DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

Throughout the Calgary Board of Education, students now have the ability to utilize the LAWN (Learner Accessible Wireless Network) in their school. This new access point means that students are able to bring in their own personal devices (laptops, iPhones, Blackberry, iPod Touch, PSP, DS, etc) to connect to the Internet for their school work! There is not an expectation that students must bring in or have their own device and those students who do not have a personal device to utilize in our school will continue to have access to other learning technologies.

With this ability comes a new level of responsibility and understanding which we will ensure all students have prior to accessing the LAWN. Our students' safety in an online environment is of utmost importance to us and learning how to be a good Digital Citizen will increase your child's awareness and understanding of the power and perils of the Internet but will undoubtedly enhance their learning opportunities! All students will be completing several Digital Citizenship activities and learning tasks in all classes which we believe will better equip them to make the best use of this new opportunity in a safe and respectful manner. This learning will be ongoing. Sites that are currently blocked in our school will remain blocked on a student's own device.

The use of personal devices in our school will be at the absolute discretion of our staff members at all times and our students will be asked to respect this expectation. It is our intention to have all students have access to their own devices or school technology resources regularly. The above is from http://www.innovativelearning.ca/sec-learntech/webaware-index.asp

The use of the LAWN in our school will be to leverage our students' abilities to:

- Access, critically assess and communicate information and understanding
- Seek alternative viewpoints
- Collaborate during inquiry
- Personalize their learning
- Construct personal knowledge and meaning
- Personalize their understanding
- Organize and manipulate data
- Interact with other learners

Students will not have access to school servers or printers through the LAWN. As such they will need to utilize their CBEmail or D2L storage lockers or purchase and use a USB device to transfer files to the school network. *Also, no technical/troubleshooting support will be provided for the students who bring their own equipment*.
No software will be provided to students. School classes may utilize software applications that the student does not have on their device. Ie. Comic Life

The following activities are prohibited and will be addressed on an individual basis as needed:

- Use of someone else's CBE account or access to the LAWN
- Sharing of usernames and passwords for other people to use
- Sending, posting, displaying or using obscene language/messages or pictures or information about oneself or others
- Harassing, insulting or attacking another person or their reputation
- Viewing websites through a proxy server
- Plagiarism of online content
- Texting or gaming
- Tampering with any computer accessories, hardware or software
- Use of technology or accessing sites not approved by staff
- Trespassing in other's folders, work areas or files
- Utilizing another student's device without permission

The following sites are prohibited from use:

- Vulgar or lewd depictions of the human body
- Any adult content
- Violent acts
- On-line gambling
- Social networking sites (such as FaceBook, Nexopia, etc.)
- Sites that encourage the use of illicit or illegal substances
- Sites that advocate hatred or violence against an identifiable group
- Sites promoting criminal activity
- Non-educational games
- And many more, see the link below for the complete list

This is the specific CBE filter level 2:
http://www.innovativelearning.ca/sec-learntech/POD/f2.html

Our expectation is that our students will become educated and responsible Digital Citizens. If, however students breach any of the above, each situation will be dealt with on an individual basis and may result in:

- Restriction or loss of technology privileges
- Restriction of use or confiscation of personal device
- School based disciplinary consequences: and/ or
- Police intervention and/or legal action

Lastly, it is important that parents/guardians and students remember the following as we begin this new educational opportunity:

- The school is not responsible for the loss, damage, or theft of student electronic devices.
- The school is not able to provide technical support for student devices.
- Devices can only be utilized when students are under the direct supervision of a teacher in an approved area of the school.
- Devices can only be utilized for educational purposes.

- Misuse will be determined by the staff and administration.

We view Digital Citizenship as a shared responsibility between students, their families and the school. We appreciate families taking time to discuss this new opportunity with their children and supporting the work of the school in moving it forward.

Sincerely,

Jeff Hall
Principal