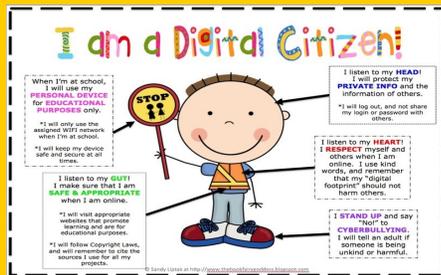


Digital Citizenship Week

November 16th—20th

Digital Citizenship in POB:

- ◆ **Digital Communities**- we are all connected to others (including strangers), even when it doesn't feel like it.
- ◆ **Passwords**- protect our personal information by using strong, secure passwords
- ◆ **Safe Exploration**- Explore the virtual world as safely as you would in the real world.
- ◆ **Cyberethics**- behaving in an ethical manner includes not bullying online.
- ◆ **Digital Footprints**- what you post is permanent, even if you think you deleted it.
- ◆ **T.H.I.N.K**- Is it True? Is it Helpful? Is it Inspiring? Is it Necessary? Is it Kind?
- ◆ **Cyberbullying**- It is wrong, both legally and ethically.
- ◆ **Positive Virtual Profiles**- How best to represent yourself online.
- ◆ **Plagiarism**- Academic integrity.
- ◆ **Identity theft**- protect yourself.
- ◆ **College & Career Digital Communication**- 11th graders are starting their searches for 'what comes after'.
- ◆ **Psychology of Your Digital Footprint**-exploring the connection between self-esteem and one's 'online persona.'



Digital Citizenship Week was initiated in the POB School District last year in our middle and high schools, to great success. The wonderful ideas and exciting programs brought the many issues of Digital Citizenship to our students in grades 5-12 in an extraordinary way. This year, grades 1-4 will share in the excitement as we explore and expand upon relevant Internet Safety topics introduced every year in our School Library Media Centers.



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Digital Citizenship Week will be held November 16th -20th as part of an initiative to educate students and continue the dialogue in our community surrounding responsible and informed internet usage. Many of our students are currently using or will be starting to use the internet, and, to an increasing degree, social media every day in a number of capacities ranging from educational research to social networking. Using a variety of themes across grade levels (1-4), we intend to focus attention on a number of related issues.

The internet and technology as a whole can be a wonderful source of connection and culture when used appropriately. We hope that all of our students will learn how to be a mindful citizen of the digital world.



Grade Level Themes:

Grade 1:

Your Digital Community-

Discuss the concept of an online community, especially as it pertains to online video games. Many children play online games and don't realize at the other end of a "challenge" or "request" is a person who is part of the online community. Most of the time these are strangers.

Grade 2:

Powerful Passwords-

Explore with your child why people use passwords, learn the benefits of using passwords, and discover strategies for creating and keeping strong, secure passwords.

Grade 3:

Going Places Safely-

Students learn that they can go to exciting places online, but they need to follow certain rules to remain safe.

Grade 4:

Screen Out the Mean-

Students learn that children sometimes can act like bullies when they are online. They explore what cyberbullying means and what they can do when they encounter it.

Source: <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>

Resources for Parents:

CommonSenseMedia.org

"Common Sense Media helps families make smart media choices. We offer the largest, most trusted library of independent age-based and educational ratings and reviews for movies, games, apps, TV shows, websites, books, and music. Our Parent Concerns and Parent Blog help families understand and navigate the problems and possibilities of raising children in the digital age."

Brainpop.com & BrainpopJr.com

Videos and interactive videos on all areas of Digital Citizenship. Ask your school Library Media Specialist for usernames & passwords.

Netsmartz.org/Parents

"NetSmartz Workshop is an interactive, educational program of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® that provides age-appropriate resources to help teach children how to be safer on- and offline. The program is designed for children ages 5-17, parents and guardians, educators, and law enforcement. NetSmartz entertains while it educates."

Mediasmarts.ca

"MediaSmarts is a Canadian not-for-profit charitable organization for digital and media literacy. Our vision is that children and youth have the critical thinking skills to engage with media as active and informed digital citizens."



Pobschools.org