five years. But when the trillers are a no-show, Professor Bobson, host of the celebration, knows something is amiss. After he cancels the event, phone calls and social media posts start reporting triller sightings all over Cyberspace! The Professor and kids recruit dozens of citizen scientists to record their observations when they see a triller. But in the chaos, they forget Digit, the biggest triller lover of all, can be a big help. When all the citizen scientists have reported back, it leads to a shocking discovery. What is the data telling them? And can Digit help crack the case?

## **“Back to Canalia’s Future” Premieres April 20, 2018**

**Topics:** *water conservation, capacity, estimation*

Digit’s friend Pearl says her town is in trouble. The water levels in Canalia, a beautiful cybersite connected by canals, keep getting lower, but Canalians don’t see the problem. So Pearl built a time machine to prove she’s right! She travels with the CyberSquad into the past to see how much higher the water levels were, and the kids promise to help convince Canalians to change their water-wasting ways. But when they invite everyone to travel through time and see what happens, the time machine goes missing! Hacker has stolen it! Can the kids get the time machine back before Hacker resets the course of cyberhistory?! And can Canalians be convinced to protect their future by changing the present?

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