

PARENT IgNIGHT



Safeguarding our Children, Part I:
Protecting our Children in the Digital World

PURPOSE



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VISION

Building learners of tomorrow...

MISSION

To prepare individual learners for success in life, the Platte County School District provides meaningful experiences in a safe and caring environment.

VALUES

*Student Focus • Collaboration • High Expectations • Integrity
Visionary Leadership • Innovation • Results Orientation*



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**Platte County School District's
Parent IgNIGHT, a series of
informative parent sessions,
is designed to include, inform, involve,
and *ignite* parents.**

FORMAT

- Introduce an issue
- Learn from some experts
- Show what we're doing in our schools
- Share what you can do at home
- Offer a Message Board



THE ISSUE



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- Children are exposed to stresses at earlier ages and sometimes struggle to cope with social media, bullying, identity, and exposure to traumatic events.
- New social media apps and online games pop up all the time, making it hard for parents to monitor and keep kids safe from predators.



STUDENT SURVEY (MO)

Question	2018 Local Data	2018 MO Data
During the past 30 days, on how many days did you not go to school because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on your way to or from school?	5.4%	7.6%
How many times in the past 3 months have you spread mean rumors or lies about other kids at school?	19.1%	20.7%
How many times in the past 3 months have you posted something online or sent a text that might embarrass or hurt another student?	13.7%	15.5%
How many times in the past 3 months have you made fun of other people?	41.6%	51.1%
During the past 12 months, did you ever seriously consider attempting suicide?	12.9%	14.1%

STUDENT SURVEY (PCR-3)

Question

Top 2 Reponses 2017

I feel safe at school.

Secondary: 82%
Elementary: 85%

I know someone will help me if I am bullied at school.

Secondary: 71%
Elementary: 82%

My school has a plan to prevent bullying.

Secondary: 83%

If I have a problem, there are adults in this school who will listen and help.

Secondary: 77%
Elementary: 88%

EXPERT

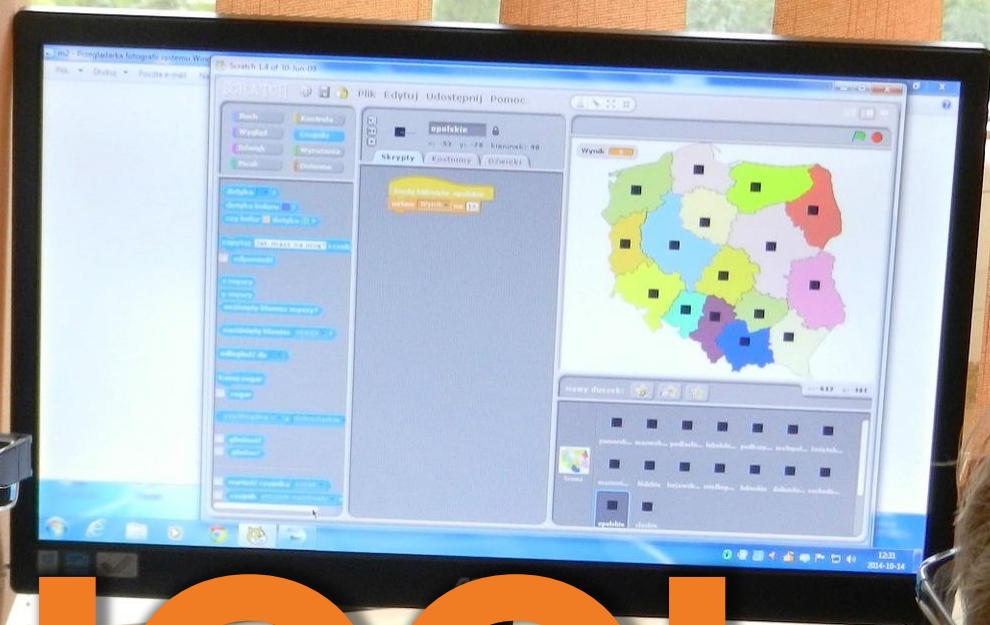


HEAR FROM AN EXPERT

I Russ Tuttle, Stop Trafficking Project



AT SCHOOL



WHAT WE'RE DOING AT SCHOOL

- School Device Filtering
- Bullying Prevention Programs, including Cyber-Bullying
- Digital Citizenship Lessons and Online Safety Focus



FILTERING



BULLYING PREVENTION

A blue-tinted photograph of a person with long, light-colored hair, seen from the side, resting their head on their hand. They are wearing a camouflage-patterned sleeve. To their left is an open laptop displaying a calendar or scheduling application. The background is slightly blurred, showing papers and other desk items. The overall mood is contemplative or stressed.

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP & ONLINE SAFETY

A blue-tinted photograph of students in a classroom. In the foreground, a student with glasses is using a laptop. Behind them, another student is holding a tablet. The background shows other students and classroom equipment. The entire image has a blue overlay, and a solid blue bar is at the bottom.

AT HOME



WHAT YOU CAN DO AT HOME

- Get to know what your children are using
- Communicate with your child
- Check in and model appropriate use
- Set rules and limits



GET TO KNOW WHAT YOUR CHILD IS USING



SAFEGUARDING OUR CHILDREN, PART I: *Protecting our Children in the Digital World*

Dangerous Apps Every Parent Should Know About

It's safe to say that the advent of the digital age—and specifically the Internet, smartphones and social media—have brought unique and daunting challenges to the current generation of parents. As a “bonus” challenge, the technology that both helps us parent and also poses danger to our kids’ safety is ever changing. As soon as you have one dangerous app deleted from a mobile device or have installed safety software on a computer, another scary app or Internet safety issue appears. The best way to face these parenting obstacles is to educate yourself about them.

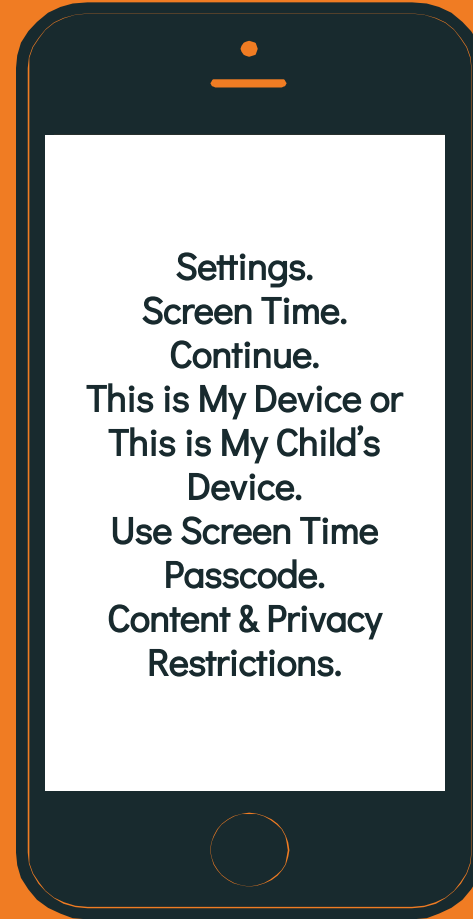
Here are 15 dangerous apps or websites that your kids might be using—and why they shouldn't be.

App	What it is	Why it's bad
Tinder	An app used to find dates and hook-ups using GPS tracking.	It is easy for adults and minors to find each other, and the “rating” system can be used for bullying.
Snapchat	A photo-sharing app that allows users to send photos to specific people, assigning the photos an allotted time—after which they will “disappear.”	It's very popular for sexting. Users have figured out how to save or screenshot the images, so they aren't really gone and can be used against the sender later for “revenge porn” or any other nefarious purpose.
Blender	A “flirting” app allowing users to send photos/videos to anyone on their “friends” list and rate their “hotness.”	This app uses GPS and is not authenticated, so predators can find minors or anyone they are looking for. It's also popular for sexting, and the “hotness” rating allows for bullying.
Kik Messenger	An instant messaging app that allows sending of videos, pics, and GIFs.	It's very popular for sexting. There are no parental controls or authenticating, so it's really easy for predators to find your child on Kik.
Whisper	An anonymous confession app.	Since it's “anonymous,” you can post pics and confessions of someone who isn't you (bullying). It also uses GPS, so predators can find you pretty easily.
Ask.fm	A popular Q&A social networking site used almost exclusively by kids.	Its anonymous question-asking leads to consequence-free cyber bullying.
Yik Yak	An app that allows users to post 200-character “Yaks” which can be viewed by the 300 closest to them as determined by GPS.	Users are putting lots of sexually explicit content on Yik Yak, and although it's anonymous, it can reveal personal details that make users easy to find.
Poof, Hidden Apps, Hide It Pro, App Lock	These are all apps designed to hide other apps on your phone. Not all are available any longer, but if your child already has them, they can still use them.	These allow your child to conceal apps from their phone screen, so you will have to be diligent about searching for them.
Omegle	A video chatting app.	Although you don't identify yourself, it's pretty easy for your child to make friends with a predator. It's known to be a predator favorite.

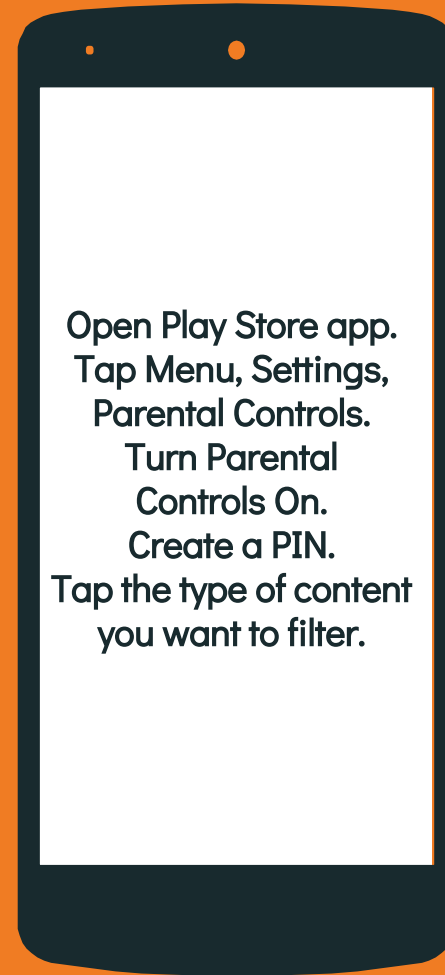
COMMUNICATE AND MODEL



SET RULES AND LIMITS



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PARENT IgNIGHT



**Reading, Math, and
Study Strategies
at Home**

March 13, 2019

**Safeguarding our
Children, Part II:**
*Drugs, Vaping, Alcohol,
and other Distractions*

May 1, 2019



THANKS!

Additional questions?

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