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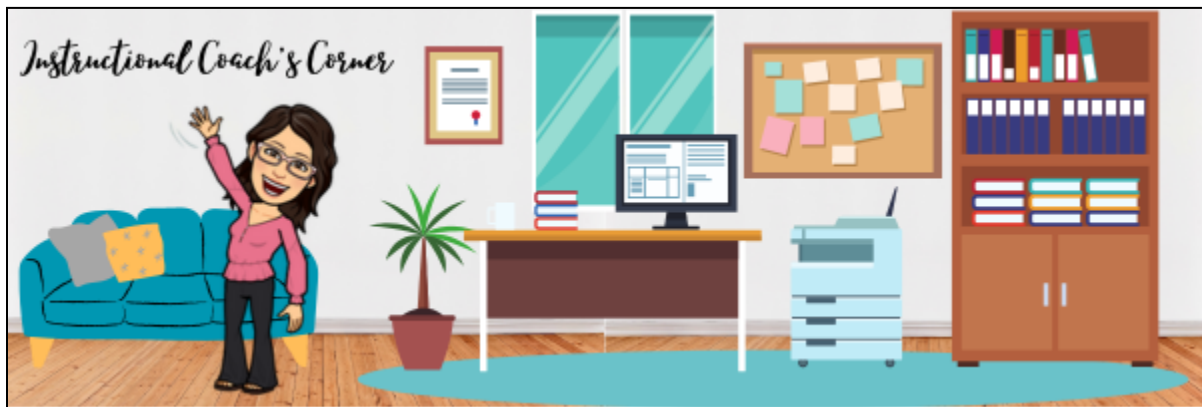

May 24, 2024

Congratulations to these students who became better digital citizens this year by completing all Neptune Navigate modules! If your student has not already received their completion certificate, it is available for pick up in their first block class.

Congratulations to the following students for completing their NEPTUNE NAVIGATE

Clare Anderson		
Colton Barker	Karen Lameck	Dylan Monts
Jack Coonfield	Kierstyn Latham	Justin Moon
James Cooper	Chloe Lawson	Wyatt Moore
Julia Cromer	Ella Lindgren	Kylar Moran Menning
Mackenzie Egger	Mallory Lindler	Madeleine Moulton
Katie Flores	Payton Mack	Jack Patterson
Annabelle Foster	Matthew Malloy	Zayla Quezada
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April's Digital Citizenship Focus:

Tech Laws

Online activities have real-life consequences. April's Neptune Navigate covers a number of topics related to tech laws and digital citizenship.

Social Media

The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) restricts anyone under the age of 13 from having a social media account.

- COPPA was adopted to protect children from unwanted or aggressive advertising.
- Social media sites, including YouTube and Google, make money by selling its user information to advertisers.

Online Behavior

Neptune Navigate tells students to never take or send images of themselves showing any part of their body that is normally covered by a swimsuit. Doing so is illegal.

Students are also reminded that anyone whom they are chatting with online and do not know personally is a stranger no matter how long they have been chatting.

Topics for Discussion:

- How old should you be before you get an Instagram account?
- What is plagiarism and how can you avoid it?
- What should you do if someone sends you an inappropriate picture to you?
- If someone online asks you to send them an inappropriate picture of yourself, what would you say to them?

Apr 7, 2024

Keep an eye out for MAP Growth Reports.

Reports will be sent home along with report cards on

Monday, April 8th.

Please take the time to review these results with your student and celebrate their accomplishments.

Mar 31, 2024

Mar 17, 2024 Mar 24, 2024

Neptune Navigate:

March's Digital Citizenship Focus:

Privacy & Cyber Awareness

Social media sites and online gaming platforms are the two most likely places for students to give out personally identifiable information.

Protect Your Information

- **Ensure social media profiles are set to private.**
- **Set secure passwords at minimum 8 characters long, including upper and lowercase letters, numbers and symbols**
- **Do not reuse passwords for different accounts**
- **Ensure websites are secure before providing any information (look for lock)**
- **Do not click on links in unsolicited emails or text messages.**
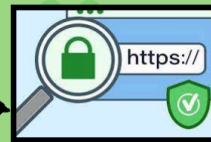
Topics for Discussion:

- **Do you see the importance of your account settings being set to "Private"? Why or why not?**
- **Do you think you have a strong password for your email? Is it the same password you use for other things? Is that a good idea? Explain.**
- **What types of information should you NOT share online?**
- **How can you tell if a website is secure or not?**

Learning Opportunity:
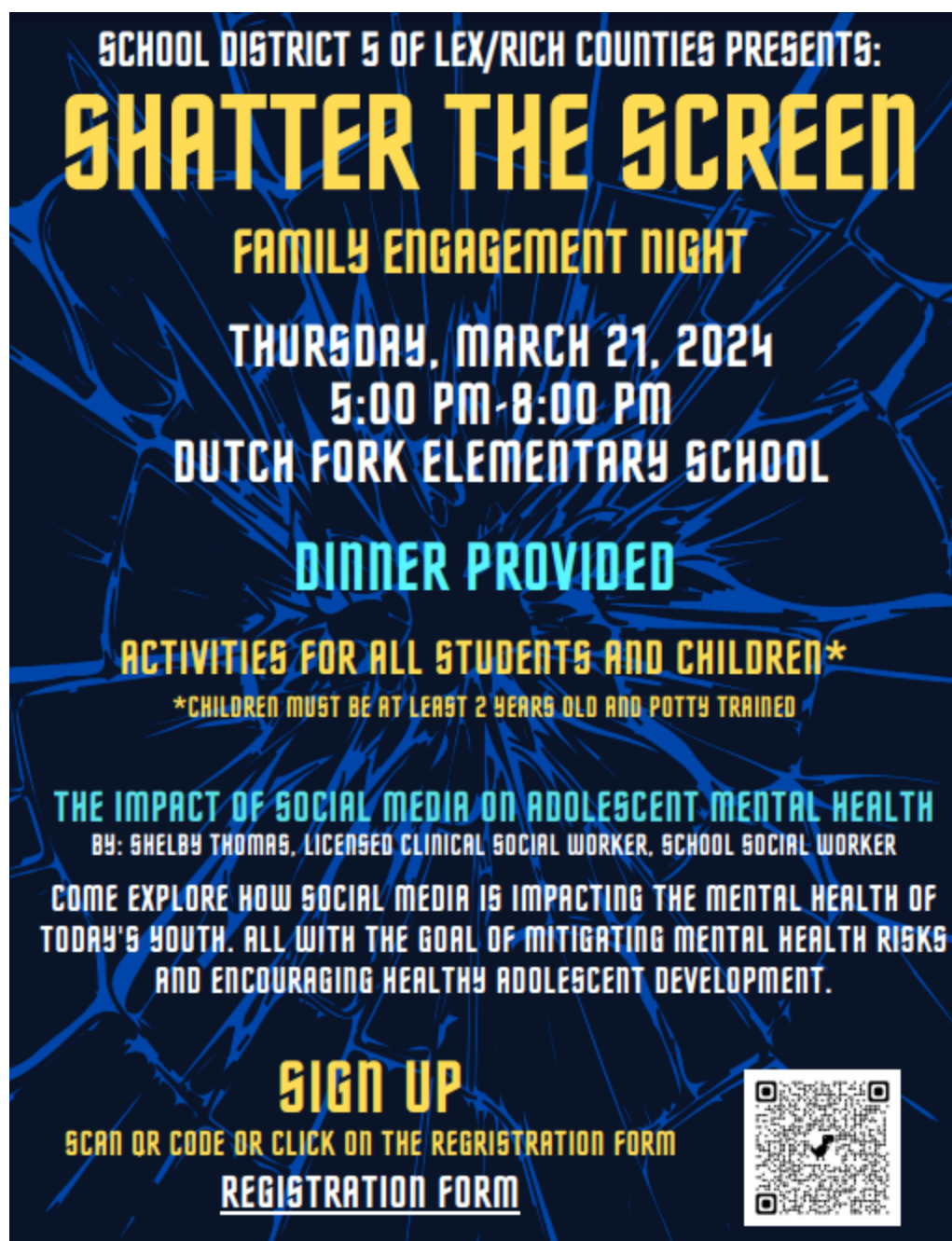
Register here for this event.

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Mar 10, 2024

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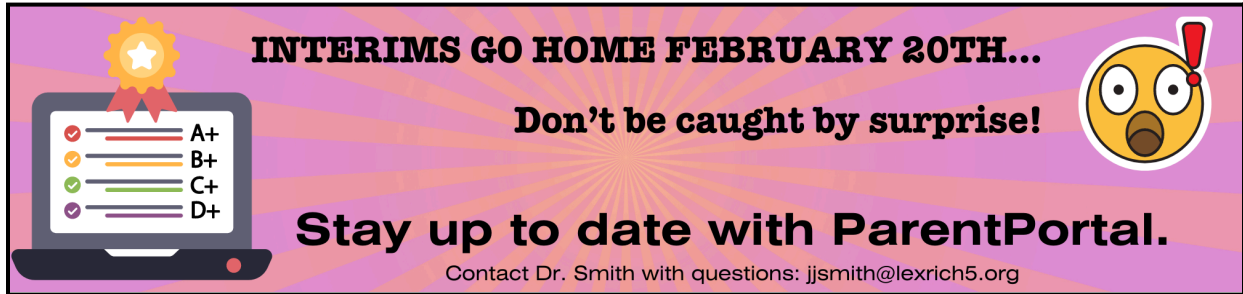
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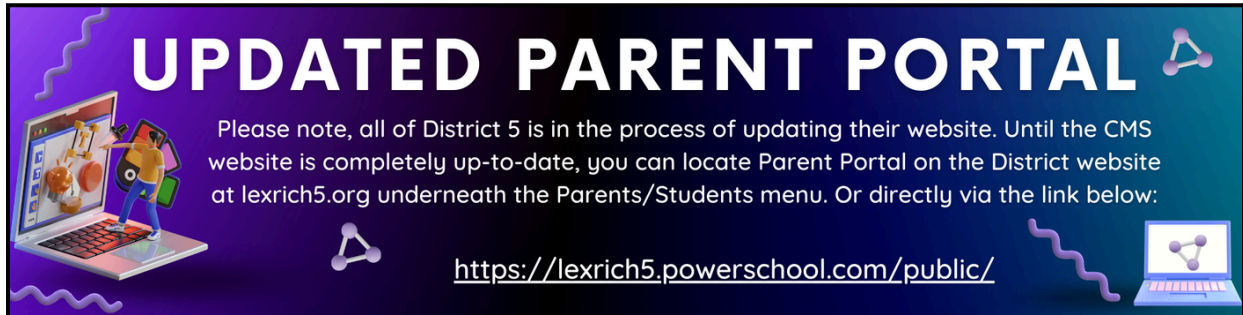
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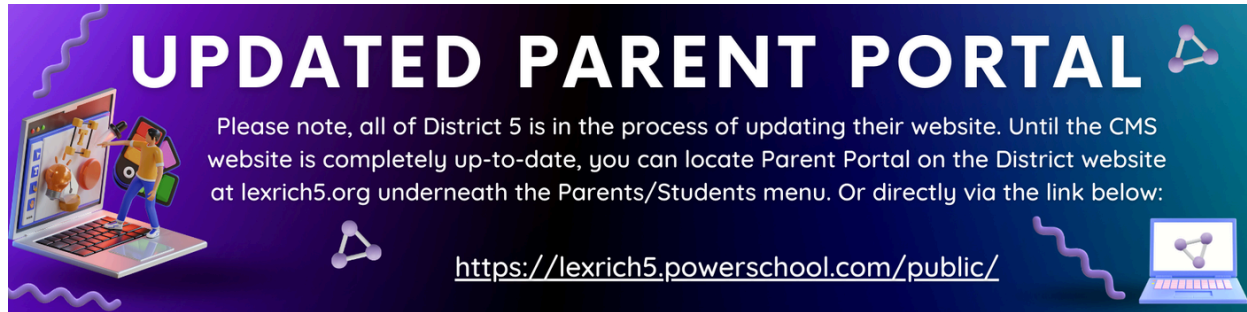
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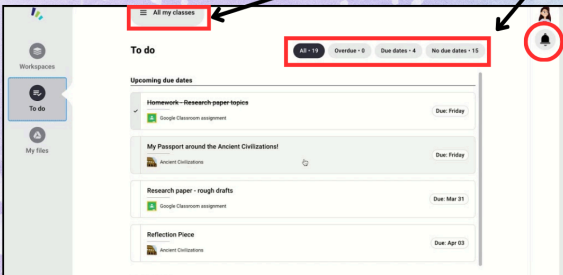
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Jan 28, 2024

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Assignments can be sorted by due date or filtered by class.

Click the notifications icon to see Google Classroom notifications & emails.

Students

Simply access the Hapara Dashboard by clicking on this icon in Classlink

Parents

To view your student's Dashboard, ask your student for their username (student number), password, & multi-factor image.
- Visit launchpad.classlink.com/lexrich5
- Look for the Hapara Student Dashboard icon
- Complete the Google sign-on

**Note you must log in as the student. There is not a parent version available.

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Jan 14, 2024

January's Digital Citizenship Focus:

SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media has been shown to negatively impact teens by leading to depression, anxiety, inadequate sleep, low self-esteem, poor body image, and eating disorders. Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2023
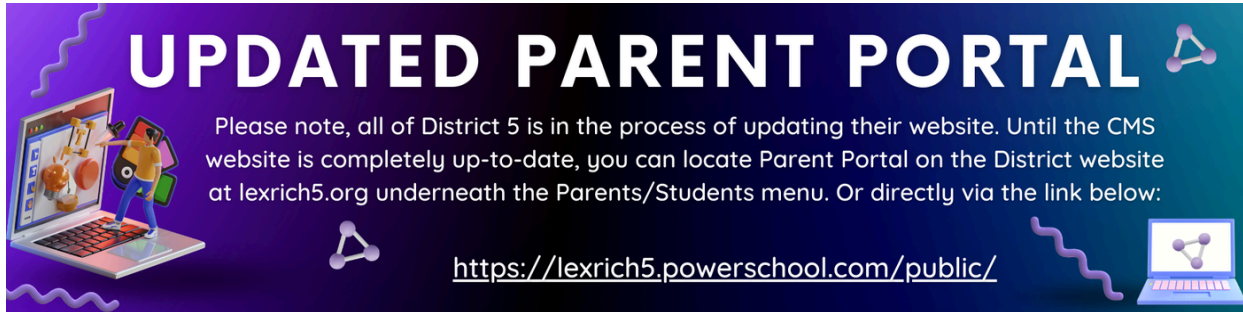
Social media sites make money by selling user data, therefore the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) restricts anyone under the age of 13 from having a social media account.

Topics for Discussion:

1. What are some ways a negative Digital Footprint can affect your future?
2. Why shouldn't you have a social media account until you are 13? Why is COPPA so important?
3. Define what an online stranger is. Have you ever been approached by a stranger online? What did you do? Would you do anything different now that you know the dangers?
4. How do your "likes" on social media affect how you feel about yourself and why?
5. How often do you check your device in a day? Do you track your time spent daily on social media sites? Does the idea of taking a break from your device sound easy or difficult, why?

Jan 8, 2024

December 10, 2023

That iPad or smartphone your student may soon be getting comes with a BIG responsibility!

December 3, 2023

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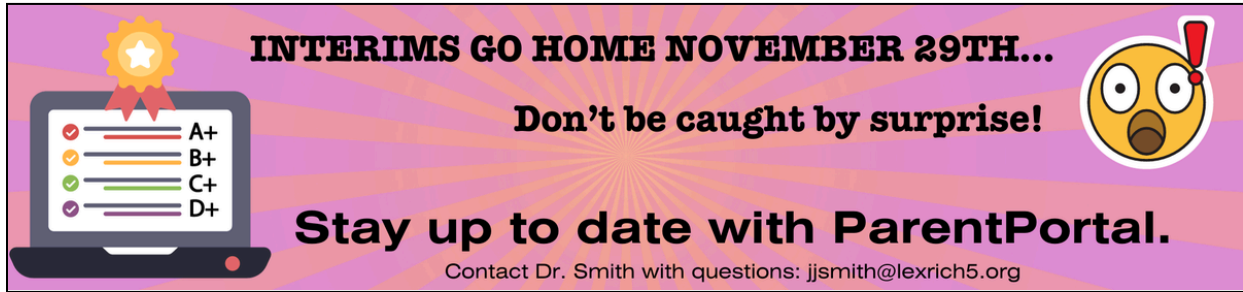**3** Enter "discus2024" on the page where you are asked for a library card number.

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November 13, 2023

November's Digital Citizenship Focus:
CYBERBULLYING

Cyberbullying is using digital technology to intentionally harass, belittle, demean, or threaten another person repeatedly.

70% OF KIDS WHO ARE BULLIED NEVER TELL ANYONE

Potential questions to ask your student:

- Have you seen anyone being bullied online? Did you do anything about it? Why or why not?
- Has anyone ever tried to cyberbully you? What did you do?
- Do you think bullies have more power online than they do in real life? Explain.
- What would keep you from telling me about someone bullying you online?
- What are the 5 steps you should take if you are ever the target of a cyberbully? Why are they important? Would any of these steps be hard for you to do?
- What can I do to help you? How can I make sure you feel safe coming to me if you are ever the victim of a cyberbully or if you see it happening to someone else?

Remind your students to THINK before they post.

Before You Post
THINK
T - is it True?
H - is it Helpful?
I - is it Inspiring?
N - is it Necessary?
K - is it Kind?

November 6, 2023

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November 30, 2023

OCTOBER

October is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month and cybersecurity is everyone's responsibility! Four easy ways to stay safe online:

1. Use strong passwords
2. Turn on multi-factor authentication (MFA)
3. Think before you click. Recognize and report phishing.
4. Update your security software regularly or enable automatic updates.

For more information, visit bit.ly/CISACyberDefense.

CMS kicked off the **Neptune Navigate** Digital Citizenship series this month. This month's focus is Digital Citizenship. Potential questions to ask your student:

• Why is it important to have an age requirement for certain apps and websites?

• When you see a post or comment that is unkind or inappropriate, what do you do?

• Why is it important to think before you post?

• Since we know that your digital footprint is permanent, how could what you post online affect you in the future?