



Dear Roger Clap Families,

In order to better respond to the impact of cell phones and social media for our students, Grade 5 & 6 students met with the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office to engage in the STOP, TALK, & BLOCK Presentation. By helping youth understand the risks that go along with social media, gaming, and just being online, the presenters hope to reduce harm and prevent exploitation, cyberbullying, and more. The education program STOP BLOCK and TALK uses a simple message that we encourage everyone to remember and teach to others:

- STOP the communication if someone is rude or asks for personal information or images,
- BLOCK that person without feeling bad or guilty, and
- TALK to a caregiver or trusted adult when you need help or feel uncomfortable.



The presentation launches Coach Z's Health Education unit on Digital Citizenship & Staying Safe Online. While parents and guardians can't always prevent their children from having upsetting and even risky online encounters, they can always make sure that young people know they can talk to adults about things that make them feel uncomfortable and teach them how to respond when such an incident occurs.

Tell your kids that they can come to you without facing blame or judgment, and without feeling ashamed or embarrassed, when something makes them feel uncomfortable online. Teach them that they can talk to you anytime and you will help and support them. Please review the questions and follow up statements (on the back) you can use with your learner to talk about online safety at home!

#### School Wide Updates:

- TODAY (Tuesday, November 12): Family Council Meeting on Zoom at 5pm
- Tuesday, November 19: School Site Council on Zoom at 6pm
- Thursday, November 21: Popcorn Day
- Friday, November 22: Town Hall, November Birthday, & Dollar Dress Day
  - Dollar Dress Day: Sports/Workout Gear
- Wednesday, November 27: Books & Bagels Event for Families & Staff from 9:20-11  
- Join us for storytelling, buddy reading and breakfast eating!
- Early Release Day: Wednesday, November 27 - Dismissal will start at 1:30pm.  
Students who take buses will be arriving at their bus stop approximately 2 hours earlier than typical.  
Breakfast and lunch will be served.
- No School: November 28 & 29



In partnership,  
Emma Fialka-Feldman, Principal