

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 THIRD GRADE: ROUTINES WITH DIGITAL DEVICES

In third grade, students start to refine their abilities to think ahead and make a plan for what they are going to do. They are also starting to be more easily influenced by peers, and are more able to see things from other points of view and incorporate those perspectives into everyday life.

Third grade is also the first year students are issued their own iPads. Because of this, it makes sense to have the family focus for third grade be on developing routines and guidelines for technology and device care and use at home. Though devices may not come home every day, it is good to have a agreed-upon plan for when they do. Guidelines should be logical, and agreed upon by both parents and students. For some example guidelines and more resources, please check the resources listed on our parent support site.



Third Grade
Responsible Technology Use



DISCUSS

What kinds of responsibilities does a good digital citizen have?



ACCESS RESOURCES

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



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!