Digital Citizenship

Students in computer lab are learning how to use the Internet safely and responsibly. We are completing lessons and projects to reinforce these very important rules about how to be a good digital citizen. In addition to the Acceptable Use Policy you received and reviewed with your child at the beginning of the school year, please also consider the following safety rules regarding Internet use:

1. Supervise all Internet-enabled devices and keep computers in a public area of the home.

2. Spell out an agreement (see attached sample) so your child knows exactly what the rules and expectations are regarding computer/phone/tablet use.

3. Check their browser history to see the sites that they are visiting.

4. Set filtering and/or blocking parameters. (Check out our Parent Page at woodlandhillsprivateschoolcomputerlab.weebly.com/parent-information.html for more info on Parental Control Software)

5. Teach your child to never give out private information, such as last name, address, phone number, passwords, or information about family members or their school without asking a parent for permission.

6. Have your child navigate safely by choosing a child safe search engine. (Check out our Parent Page for child friendly search engines)

7. Teach your child that they should never agree to meet face-to-face with anyone they met online.

8. Encourage your kids to come to you if they encounter anything online that makes them feel uncomfortable or threatened.

9. Teach your child not to email/text a picture without adult permission.

10. Emphasize that nothing is truly private, and there are "no take-backs" online or on mobile devices.

11. Reinforce the Golden Rule: Treat others online as I would have them treat me... never send threatening or mean messages, nor respond to any such messages that are sent.

12. These rules should always be followed at home, at school, at the library or at a friend's house.

My Digital Citizenship Pledge

1) I will not give out personal information such as my address, telephone number, or information about family members or my school without asking a parent for permission.

2) I will tell my parents right away if I come across any information online that makes me feel uncomfortable.

3) I will never agree to get together with someone I "meet" online.

4) I will go online or play video games when my parents say it's OK and limit my online time so that it doesn't interfere with chores, homework or other activities.

5) I will not respond to any messages that are mean or in any way make me feel uncomfortable. It is not my fault if I get a message like that. If I do I will tell my parents right away.

6) I will talk with my parents so that we can set up rules for going online. We will decide upon the time of day that I can be online, the length of time I can be online, and appropriate areas for me to visit. I will not access other areas or break these rules without their permission.

7) I will not give out my Internet password to anyone (even my best friends) other than my parents.

8) I will check with my parents before downloading or installing software or apps or doing anything that could possibly hurt our devices or jeopardize my family's privacy.

9) I will be a good online citizen and not do anything that hurts other people or is against the law.

I agree to the above:

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Child sign here

I will help my child follow this agreement and will allow reasonable use of the Internet as long as these rules and other family rules are followed:

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Parent sign here