Online Safety

Protect Your Privacy
1. Keep passwords private
2. Set up privacy controls
3. Always log out

Beware Of What You Share
1. Do not share any personal information such as your name, address, phone number, school, Social Security number, or date of birth.
2. Don’t share inappropriate comments, photos, or videos as these can damage your reputation for years to come.

Don’t Talk To Strangers
1. Limit your “friends” on social networking sites to people you know in the “real world”.
2. Don’t open messages from people you don’t know.

Don’t Be A Bully
1. Be positive when posting comments online.
2. Treat others how you would want to be treated.

Online Security
1. Do not use passwords that are easy to guess such as nicknames or pet names.
2. Do not use any private identity information in the password. Identity thieves can steal this information.
3. Do not use any word in the dictionary as a password. Hackers use programs that will try every word in the dictionary to guess passwords.
4. Use combinations of letters, numbers, and symbols for the most secure password.

Common Sense Media helps families make smart media choices. The site offers ratings and reviews for movies, games, apps, TV shows, websites, books, and music.

Common Sense Education provides teachers and schools with free classroom tools to help students make safe, smart, and ethical decisions.

Common Sense works with policymakers, industry leaders, legislators, parents, and teachers to improve the media and technology for all students, families, and schools.

Graphite is a platform for educators to find the best apps, games, and websites for students.

Dear Parents,
We are currently implementing the Common Sense Media Digital Literacy and Citizenship Curriculum in all grade levels at Village Oaks Elementary School. We are committed to using these tools to teach our students the essential skills to be safe and responsible digital citizens.

Ms. Torres —Principal

“Common Sense provides unbiased information, trusted advice, and tools to help parents, teachers, and policymakers to make smart media choices.”

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How Much Screen Time Is Okay For My Children?

“The American Academy for Pediatrics (AAP) discourages screen time for children under the age of 2, and advises limiting daily screen time to one to two hours for older children. Studies have shown a link between heavy media use and issues such as obesity, lack of sleep, academic challenges, aggression, and other behavior difficulties.” (Common Sense Media)

Did You Know?

- 21% of students in grades K-2 have access to cell phones.
- 71% of teen girls and 67% of teen boys who have sent or posted suggestive content have sent it to a boyfriend or girlfriend.
- 70% of children over the age of 7 have accidentally encountered adult material online through a web search while doing homework.
- Girls are more likely than boys to be the target of cyberbullying.
- 65% of 8-14 year olds have been involved in a cyberbullying incident.

Statistics from GuardChild.com