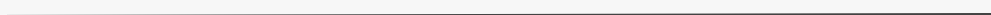# Digital Citizenship in FCPS

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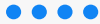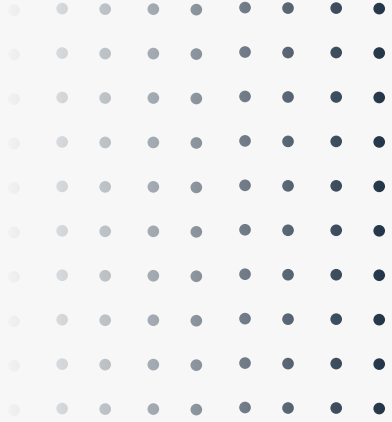School Based Technology Specialist
Common Sense Educator

A bit about me

YOUR SBTS

- Educator since 1998
- Military Family
- 2 kiddos

This brave new world isn't easy for parents.

FCPS Shared Responsibility Statement

"The past decade has seen an exponential increase in digital tools and opportunities, which carry the need for students to master a new set of life skills for behaving safely, ethically and responsibly online. Students are much more likely to understand good digital citizenship — the norms of appropriate, responsible technology use — when teachers and parents/trusted adults model it and explicitly teach and promote it on a regular basis." (Crompton 2014)

To that end, it's not just one person's job to teach digital citizenship to our students, but everyone's shared responsibility.

Collaborator   Communicator   Creative and Critical Thinker   Ethical and Global Citizen   Goal-Directed and Resilient Individual

FCPS Requirements

In order to meet the state requirements, FCPS has two requirements for all schools as defined below. In addition, schools have access to a rich collection of lessons and resources to support students, teachers, students, and parents as well as a [Recognition Program](#) for schools that go beyond the requirements and meet the defined criteria for developing a community based approach to digital citizenship education.

Common Sense Media Curriculum

Help students take ownership of their digital lives.

media balance
online privacy
digital footprint
communication *cyberbullying*
news & media literacy

All students need digital citizenship skills to participate fully in their communities and make smart choices online and in life. Our award-winning K–12 Digital Citizenship Curriculum:

✓ **Addresses top concerns** for schools.

✓ **Prepares students** with critical 21st-century skills.

✓ **Supports educators** with training and recognition.

✓ **Engages the whole community** through family outreach.

Media Balance & Well-Being	Privacy & Security	Digital Footprint & Identity	Relationships & Communication	Cyberbullying, Digital Drama & Hate Speech	News & Media Literacy

So... What Can Parents Do?

1. Choose
2. Check
3. Chat

All About That Balance

Ask yourself — is my child:

✔ Physically healthy and sleeping enough?

✔ Connecting socially with family and friends (in any form)?

✔ Engaged with and achieving in school?

✔ Pursuing interests and hobbies (in any form)?

✔ Having fun and learning in their use of digital media?

Source: "New screen time rules from the American Academy of Pediatrics," Sonia Livingstone

Live with Integrity
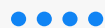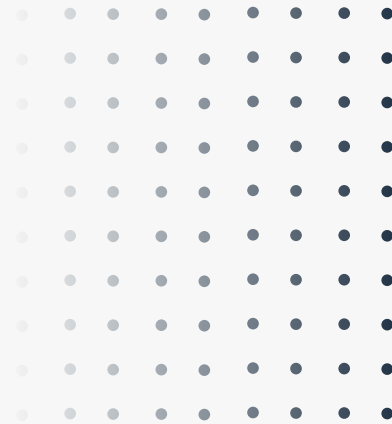
In our NEST, Hawks...

Are **H**onest

Work hard to **A**chieve

Make **W**ise choices

Show **K**indness with respect
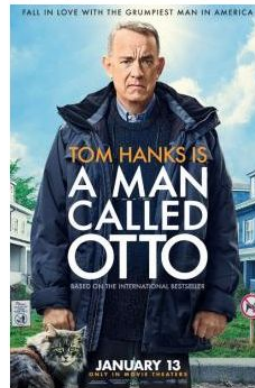
And make **S**afe decisions

Continue to SOAR each day!
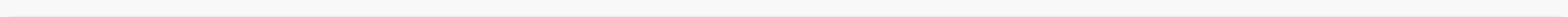
Common Sense Website

commonsensemedia.org

Reviews for what your kids are into
(before they get into it)

Trusted ratings created with families in mind.

FALL IN LOVE WITH THE GRUMPIEST MAN IN AMERICA

TOM HANKS IS
A MAN CALLED OTTO

BASED ON THE INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER

JANUARY 13
ONLY IN MOVIE THEATERS

MOVIE
✓ age 13+ ★★★★★

THE LAST OF US

JAN 15 | HBOmax

TV
✓ age 16+ ★★★★★

HIGH ON LIFE

GAME
✓ age 18+ ★★★★☆

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Discover the Best Kids'
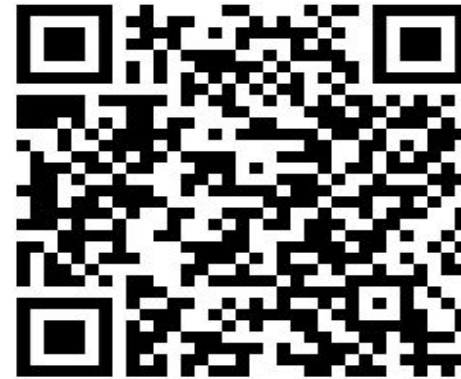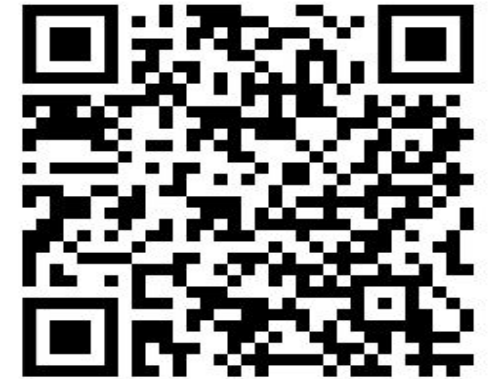Content of 2022 →

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Resources

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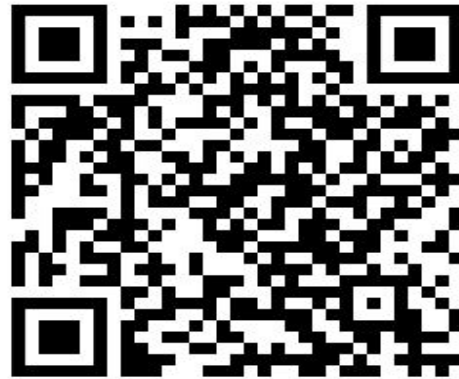
Family Engagement Toolkit

Digital Resources for Families

Family Technology Planners

Common Sense Parent Packet