
Take it Slow, Let Them Grow



Internet Safety



In the news...

- Teen Kills Girlfriend over Snapchat
- Gang Plans Public Murder on Facebook Chat
- Cyberbullying is Causing Children Serious Emotional Harm
- Girl Lists “Killing People” Under Facebook Interests; Proceeds to Actually Kill People”
- Alleged Social Media Prank Gone Wrong, Results in Suicide of 11 year old Michigan Boy
- Attorney General Arrests 24 Men in “Operation Open House”
 - A police officer, a public works employee, a firefighter, a college student, etc

Operation Open House



Mina G.
Beshay



Thomas
Blumensteel



Richard
Conte



Dylan
Dalfron



William
Davis



Brian
Degnan



Thomas
Fuller



Thomas
Graclano



Richard
Hoffman



Lawrence
Ivancic



Robert
Lisicki



Volvi
Lowinger.



Joseph
Merlin



Nabindranauth
Nandalall



Anthony
Perfido



Steven
Portnoy



Joshua
Rauter



Charles
Schlottfeld



William
Singleton



David
Studnick



Christopher
Vargas



Jonathan
Vece



Douglass
Walton



Zechary
Vincent

How children are using the internet

- The daily screen time is 4 hours a day.
But what are they really doing?
 - 59% using social networks
 - 85% using for homework
 - 48% sending emails
 - 78% gaming
 - 71% streaming
 - 74% browsing
 - 63% instant messaging
 - 61% downloading apps



10 APPS TEENS ARE USING THAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW



Calculator%
This app looks like a calculator but functions like a secret photo vault.



Hot or Not
Strangers rate your profile. Goal is to lead to a hook up.



Omegle
A free online chat website that promotes chatting anonymously to strangers.



Burn Book
Post anonymous rumors about people through audio messages, texts, and photos.



Yellow
This app is designed to allow teens to flirt with each other in a Tinder-like atmosphere.



Wishbone
An app that allows users to compare kids against each other and rate them on a scale.



Whisper
An anonymous app where the creators promote sharing secrets and meeting new people.



Kik
Messaging app. Kik has built in apps and web content that would be filtered on home computer.



Ask.fm
Ask an anonymous question and get an answer. This app has been linked to the most severe forms of cyberbullying.



Instagram
Many kids are now creating fake accounts to hide content from parents. Kids also like to text using Instagram because messages are deleted once a user leaves conversation.

FOR MORE INFO: APPSOLUTELYAPRIL.COM

Parental Warning:

Parents should carefully monitor their children's activity on these popular social media apps and games.



Whisper



Skout



Grindr



Omegle



Tinder



Chat Avenue



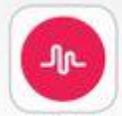
Chat Roulette



Wishbone



Live.ly



Musical.ly



Paltalk



Yubo



Kik



Hot or Not



Down



Tumblr

Games:



Fortnite

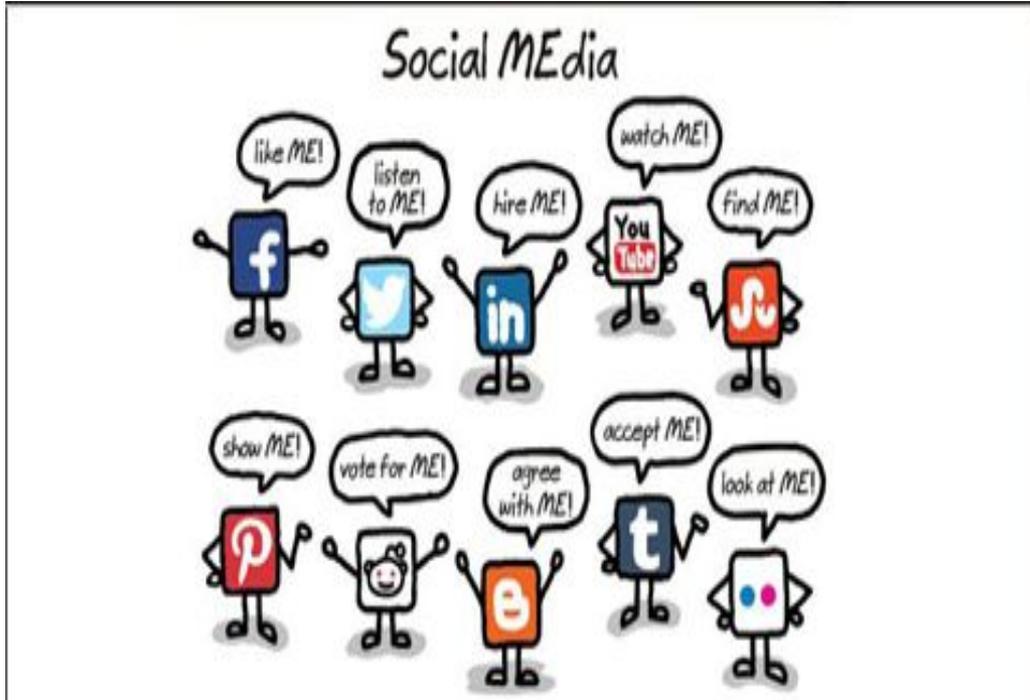


Minecraft



Discord

FOMO: The disease that's sweeping the nation



What's the right age to give my kid social media?

- Government's answer:
 - The Children's Online Privacy and Protection Act (COPPA), which has been in effect since 2000, protects the private, identifying information about children under age 13.
- Questions to ask yourself:
 - What are their social skills like?
 - How well do they obey the rules?
 - Is he/she trustworthy?
 - Are they 13?
 - Have you had direct and frequent conversations about awkward things? (the big 3 sexting, pornography, and sexual predators)

What can you do?

- If your primary purpose for a phone is safety, consider a flip phone (yes they still make them)
- If you already gave your child a smartphone, you can restrict their access to social media and turning off their data plan
 - Video for Iphone:
<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/devices/apple-iphone/>
 - Video for android:
<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/devices/android-smartphone/>
- Be equally careful about giving your child an iPad or tablet - can still access social media (even on the computer)
 - <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201304>
 - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/smartphones-and-other-devices/>

Manalapan School Chief: Social Media Lets Threat Rumors Fly

What is going to be done?

Sign the Pledge: Take it Slow, Let them Grow!

- We, the Manalapan-Englishtown Regional School District, are asking every 3rd grade parent to sign a pledge saying they will not allow their child/children access to social media websites (facebook, instagram, snapchat, etc) until they are 13 years of age.
- We, the Manalapan Englishtown Regional School District, feel very strongly that eliminating access to social media will allow our children to be children! Promoting face-to-face time with family, friends, and teachers plays a pivotal and even more important role in promoting children's learning and healthy development.

