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Dear Parents/Guardians,

With the summer fast approaching, I want to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of staying connected with your children and being aware of the scope of their use of social media.

Please take time to discuss the importance of understanding that pictures and videos that they post or share can remain online forever. Often, our young technology users have a reduced level of expected privacy compared to older users. The use of social media and other online sharing tools such as Snapchat, IM, text messaging and email, expedites the sharing of information. The incredible speed at which we share information today can be beneficial, but it can also detrimental if the information contains personal information, inappropriate activity/messaging, or poor behaviour.

Sharing photos and video that include other people, without the explicit consent of their parents if they are under 18 years of age, is a breach of privacy. Please remember that online conversations and actions are held in the same regard as in-person conversations and actions and that all users are accountable for their online behaviour.

If you require support having a discussion with your child about appropriate online activity and behaviour please visit:

- Canada Safety Council: Online Safety Rules for Kids (<https://canadasafetycouncil.org/child-safety/online-safety-rules-kids>)
- Parents Canada: How to keep your kids safe online (<http://www.parentscanada.com/school/how-to-keep-your-kids-safe-online>)
- Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada: Youth Privacy (https://www.priv.gc.ca/youth-jeunes/index_e.asp)
- webAWARE: Cellphones and texting (http://www.bewebaware.ca/english/cell_phones_texting.html)

With thanks,
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