

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPALInternet Monitoring, Filtering and Blocking Strategies

Parents must monitor their child's Internet activity on a daily basis. With just one click, your child can be exposed to information and/or photos that are not developmentally appropriate. With that in mind you may find the following information valuable:

Monitoring Strategies

Regularly scan computer files to see what kind of web pages and photos (.jpg) children browse or download onto the hard drive. Open ***My Documents*** and ***My Pictures*** and check content of all folders. Check for history of recently visited Websites. Open your ***web browser***, click on history icon on toolbar. (with Internet Explorer, this looks like a clock with an arrow turning back time.

Filtering and Blocking Strategies

Set your computer's home page to a child-friendly browser with built in filters. With Internet Explorer, open your web browser and select ***Tools*** from the toolbar on the top of the screen. Choose ***Internet Options***. With search engines like Google, Yahoo, or Dogpile, select ***Preferences*** (located to the right of the search term field) then set preferred ***Safe Search Filter***.

~Ms. Littell☺

Special Areas Update - Library

February is Love Your Library month! The Media Center is highlighting books about the Library and the wonderful things about them. This month, students will explore what it is that they love about the library. Whether it be the literature collection or the technology, the Media Center strives to have something that everyone will love. 5th graders will be promoting their most beloved picture books to share with younger grades. Each book will have a short summary located on a bookmark to explain why that book is loved and why it is being shared.


SCHOOL WEEKLY EVENTS & FIELD TRIPS


February 1-3 – “Hills on Stage” Musical @ HSE
2/1 @7:30 p.m.; 2/2 @ 4:00 p.m.; 2/3 @ 1:00 p.m.

February 6 – PTA Meeting – 9:30 a.m. - cafeteria

February 11 – 2-R – Discovery Center
– Student Council Valentine’s Day Sale during student lunches

February 13 – 2-Z – Discovery Center
– Student Council Valentine’s Day Sale during student lunches

February 12 – 2-P – Discovery Center
– Student Council Valentine’s Day Sale during student lunches

February 14 – Valentine’s Day
– 2-Kn – Discovery Center
– Student Council Valentine’s Day Sale during student lunches

February 15 – 2-Ke – Discovery Center
February 18-22 – WINTER RECESS – SCHOOL CLOSED

February 26 – PARP launches

February 28 – SPIRIT WEAR DAY

March 1 – PARP Mystery Reader Day

– PARP Family Fun Night – 6:30-8:30 p.m.

PTA MONTHLY NEWS

Thank you to everyone who came out to Chipotle on MLK Day to support the PTA. Our next meeting is Wednesday 2/6 @9:30am in the cafeteria. Come support your fellow classmates by coming to see Hills on Stage, Friday, February 1; Saturday, February 2 and Sunday, February 3 at the HSE auditorium. School is closed for winter recess Monday 2/18 - Friday 2/22. PARP will launch at Sunquam on Tuesday 2/26. We hope to see you at the next meeting and check our website for all the latest information SunquamPTA.org or FB page Sunquam PTA.

THOUGHTS FOR PARENTS

Today's school age children are getting more and more technologically sophisticated, very often outpacing what their parents know about these high-tech gadgets. Many parents often only think about their home computers, where they know their kids will have access to the internet, and often forget about all of the other gadgets in and around their home that also offer internet access. For example: smartphones, iPads and various gaming systems. Although parental controls are available for most of these devices, the average parent who doesn't use the device himself isn't likely to think about turning those controls on. Few parents seem to realize that many of today's cell phones are basically ***mini-computers*** when it comes to the kind of access they provide to the internet. It is important to read up on the various parental controls available on individual devices as well as contacting your cell phone and internet carrier for options they may have.

WEB SITE OF THE WEEK

To learn more about parent controls, check out this website:

Website: <https://www.verywellfamily.com/parental-controls-2634209>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Information cannot replace education.”
~Earl Kiole