Elementary Families. Want to get an inside look at what your child is learning? Check out some of these great at home resources to share and practice with your little ones!!!

Heggerty Phonemic Awareness – kindergarten

Heggerty.org

Fall in Love with Learning

K-5 Family Night

All Kent City Elementary Schools are invited to join us for a night of fun and learning. We will be focusing on literacy and mathematics education, promoting learning at home and resources available in the community

Date	Time	Location
Wednesday October 26,2022	5:30 pm – 6:30 pm Open House Style	Longcoy Elementary School 1069 Elno Ave, Kent, OH 44240

- Fun Activities for Kids
- Community Resources
- Pizza & Snacks
- Title I Meeting 6:00pm

For full details about
Fall in Love With Learning Family Night
Click Here

Stay Connected

Kentschools.net/engagement

The webpage offers parent resources and news about district wide events.

Scan the QR code with your phone's camera to stay connected!

Community Corner

This section of the newsletter will alter you about resources and new services in our community!

**CITY OF KENT
PARAMEDICINE PROVIDER**

Mission: To provide compassionate quality care and services built around the needs of the patients and communities we serve through effective partnerships.

What is a Community Paramedicine Provider?

A CPP is a paramedic/RN that works to increase access to primary and preventive care and increase the quality of life for the residents in our community.

For more information contact:
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Title I Meeting
Question & Answer Session
10.26.2022 | 6:00pm | Longcoy Elementary Library

Title I School Parents Right-to-Know – Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT)

This is the term *used* for a teacher who proves that he or she knows the subjects he or she is teaching, has a college degree, and is state-certified. As a parent of a student enrolled at a school receiving Title I funding, Federal law allows parents to request information regarding the professional qualifications for your child's teacher or instructional aide. If information is needed, contact your building principal. (Source: Ohio Dept. of Education; Title I, Part A, Section 1111(h)).

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about
BEREAL

BeReal is the latest trending social media app. The concept is that people see others in their authentic day-to-day lives, sharing candid photos without editing or applying filters. Each day at a random time, users are simultaneously notified to take a picture of what they're doing at that exact moment. The two-minute window to submit an image means there's no time to select a particularly glamorous or exciting activity. BeReal shares two pictures: a selfie, and an image of the immediate surroundings. Users can only view and react to their friends' photos once they upload their own.

AGE RATING
13+
from the App Store & Google Play

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTINUOUS NOTIFICATIONS

Like any social media app, BeReal's developers want users to be on it regularly and scrolling for long periods. BeReal only sends one notification to post a picture each day, but there are other alerts for events such as mentions, comments, friend requests and reactions to your photo. This can cause young users to feel pressure to open the app and respond, distracting them from other activities.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

When someone signs up to BeReal, it highlights anyone in their phone's contacts list who already has the app – so users can connect with friends, or invite others from their contacts. The 'Discovery' feed, meanwhile, shows posts from strangers and gives users the option to add them as friends, too. This means your child could potentially connect with – and communicate with – a stranger.

PUBLIC SHARING

As well as sharing posts with friends in the moment, the app also allows posts to be shared publicly and public content to be viewed. Before a user can see this public content, they must post their own photo first. Unfortunately, there currently seems to be a lack of moderation on the content that's being uploaded, so a young user could be exposed to posts which aren't suitable for their age.

EASY LOCATION

BeReal's default setting is to share the exact location of where a post was sent from. Given that images are usually shared within the two-minute window, anyone your child is friends with on the app will know exactly where they are (or at least, where they were two minutes earlier). As we've noted, this could include strangers who are intending to use this geographical information for malicious purposes.

VISIBLE PERSONAL DATA

As with any other form of social media, it's important that your child doesn't share too much personal information on their profile. BeReal allows for a photo, full name, approximate location and a short bio. It's safest to make sure that your child's profile doesn't display anything which could identify where they go to school or exactly where they live.

REPUTATIONAL DAMAGE

What your child says and does online – their digital footprint – shapes the way that other people see them. It's essential that young people understand that when they post something online, they are giving the app in question the right to do whatever they wish with that image or content, including sharing it elsewhere. This form of permission is explicitly referenced in BeReal's terms of use.

Advice for Parents & Carers

LIMIT NOTIFICATIONS

BeReal offers the option to turn off individual types of notification. Doing this will significantly reduce the number of times your child is tempted to open the app by incoming comments, uploads, friend requests and so on. Ironically, it will allow them to actually 'be real' by being present in the moment and their current environment as opposed to being engrossed on social media.

STOP AND THINK

BeReal's goal is for users to be authentic with friends, removing the pressure of that flawless photo or perfectly worded post. It's still vital, though, that children stop and think rather than uploading something risky just to meet the two-minute deadline. Point out to them what kind of information strangers could extract from an image: school crests, street names or local landmarks, for example.

KEEP IT AMONG FRIENDS

Remind your child why adding strangers to their contacts isn't a good idea, and advise them to decline any friend requests from people they don't know in real life. If something your child sees on BeReal makes them feel uncomfortable, they can report it by clicking on the three dots in the top right. The reporting tool allows them to state the reason that they're flagging up the post.

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Remind your child to use an avatar as their profile pic (as opposed to a photo of themselves) and use a nickname or just their first name, not their full name. Any information they add to their bio (which is optional) should be kept vague, and personal details should remain private. It's also worth turning off the geolocation feature either through the device's settings or in BeReal itself.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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