



KENMORE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Miss Elaine M. Thomas, Principal

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Dear Kenmore Middle Families:

I would like to share some informational materials that we used as part of a student assembly for grades 7 and 8 yesterday on the topic of internet safety as a resource to our families to open or continue the discussion with your children about ways to keep themselves safe on the internet. Our students have so much information coming their way via their cell phones and computers, some welcome, some unwelcome, every day. If we work as a team to help them know we are all here to support them and help them make good decisions, they stand a better chance of staying safe.

We have seen many situations lately across the district and in our school in which our secondary students have shared inappropriate photos or videos via their cell phones, and we, like you, want to ensure everyone's safety and well-being.

We invited School Resource Officer Dave Coffey from Kenmore West to join us at yesterday's presentation, which provided our students a great opportunity to become familiar with Officer Coffey and to help them see him as one more supportive resource as they transition to high school. We shared a video detailing student perspectives of the dangers of inappropriate sharing, and a power point presentation (the power point accompanies this letter here on our home page.) The information was positively received by students and staff alike.

We hope this will help you talk with your children about appropriate ways to use their technology, reinforce the message to report to a trusted adult any objectionable content, and serve as continued partners in their education. Thank you so much for your support!

Miss Elaine M. Thomas
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The Dangers of Sexting:

What teens need to know

Learning Targets

- I can demonstrate understanding of the consequences of sexting: legal, social-emotional, future
- I can connect concepts from today's presentation with past learning from classes such as Health, Computers, Technology (others?)
- I can identify 3 trusted adults in my life with whom I can talk about anything

Consequences

- Legal
 - Crime: Felony
 - Police seize phone(may never be returned)
 - Arrest
 - Probation
 - Court hearings
 - Jail (1-7 years)

Consequences

- Socially
 - Reputation/humiliation/feeling of hopelessness
 - Harassment
 - Photo can spread anywhere
 - Ending of friendships

Consequences

- Future
 - Sex offender registry
 - Prospective employers
 - College admissions
 - Photo can resurface many years down the road

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Herb Hand
@CoachHand

Dropped another prospect this AM due to his social media presence...Actually glad I got to see the 'real' person before we offered him.

Duke



Derek Jones @dukecoachd · 14h

Our jobs depend on the young men that we recruit. Your social media pages say a lot about your character, discipline & common sense. #Ap2w

SMU



Coach Justin Stepp @coachjstepp · Jan 8

Came across an awful Twitter account today. Shame the kid was a really good player...On to the next one...get a clue!



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Think!

- Once you click “SEND”, you can never take it back.
- Lessons learned in school meet real life
- 31 class days left
- Re-focus on learning

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