

Digital Citizenship Week 2016

Digital citizens know how to use their devices safely, responsibly, and respectfully.

Dear Families,

In Bend-La Pine Schools, as well as around the country, the week of October 16-22 has been designated as Digital Citizenship Week. As a parent and an educator, I know first-hand the importance of this topic and believe it is something we need to address with our children as part of their education. Digital devices are part of our society, and their presence can be both an asset and a challenge as we balance productivity, screen time, and being present in the moment with our teachers, friends and families. During this week, it is our hope that as a community we can open ourselves to learning and discussing the role that devices play in our home, school and work lives.

We have identified a digital citizenship focus for each grade level, and teachers will lead discussions around these topics during class times. You can find the the topic for your child's grade level listed to the right. We have also identified a Family Focus for each grade level which you will find described below. It is our hope that this family focus is something you can address throughout the school year in your home. Please make sure to check out the links and other support that our team has compiled and listed on our parent support site (<http://bit.ly/dcfamilysupport>). Thank you for your support.

Respectfully,

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FAMILY FOCUS FOR SECOND GRADE: HOW DO ADULTS USE DIGITAL DEVICES?

Second-graders are starting to understand cause and effect, and are also interested in the deeper reasons behind actions. They ask questions and want answers. Coupled with better reading and writing skills, this curiosity gives them a greater interest in what they can do-and adults are doing-with digital devices.

They are watching the adults in their lives. When we look at our messages at a stoplight, read emails in the grocery line, or read and post to Facebook during a soccer practice. Does that mean adults should give up their devices? No. But we need to be aware of what we are doing, and also start to talk to our second-graders about the ways that we use technology, what we may need to work on, and ways that digital devices are helpful in our everyday lives. With guidance and supervision, we can help them find answers to their questions on our devices, and help them find one or two ways they can routinely access a digital device to help them with a task. For more ideas on how you can support your second grader, please make sure to check out the resources on our parent support site.

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Second Grade
Respectful Technology Use

#1

DISCUSS

How can we show we are respectful when using technology?

#2

ACCESS RESOURCES

Please visit our parent support site:
<http://bit.ly/dcfamilysupport>

#3

PARTICIPATE

What will your family pledge to do (or not do) with your digital devices this week? If you use Twitter, Facebook or Instagram please share and use the hashtag **#blsdigitalcitizens**. You may be featured on our website!