



**Informative websites:**



<http://www.media-awareness.ca/english/parents/index.cfm>



<http://www.parentscentre.gov.uk/>



<http://www.kidsmart.org.uk>



**Internet Safety - Web Awareness**

[http://www.yrl.ab.ca/internet\\_linksInternetSafety\\_WebAwareness.htm](http://www.yrl.ab.ca/internet_linksInternetSafety_WebAwareness.htm)

**In Partnership With...**



**Community Based Parent Meetings**

**7:00PM - 8:00PM**

Date	Community	Meeting Location
March 21	Riverview	Riverview High School
March 22	Moncton West	Bernice MacNaughton High School
March 23	Moncton East	Moncton High School
March 28	Albert	Caledonia High School
March 28	Moncton North	Harrison Trimble High School
March 29	Petitcodiac/Salisbury/Havelock	Petitcodiac Regional School
March 29	Tantramar	Tantramar Regional High School

**Get Involved...  
...Be Aware**

Dear Parents/Guardians and Teachers,

As Superintendent of School District 2, I have been made aware of many issues surrounding the use of the internet by our students. I do want to make you aware of these issues. School District 2 continues to offer information sessions about Internet safety. I encourage you to become more familiar with the ways in which your child uses both your computer at home and at school. Please contact your child's principal or our web page for further information. (<http://www.district2.nbed.nb.ca>)

Thank you,

Karen Branscombe  
Superintendent  
School District 2

**See "Teacher, Parent and Student Tips" on reverse...**



# Did you Know...?

## Parents Did you know...

- 60% of Canadian students use "Instant Messaging"
- Average time on Chat lines: Boys 6-7 hours/week  
Girls 30 hours /week
- Your child may have a personal website containing personal pictures and information
- Your Internet Provider has the right to disconnect your internet service, and is obligated to report any abuse of the Internet
- Websites and chat rooms are sometimes used for cyber-bullying
- One in five youths have been sexually solicited online this year
- 30% of teenage girls have been sexually harassed in chat rooms
- 15% of students have been asked online to meet a stranger in person

## Tips for Parents

- Make computer location a common area in the home
- Learn about the Internet and your child's online activities
- Establish clear Internet rules
- Learn how to use "Parental Controls"
- Teach your child not to give out "Personal Information"
- Encourage your child to talk about uncomfortable topics encountered online
- Check your child's "Instant Messaging" contact list
- Help your child select an appropriate Instant Messaging name

## Teachers Did you know...

- Policy 311 prohibits computers to be used for:
  - Games
  - Unprotected chat sites or instant messaging
  - Free e-mail (i.e. hotmail)
- Many students access and upload data to websites from school
- Bullying occurs just as often on the web as it does face to face
- Cyber bullying could occur from your classroom.
- Students share personal information from school computers

## Tips for Teachers

- Encourage proper pedagogical computer use
- Design activities that challenge and interest students
- Discuss proper computer and Internet etiquette
- Initiate discussions on bullying on and off line
- Make students aware of the risks of sharing personal information online
- Be cognizant of student online activities during the school day. Walk around during supervision
- Keep students off games, personal websites and out of chat rooms during school hours.

## Students Did you know...

- Police will be contacted if there are threats of violence, extortion, hate crimes, or sexual exploitation both on and off line
- 40% of 13-14 yr olds engage in risky chat behaviors
- District Policy 311 states that illegal use of computers for cyber bullying Playing Games, working on personal websites and using free e-mail accounts may result in loss of use of computers
- On-line predators often pretend to be children to gain the trust of other children to obtain personal information or arrange a personal meeting

## Tips for Students

- Do not give out any personal information on chat lines
- If you have a website be careful not to upload information online predators can use like pictures, names, addresses...
- Never set up a meeting in person with strangers online unless your parents approve of the meeting
- If something feels bad online tell your parents or a trusted responsible adult immediately
- Don't engage in online conversation with anyone you have not met in person

