

Greetings Howard Parents,

Our school year is quickly coming to an end and I know that we are all looking forward to summer break! In the remaining few weeks our staff will continue to provide learning opportunities for our students in a safe school environment. We can also take this time to help our students prepare for a long stretch away from the classroom.

One area that we work hard to monitor, and know many of you do the same at home, is the amount of time and use of technology by our children. Recently, we have noticed an uptick in students sharing/imitating what they are viewing on social media and the internet, especially on Tik Tok. Unfortunately, this includes inappropriate language, behaviors and content being shared with their friends. Sometimes without them being aware of the seriousness or meaning behind what they are doing or saying. We are very grateful to those parents who bring this to our attention when they are aware. Communication is key in helping our children learn how to use technology correctly.

We are here to help support those efforts to monitor and prevent children from accessing inappropriate content. Our staff is vigilant about this topic and they diligently monitor and address these issues as they arise. If these behaviors do occur in the school setting they will be addressed through our PBIS and Restorative Practice process. Our technology systems in the district have a very robust filtering software that prevents students from accessing websites or social media not related to our curriculum.

We all want our children to be safe in school, in the neighborhood, and when using technology. I encourage all parents to take a moment to talk to their children about being safe while online and to make sure you are aware of the various platforms your child may be accessing. I've included a few resources that you may find helpful at the bottom of this letter.

Summer is a great time to relax and enjoy our favorite vacation spot. In this digital world, it is so important to help our kids unplug and explore new adventures. I've attached a list of local museums that offer free or discounted admission during the summer. Our public libraries offer many summer programs and events that not only promote reading but other fun activities. Also, there are many summer camps and workshops offered locally. I encourage all parents to take advantage of these fun opportunities.

Technology can be a great tool for learning but we all know that time away from technology and social interaction with others is the best way to help our children learn and grow. I look forward to the remaining few weeks of school and the start of our summer recess.

All the best,

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SITES FOR ONLINE SAFETY:

- Keeping Kids Safe Online- Scholastic
<https://www.scholastic.com/parents/family-life/social-emotional-learning/technology-and-kids/keeping-kids-safe-online.html>
- Talking to young children about online safety- Childnet
<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/talking-to-young-children-about-esafety/>
- 5 Sites to Teach Children How to Use the Internet Safely, for Kids and Parents
<https://www.makeuseof.com/use-internet-safely-for-kids-and-parents/>

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