

## **INTERNET SAFETY REMINDERS FOR SUMMER BREAK**

A reminder to parents to please be diligent over the summer break on what your child is viewing on social media through their devices.

What can parents do? :

- Spend time online together to teach your child appropriate online behavior.
- Keep an eye on your child's internet usage.
- Consider age appropriateness for child's use of technology, time spent on social media, and overall reminders of family expectations for making good choices.
- Ask your child if they know about dangerous online challenges and engage in conversations about safe technology use.
- Children should never respond to unidentified messages on social media and parents should advise their children never share personal data, photographs, phone numbers on the internet including creating usernames or IDs with real names/locations
- Keep the computer in a common area where you can watch and monitor its use, not in individual bedrooms. Monitor any time spent on smartphones or tablets.
- Bookmark kids' favorite sites for easy access.
- View the sites your child has access and look for any pop-ups or unsafe advertisements.
- Research online apps that monitor your child's search engine and usage.
- If a child is spending the night at a family member or friends, ask about their home internet safety measures and usage.