

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 FOURTH GRADE: DIGITALLY ENHANCED LEARNING

The goal of the Bend-La Pine Schools digital conversion is to create personalized learning opportunities that are rich, relevant and rigorous through the blending of traditional and digital learning experiences. This means that some curriculum might be delivered digitally or that teachers may supplement their instruction with some form of digital experience. This might include teaching angles through coding robots, exploring geography using google earth, or learning how reading text on a digital device differs from reading off of paper. The ability to enhance instruction with digital resources provides our teachers and students with options not previously available. As a parent, think about how your life has changed because of the devices you use in your personal and professional life. How has it made what you do more efficient and productive? Ask your child to share what they are doing in class with their device. Have them demonstrate how they digitally interact with their subject matter, their teacher and their classmates. How is what they are doing helping them practice the 21st Century skills of communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity? Reflect on how things have changed since you were in fourth grade and use this as a conversation starter with your child.

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Fourth Grade
Be Kind Online!

#1

DISCUSS

How can you demonstrate kindness when interacting with people digitally?

#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!