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## THE POD REPORT

By Dana Block



THIS WEEK'S CATEGORY:

### Kid Politics

Do you have a budding Alex P. Keaton or Greta Thunberg in your household? Does your teen or tween read the New York Times or channel-surf between Fox News and CNN when they get home from school? Then these five podcasts are aimed at an audience that includes your offspring:

### "Newsy Pooloozi"

This podcast calls itself a "world news podcast for smart kids and curious adults, covering science, animals, sports ... and even politics!" It's a family-friendly show brought to you by a mother-and-daughter duo, who made the New York Times' list of the top 30 podcasts for kids (back when it was called "Newsy Jacuzzi"). Recent episodes cover a wide array of topics such as the ceasefire in Israel, the United States fat bear com-

petition, and a tribute to Jane Goodall. (NewsyPaloozi.com)

### "KidNuz: News for Kids"

Perfect for children's short attention spans, this daily newscast averages 7 minutes and features current, unbiased and age-appropriate stories about politics, entertainment, science, health and sports. It's not hosted by kids but instead by moms who happen to be four Emmy-Award-winning journalists. Very recent topics include daylight saving stalls, shutdown ripple effects, the Toronto title chase, heist arrests, and Dems dropping hints. Their website even has a Teachers' Lounge with a daily quiz and "junior journalism" resources. (KidNuz.org)

### "The Ten News: News for Curious Kids"

Another one catering to shorter attention spans, this weekly podcast explores topics that "kids care about most" such as pop culture, sports, gaming and, yes, even the news. Each episode description has a list of 10 things to touch on. On the most recent Indigenous Peoples' Day, discussions ranged from the Israel-Hamas ceasefire, to an update on the devastating Palisades Fire, to a

"Gaming Update with Ryan," to the world's cutest rescue pup all in under 15 minutes! (TheTenNews.com)

### Don't Forget These Gems "On Our Minds"

This Edward R. Mirror award-winning podcast is produced and led by students. During each episode, two teen reporters take you through stories about the teenage experience via the PBS News Student Reporting Labs. In the most recent season titled "Who inspires you?" student journalists from across the nation interview individuals whom they admire. (StudentReportingLabs.org)

### "Civics 101"

This weekly podcast is about "how our democracy works ... or is supposed to work, anyway." It's effective at breaking down complex topics about government, such as the Constitution, the Electoral College, and landmark Supreme Court decisions. Recent episodes explain why the government is shut down again, what happens when enough states want to change the Constitution, and how tariffs are affecting American businesses. For those of us who haven't taken civics since high school, be sure to test your knowledge with the recent "Civics Trivia" episode. (SiriusXM.com)

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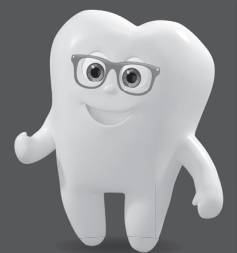
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