

## An Island Review



# Cyberchase - a special Father's Day event

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Now in its seventh season, [Cyberchase](#) is the only math series for kids on American television. It stars three Earth children - Matt, Jackie, and Inez - that along with Digit, a bird-like cyborg, are determined to stop the evil villain Hacker from taking over Cyberspace. Their only weapon? Brain power! Driven by a different math concept, each episode shows kids that math is everywhere and fun to use.

We had the opportunity to preview the new Father's Day episode of Cyberchase that premieres this Friday, June 19th on PBS KIDS GO! This special episode stars actor Matthew Broderick as the character of Max who, along with the help of the CyberSquad, tries to stop Hacker from ruining Father's Day.

"My son loves Cyberchase, so I was happy to lend my voice to the show," said guest star Matthew Broderick. "The best part is that I haven't told him I did it; I'm waiting to surprise him when we watch the episode together. I'm sure he'll be more impressed by it than any other work I've done!"



In this episode it's time for the annual Father's Day Parade in Tikiville, and Max (guest star Matthew Broderick) is this year's Cyber Dad of the Year. Max was once a schoolmate of Hacker's - and continually bested Hacker in all of their endeavors. Hacker has decided it's time to get even. His dastardly scheme is to replace Max with a Max robot and make the robot do awful things during the parade. The CyberSquad must use number patterns

to crack a series of coded messages sent by Hacker to save the day!

This was the first time I had ever seen the show, and I got a kick out of the different characters' voices. I immediately recognized the villain Hacker as being Christopher Lloyd, and Digit is unmistakably voiced by Gilbert Gottfried. Since the show is geared

towards kids ages 8-12, the coded messages went right over my 4-year old's head, but I can see how an older child would love the concept!

For even more fun, you can visit Cyberchase Online where kids can print their very own Cyberchase Father's Day cards, find a recipe for Max's famous banana pancakes, play games, and watch a preview of the Father's Day episode.

Following the June 19th on-air premiere, the full Father's Day episode with Matthew Broderick will be available for streaming at Cyberchase Online at [pbskidsgo.org/cyberchase](http://pbskidsgo.org/cyberchase) and on the PBS KIDS GO! video player at [pbskidsgo.org/video](http://pbskidsgo.org/video).