



# Middle School Guidance

## Internet Safety

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With June being Internet Safety month, there has been a lot of discussion recently in the media about Internet safety. If you were fortunate enough to have watched the Dateline Special Series "To Catch a Predator," anyone with kids and a computer have to be very alarmed at how easy it is for a predator to gain access to our most prized possessions - children. Don't get me wrong, I believe that the Internet is a great tool for immediate information at your fingertips, even then you must use your best judgment. Many parents fall into the trap that their child is safe while surfing the web and visiting chat rooms. Parents and kids need to remember that they should never "post" personal information on the Internet. As far as school goes, the new-

est form of bullying is now "cyber bullying." Bullies harass their victims over the computer through blogs, instant messaging, e-mail and web pages. With so many things to remember about Internet safety, where can a parent turn for help. One of the best websites that I have found regarding Internet safety can be found at: [www.isafe.org](http://www.isafe.org)

This is a great website for educators, parents and students. The goal is to empower students with the tools necessary to protect themselves from on-line dangers. According to a recent study done by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, 65% of incidents happen in game rooms/chat rooms and 24% happen through instant messaging. If your child should encounter violations while on

line, you can use the cyber tipline at [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com)

There are many ways that parents can assist with Internet safety: purchasing filtering software and trigger the parental controls.

### Quote of the month

"SMART - Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Time."

(Unknown Author)



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

### Points of Interest:

- ✓ - Absent from school? Check out the teacher lesson plans by logging in to the Logic House Parent Portal.
- ✓ - Excuses are due the day students return to school. A grace period of three days is allowed before becoming illegal.
- ✓ - Bullying information can be found at: <http://www.bbsd.com/bullying>

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## Important Upcoming Events

The following are a listing of important dates to remember:

**June 1, 2006** - Two o'clock dismissal for students.

**June 2, 2006** - Last student day for the 2005 - 2006 school year.

**June 11, 2006** - Flag day. Display the American Flag proudly.

**June 18, 2006** - Happy Father's Day. Thank you dad for everything!

**July 4, 2006** - Independence Day.

**August 14, 2006** - New student registration for the 2006 - 2007 school year. (9:00 - 2:00)

**August 28, 2006** - Teacher In-Service Day.

**August 29, 2006** - First student day for the 2006 - 2007 school year.

