Internet Safety Information

Cyber Tips for Parents:

• Parents need to educate themselves and talk to their kids about the dangers of the Internet and online safety.
• Parents and children should discuss guidelines for using the Internet at home, in school, and at the library.
• Parents should monitor what their children are doing online.
• Parents should put their computer(s) in a place that can be easily supervised.
• If their child experiences online bullying, parents should report it to their Internet Service Provider.
• Parents should save all offensive bullying messages on their computer's hard drive in case they later need evidence of the bullying.
• Parents may want to notify school administrators if their child is a victim of cyber-bullying so they are aware of the problem.
• If their child continues to be bullied or they feel their child is in danger, parents should notify the police.

Safety Tips for Your Children:

• Kids should not put personal information about themselves online.
• Middle School kids do not belong in places like MySpace.com, Facebook.com, or Chat groups.
• Kids must not physically get together with anyone they meet on the Internet.
• Kids must understand that people might use a false identity on the Internet.
• Kids should never send pictures of themselves to anyone they don't know.
• Kids should tell a parent or trusted adult if anything they hear or read on the Internet makes them uncomfortable.
• Kids should not open files from anyone they don't know since they might contain pornography or viruses.
• IM buddy lists should be limited to people they know.
• Kids should tell a parent or trusted adult if they are being bullied online.
• Kids should not respond to bullying online. (This can cause it to escalate.)
• Kids should remove bullies from their buddy lists.
• Passwords should not be shared.
• Kids should use the back button if they accidentally open an inappropriate site.