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September 14, 2016

Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

We are writing to inform you about our Digital Citizenship Week we are planning district wide from September 26-30. The goal for this week is to educate students and parents about social media and the issues that can arise with its use. As part of our plan, we will guide our students on how to navigate social media outlets in the safest ways possible. The lessons we hope to impart on our students are:

- How to establish a digital footprint online you can be proud of
- Treating others with respect using social media
- Protecting yourself online from predators

Two representatives from the Rensselaer County Probation Department, Christine Miner and Kate Rose, will be meeting with the 7-12th grade students on Thursday, September 29 and Friday, September 30. Their presentation will focus on cyberbullying and how to use social media safely. They will also touch upon how students can avoid the pitfalls of using social media websites such as Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, Facebook and others.

Our DARE Officer, Deputy Jeff Russo, from the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department, will meet with the 5th and 6th grade students during this same week. Deputy Russo will give a presentation on Internet safety which will also focus on using social media safely and how students can create a "digital footprint" they can be proud of.

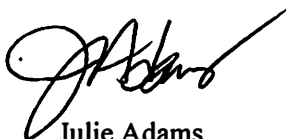
Mike Fonda, Prevention Educator from St. Peter's Health Partners will present information on Internet Safety to each of our kindergarten through fourth grade classes during this week.

Carolyn Strauch, our BOCES Model Schools Coordinator, will give a social media presentation to parents on Tuesday, September 27th at 7:00PM in the high school LGIA. This workshop will inform parents of current websites and applications that are popular and how they are being used. She will also discuss the signs of cyberbullying, as well as myths and truths (like app images "disappearing") about the media and applications we are using. This workshop is for parents, school staff, and/or other community members. It is designed to inform anyone who would like to be informed on what sites teens are visiting and their purpose.

Throughout this week our teachers will be encouraged to work these themes into their lessons when it is applicable and appropriate.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us. We hope to see you on Tuesday, September 27th!

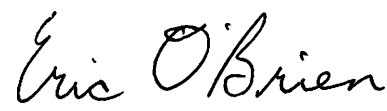
Sincerely,



Julie Adams
7-12 Principal



Mark Foti
K-6 Elementary Principal



Eric O'Brien
K-12 Assistant Principal

SOCIAL MEDIA: WHERE DO THE TEENS GO?

Tuesday Sept. 27th 7 PM

in the

High School LGIA.

Carolyn Strauch, our BOCES Model Schools Coordinator will give a social media presentation to anyone who's interested. This workshop will cover the currently popular sites. Signs of cyber bullying, as well as myths and truths (like app images "disappearing") will also be discussed. This workshop is for parents, school staff or other community members; anyone who wants to know where the teens may be going and what each site is about.

