Technology Talk

Mrs. Williams   **February 2019**

What does Digital Citizenship mean?

When most people hear the phrase "digital citizenship" they mostly think of being nice online, but digital citizenship goes beyond "being nice". Digital citizenship includes such topics as: digital footprint, online media well being, balance, privacy, security, online relationships & communication. At Cheat Lake, we have decided to take a deeper look at all of the aspects of digital citizenship in grades 3-5. Each month I will be addressing various digital citizenship topics in the classrooms. I am really looking forward to working with your students! This month we discussed staying safe online, searching for appropriate content, Chromebook care and clickbait. Each topic is discussed in a little more detail in this newsletter.

Acceptable Use
Well Being & Balance

In 3rd grade, we focused on what was considered appropriate & acceptable uses for their devices. This is the first year they are able to take their Chromebooks home, and their are times they forget that it a tool for learning and not playing. We also reviewed the highlights of the acceptable use policy that they and their parents signed at the beginning of the year.

Footprints
Digital Footprints & Identity

In 4th grade, we discussed how to keep our identity safe and being responsible while we are online. Students were reminded that even though they delete or it "disappears", like SnapChat, it doesn't really ever go away. We talked about the fact that they should ALWAYS use a username, not their real name. We discussed how they are responsible for themselves and should never post about others without permission. The students then created their own slide highlighting the key points!

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Clickbait!

Privacy and Security

In 5th grade, we concentrated our privacy and security by looking at "clickbait". Clickbait is an image or headline that tries to get you to click on it, usually for advertising purposes. Though clickbait may seem harmless, there are several issues with clicking on those particular images/headlines:

~It can lead to a virus infected your computer.

~Someone can steal your personal information.

~It's can lead you to a site that is not appropriate.

Just like in regular advertising and commercials, there is usually a hook that captures your attention.

We wrapped up this lesson with the students making their own clickbait. I think we may have some future advertisers in 5th grade!

Questions, concerns?
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Teaching Our Students to be Leaders
At Cheat Lake Elementary we are growing leaders one child at a time.

Along with becoming a leader, a student needs to learn to responsible. Therefore, if your child happens to forget their Chromebook at home, please do not bring it to the school. We will supply the students with a device if it is needed during their class time. When you drop off the Chromebook, the student is called out of class to pick it up in the office. This takes away valuable class time for your student, the other students in the room and the teacher.

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