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Dear Wildcat Families,

As we continue to navigate the ever-evolving landscape of digital technology, we wanted to take a moment to emphasize the importance of instilling good digital citizenship values in our children. In today's interconnected world, where technology plays an integral role in our daily lives, it is crucial that we guide our children to become responsible and respectful digital citizens.

The Manalapan- Englishtown Regional School District is committed to not only providing a comprehensive education but also preparing our students to navigate the digital world safely and ethically. Just as we teach them to be kind and respectful in person, it is equally important to teach them to exhibit these same behaviors online. This includes being mindful of their digital footprint, respecting others' privacy, and using technology responsibly.

In conjunction with the Manalapan Township Police Department, we have prepared a short Public Service Announcement regarding the use of technology, including but not limited to social media and Smartphones. Please take a few moments to watch this [brief video](#) with your family.

Additionally, here are a few key points to consider as we work together to promote good digital citizenship:

****Respect for Others:** Encourage your child to treat others online with kindness and respect. Emphasize the importance of constructive communication and discourage any form of cyberbullying or negative behavior.

****Privacy and Security:** Teach your child about the importance of protecting their personal information online. Remind them to use strong passwords, be cautious about sharing personal details, and understand the implications of their digital actions.

****Critical Thinking:** Help your child develop critical thinking skills to evaluate online content critically. Teach them to question the validity of information and verify sources before accepting information as true.

****Balanced Screen Time:** Encourage a healthy balance between online and offline activities. Set clear guidelines for screen time and model behavior that demonstrates the importance of unplugging and engaging in other activities.

****Communication:** Keep an open line of communication with your child about their online experiences. Encourage them to come to you with any questions or concerns they may have about their online interactions.

By working together, we can ensure that our children grow up to be responsible digital citizens who contribute positively to our digital society. Thank you for your partnership in this important endeavor.

Together, we can empower our children to make safe, respectful, and informed choices in the digital world.

Sincerely,

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