



Clark-Pleasant Community School Corporation

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

When our kids are young, we do our best to help them get the most out of the Internet while protecting them from the risks and downsides of the online world. As children mature, our role shifts to helping them learn to make their own safe and thoughtful decisions as they navigate their digital lives. At Clark-Pleasant Community Schools, we believe in partnering with parents and preparing our students to:

- Think critically and evaluate websites, email, and other content online.
- Protect themselves from online threats, including bullying and scams.
- Get smart about sharing: what, when, how, and with whom.
- Be kind and respectful toward other people online, including respecting their privacy.
- Ask for help with tricky situations from a parent or other trusted adult.

Clark-Pleasant teachers will utilize programs designed to teach kids the skills they need to be safe and smart online. “Be Internet Awesome” and “Common Sense Media,” provide fun, age-appropriate learning experiences built around foundational lessons. Smart, safe technology usage can help students drive their own learning and make our schools function more efficiently. We believe in teaching and modeling good digital citizenship. These programs will help us achieve our goal of all Clark-Pleasant students learning, exploring, and staying safe online; both inside and outside school walls.

We invite you to check out the resources for families that are available via the following websites:

- “Be Internet Awesome”
 - <https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com>
- “Common Sense Media”
 - <https://www.commonsense.org/education/toolkit/family-engagement-resources>

We encourage you to ask your child about what activities they are participating in and continue the conversation at home – and who knows, you just might pick up a few privacy and security tricks yourself!

Students will be issued their own devices this school year, and class-wide internet safety training will be part of this process. We encourage you to talk to your child about what they are learning about the Internet, and we look forward to each student having a device in our classrooms this year to support learning!

Sincerely,

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