



# BRAD MONTAGUE

## Filling the World with Wonder

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### A little bit about Brad

- ❑ Writer. Director. Joy rebel.
- ❑ Creator of [Kid President](#) and Socktober

### Origin of [Kid President](#)

- Grew out of the need for people to just pause and listen to a child. Brad decided to create Kid President with his brother Robby to start a joyous rebellion.
- Brad wanted to throw “hand grenades of happiness” around the world through their YouTube videos.

### How does being around children feed our soul?

- Kids spark joy and wonder in those around them.
- If we can express wonder for what we teach and for our students they will feel it.

*“You can't fill the world with wonder if you don't have it yourself.”*

### What happens if you start to lose your wonder?

- [Kid President's Pep Talk](#) grew out of Brad's need to find his way out of a dark place.
- Sometimes you just need to take a step back and realign your goals with who you are and what you believe.

- Pause and take a breath and just know that as a teacher what you do is changing thousands of lives.
- We need to make sure we take care of each other. When something is wrong we don't always see it on the outside.

### **How do we find our rhythm and make the decisions to say yes or no?**

- It's OK to respectfully decline invitations to do things in order to spend time with the people and things you love.
- Do less things better.
- We may have to do things we don't necessarily love.
  - If the overall "why" is strong and the love is there for the bigger picture then the boring and unlovable stuff is doable.
  - You may need a symbol that keeps you going like the name of a child, a quote, or maybe a story.

### **What happens when you make your "Space Jam"?**

- Growth is more than just going through a process where we work towards a goal, achieve it then we are done like a caterpillar turning into a butterfly.
- We can think of it more like the changes a lobster goes through.
  - The majority of a lobster's life is spent healing from growth or growing.
  - Often times we see things like a one-time event when we should be thinking of it as a constant cycle of growth.

### **What does it take for us as grown-ups to make an impact on kids?**

- It is so important for us to just listen to kids and be the person that they can tell their story to.
- It's far more important to tie your kid's shoe every day than it is to take that big trip to Disneyland.
- Know their names and show them that you want to listen to them.

### **Resources:**

- [Lesson plans and activities for teachers using Brad's videos in the classroom.](#)
- [The Hidden Life of Trees by by Peter Wohlleben](#)