

Huron Valley Schools  
**Kurtz Elementary School**

*Welcoming + Empowering + Achieving = Greatness!*

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Hello Kurtz Families,

I am coming to you today with the hopes of making a commitment that will impact our students and our community for years to come. Regardless of our individual feelings, our young students are growing up in a digital world where social media is prevalent. I frequently hear of great students getting caught up in issues that result in a variety of negative outcomes including school based, as well as legal interventions. Many students are unnecessarily victimized or play an unintended, but negative role that results in hurt feelings and sometimes embarrassment. It is my hope that we begin a process together that will help us to make sure our students are informed and appropriate from the start of their experiences on-line.

Kurtz Elementary School has an ever increasing digital footprint. Your monthly newsletters are emailed home regularly. We have also added Facebook, Twitter and Instagram feeds to our tools for communicating the great things that are happening at school every day. It is our hope parents get out in front of any negative interactions students may have and create family accounts and follow us online. We hope you will make the contents of the Kurtz Social Media Compact the center of your family's online experiences. Use our feed as a safe way to practice appropriate online experiences and expectations. It is our belief that parents who are involved and engaged in the online process will be playing a vital role in ensuring our students do not fall into the social media trap. Let's work together to make our expectations online clear and a part of the digital landscape from the start.

Click on the Compact and download a copy to hang in your home. We hope it will be located near the devices our students will use when they go online. Reference the compact as your child navigates social media. Be engaged and aware of what our students are doing online, who they are talking to and most importantly what is being said. We owe it to our students to be as connected as we can be to their online experiences. Let's work together to ensure the most positive online experiences for our students now, so their experiences in the future will be as positive as possible!

Your Principal,

Steve Chisik