

INTERNET SAFETY TIPS

- 1 Parents should know and approve of every web site that their children go onto.

Parents should know and approve of everyone that their children are communicating with on the Internet and anywhere else.

It is the same safety rule on the Internet as going outside of their home - Parents should know where you are, and you should have good communication with your parents.

- 2 Computers and any other electronic device should be located in a central room of the home, and monitored by parents.

- 3 Video Games - The top two Bullying Video games are Grand Theft Auto and Call of Duty.

Parents should read the packages of all games and software and approve of its contents before these items are purchased. Often these games are not appropriate for elementary students

- 4 Social Media - The top two Bullying Web Sites are Facebook and Instagram. Accounts should be set up only with approval and monitoring by parents.

- 5 Deleting of messages, videos, posts etc. - It is almost impossible to totally delete anything from the internet or any type of electronic device.

This includes snapchat or any messaging system that offers automatic deleting.

- 6 Passwords - Passwords should always be used where possible and shared by students only with their parents - no one else.

They should not be easy to think of such as: ABCD or 1234. They should include numbers, letters and characters such as ! , &, and others offered on a keyboard.

- 7 Privacy Settings - Should be used at all times, but remember that they are not 100 % foolproof.

Hackers know how to defeat privacy settings and anything put on the internet should be considered as available for anyone to see.

Students should always report to their parents of anyone who makes them feel uncomfortable, or communicates to them in any inappropriate way. This includes bullying, and in any sexually explicit way such as sexting.

- 8 Parental Control - Parents should have control of what is available to be viewed.

This includes how much time is spent on any electronic device.

- 8 Posting of Messages, Videos or anything - Should not be done hastily.

THINK TWICE - ACT ONCE , is a good way to conduct ourselves especially when upset, angered or under any type of stress.

Considering asking yourself if anyone in your family be offended if they saw what was being placed on the internet. This includes videos, photos, messages or anything else.

- 9 NEVER - Meet in person anyone that you met online without a parent being present.

There are 2 Billion People on line in the world today.

- 10 All of the Internet Safety Rules apply in School. Students should follow the instructions from their teachers, and should only be visiting web sites that they have been instructed to visit.

Safety Rule # 1 in school is : " ALWAYS LISTEN TO THE TEACHER "