

Middle School Guidance



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Dangers Children Face Online

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When most of us were growing up, we were told about the "stranger danger" rule. This rule now has taken a new meaning for adults and children in the world today with the creation of the Internet. Parents need to be more vigilante when their children are online. The following are children's rules for online safety: (1) I will not give out personal information such as my address, telephone number, parent's work address/telephone number, or the name and location of my school without my parent's permission. (2) I will tell my parents right away if I come across any information that makes me feel uncomfortable. (3) I will never agree to get together with someone I "meet" online without first

checking with my parents. If my parents agree to the meeting, will be sure that it is in a public place and bring my mother or father along. (4) I will never send a person my picture or anything else without first checking with my parents. (5) I will not respond to any messages that are mean or in any way make me feel uncomfortable. It is not my fault if I get a message like that. If I do, I will tell my parents right away so they can contact the online service. (6) I will talk with my parents so that we can set up rules for going online. We will decide upon the time of the day that I can be online, the length of time I can be online, and appropriate areas for me to visit. I will not access other areas or break these rules

without their permission. (Courtesy of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children) For more information, visit <http://www.missingkids.com/>

Quote of the month

"Most people achieved their greatest success one step beyond what looked like their greatest fail-



**Happy
Halloween**

Points of Interest:

- ✓ - Absent from school, check out the teacher lesson plans at <http://www.bbsd.com/ms/plans.htm>
- ✓ - 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>

Important Upcoming Events

The following are a listing of important dates to remember:

October 4, 2004 - Olweus Bullying Prevention Program Presentation for Women's Club of Berlin in elementary library. (start time 8:00)

October 6, 2004 - Local Task Force meeting in high school library. (9:30)

October 8, 2004 - Parent

conferences with teachers.

October 11, 2004 - End of the first six week grading period.

October 13, 2004 - Community Leaders Breakfast in elementary cafeteria. (start time 8:45)

October 18, 2004 - Somerset County Unified In-Service at Berlin.

October 19, 2004 - Report cards to go home.

October 29, 2004 - Middle School Fall Harvest Day.

October 31, 2004 - Happy Halloween.

November 1, 2004 - Second six week mid-term.

November 1 - November 5, 2004 - Iowa Test of Basic Skills testing in the middle school. (Grades five through eight)

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