



OMPH School Scene

Helping Students Stay Safe in Our Technology Driven World

Internet safety is an important recurring theme in our computer classes. Throughout the year all students in grades Kindergarten through 8th participate in lessons and projects with the goal of helping them become healthy media users. We use a variety of resources to teach students about being safe online including *Common Sense Media* (commonsensemedia.org), which is an independent, non-profit, free website containing valuable information to educators and parents on how to raise kids in this world of media and technology. Below is a snapshot of what internet safety lessons students have participated in this school year:



8th Grade: Students are taking part in the *NetSmartz Student Project Kit* which was created for junior high students to teach younger students about topics like cyberbullying, online privacy, and digital ethics. Students are working in groups to research an internet safety issue and create a fun, engaging presentation to show to kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders.

6th and 7th Grade: For some 6th and 7th graders being on social media can mean connecting with friends, sharing pictures, and keeping up to date. Social Media can also mean dealing with distractions, social pressures, and drama. We are discussing with students how to navigate the different feelings they may already be experiencing on social media and also how to find a healthy balance with their media life.

3rd-5th Grade: We are focused on digital citizenship and teaching students their behavior online (or in-person) not only affects them but has the potential to affect others in their community and their world.

K-2nd Grade: We are discussing what is considered "personal" information and why we do not share that information with someone online. We are also discussing what to do if students accidentally click on an unknown link or a pop-up flashes on their screen.

Mrs. Fleming, Computer Teacher

You be the Chemist Challenge

Congratulations to our students, who participated in the *You Be the Chemist Challenge*. Our students secured both 1st and 2nd Place affording them the opportunity to participate in state level competition. Way to go!



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