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MARY E. BRYANT ELEMENTARY

Dear Parents,

Especially as summer approaches, we felt it appropriate to provide a few ideas for keeping your children safe on the Internet. In the past, it has been called to our attention that Mary Bryant students have been involved in spreading information about inappropriate websites or have been targets of cyber bullying. As you know, we are unable to monitor the appropriate use of the Internet at home. However, as we have learned of these incidences, we have contacted parents whenever possible.

Below is a list of recommendations for your home:

- Adults, at all times, should supervise children while on the Internet.
- Children should never be allowed to have private sites without parental access.
- Children should not have computers in their bedrooms.
- Keep home computers in an easily viewable place.
- Parents should be up-to-date and monitor popular sites like Face Book.
- If you are considering installing parental control filtering software and/or tracking programs, remember, a program will not totally protect your child. Complete safety happens only when parents monitor all activity on the Internet.

It's important to note that the Internet is mostly a positive influence on our lives. The negatives are solely in how people use it.

Have a wonderful, safe summer. Enjoy your children and check out my website for other safety tips, including how to listen and talk to children. For questions and comments, please feel free to contact me:
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Sincerely,

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