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## Internet Safety: Knowing How to Keep Your Children Safe Online

November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Greetings community!

We have Heath Hardwick, Special Agent with Homeland Security Investigations, scheduled to come and help parents learn what to look for, what to ask, and what to do to help keep your children safe online.

It is easy to forget the tiny supercomputer in our pockets comes with a lot of risk. The more so for children entering their teen plan of development. A time when the brain is focused on community and friends, finding where they fit in, and beginning to take larger risks without understanding the full scale of the consequences their choices will bring. This is natural. Our pre-teens and teens still need our guidance and protection (no matter how much they grumble toward the otherwise).

**This is a REQUIRED training for our 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> guardians but any adults in our community are welcome to attend.** **No children may attend the evening presentation.** Please reach out to the front office if you cannot attend. It is very informative on the current trends and how teens are using their phones and computers. What apps to be mindful of and can be a great conversation starter on the topic of online safety if the subject needs to be newly broached or reiterated.

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade will have a student geared presentation on good internet safety practices this same day in the afternoon. It is often very eye opening for them and they ask good questions and have important conversations with the information they garner.

Thank you for saving this hour of time to aid in the safety of our youth.

Respectfully,

Ms. Cerise