

Script for Bad Netiquette Stinks Flipchart

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Say: Today, we will discuss three important things that will help you stay safe while online and ensure you develop good digital citizenship. They are:

- 1) Netiquette
- 2) Cyberbullying
- 3) Appropriate Behavior Online

We will be using a presentation that contains information from the National Center of Missing and Exploited Children. Who has heard of the NCMEC? What is their job? [Allow students time to share]

Explain to the students that NCMEC work hard to help prevent child abduction and sexual exploitation; help find missing children; and assist victims of child abduction and sexual exploitation and their families. We believe there are things you can do to help us and the NCMEC protect you while you are online and it starts with practicing good netiquette.

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Discuss these questions with student.

1. How many of you have a personal email account (such as Yahoo or Gmail)? [Have students raise their hands, stand or text their responses]
2. How many of you have a Facebook account? [Have students standup]
3. How many of you have your real name on your Facebook accounts? [Keep standing]

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Explain that they are not alone.

Did you know that Facebook has over 500,000,000 members... making its population larger than that of the United States.

Does anyone know who is responsible for policing Facebook? What happens if someone does something bad on Facebook? What happens if someone threatens you through your personal email account?

Did you know that you should not have a Facebook account? Can someone tell me why?

If you left home and boarded a plane without your parents' knowledge, what do you think would happen?

When you sign up for social media accounts without your parents knowledge that is like boarding a plane to Australia without their knowledge. Why? [Allow students time to respond]

Explain that Facebook population is comprised of people from all over the world and most of those people you have never met.

Today, we will learn how to behave safely online at school and at home.

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Explain that social networking sites are just one of the things children your age are participating in online. Social networking allows family and friends to stay connected even when they are far away.

Can someone tell me some of positive things about being online?

How about some of the negative things?

Some of the things we want to focus on

- 1) Netiquette
- 2) Cyberbullying
- 3) Appropriate Behavior Online

(**Teacher Note:** According to research, the prevalent behaviors among students in grade 5 are cyberbullying and posting too much information online.)

How many of you have heard the terms netiquette and cyberbullying? [Allow students time to respond]

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Explain that Cyber-bullies are individuals who do not practice "good netiquette".

Netiquette is etiquette for online communication.

Potty-Mouth Pete is one of the outlaws in Webville. Can someone tell me what an outlaw is? Why do you think he is called Potty-Mouth Pete? Potty-Mouth Pete is a cyberbully. Right now he is up to no good as usual in Webville. He is trying to get as many kids as possible to practice bad netiquette. Let's drop by and see how Clicky, Nettie and Webster handle this situation.

[Show the video *Bad Netiquette Stinks*]

Discuss: Use these questions to engage students in a conversation about appropriate and inappropriate behavior online.

- What was Potty-Mouth Pete trying to do?
- How do you think the mean text message from her friend made Nettie feel?
- Have you run into anyone online who used bad netiquette?

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Discuss the following questions. Do any of you play online games? Do you ever talk to other people while gaming online? Have the conversations sometimes gone too far?

Sometimes people are mean or rude in online games. Those people are called “griefers” or “flamers”. Sometimes they are intentionally trying to provoke a reaction out of you. We are going to learn more about this type of inappropriate online behavior as we watch this video from NSTeens.

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[Show the video *Attitude Overdrive*]

Discuss: How did the characters Becks and CL deal with the griever? What are some other ways you can deal with flamers or griefers?

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(Teacher Note: Websites collecting information from children under the age of 13 are required to comply with the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA). These websites are supposed to protect children’s personally identifiable information, such as their first and last name, home and school address, email address, telephone number, Social Security number, or any other information that would allow someone to identify or contact the child. A website must post a link to a privacy policy on the home page and at each area where it collects personal information from children. The privacy policy must be clear and prominent, and explain how the website protects children’s privacy and safety.)

Explain that gaming is not the only way to socialize online. Do any of you chat or IM with friends or family members? Can someone tell me what the difference is between messaging with friends from school and people you have never met face-to-face?

Explain that kids sometimes develop a close relationship with an online friend, but do you really think they know that person.

Can you really know if an online-only friend is male or female? Do you really know how old that person is?

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The answer is NO! When you are online, you need to be VERY careful about talking to people you have never met face-to-face. You should never reveal personal information that could put you in danger in any way.

Discuss the following- Never give **online-only** friends private information about yourself, such as your address or phone number. It is very important that you learn to follow these simple rules when you are emailing, gaming, chatting or socializing on social media sites such as Facebook.

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Remember, students your parents and other adults expect certain behaviors from you at all times when you are online.

1. Don't be mean or rude to others online. Use emoticons or smiley faces to show when you are joking.
2. Tell a trusted adult if someone is mean or rude to you online. Never respond to mean messages; you might start an online fight, also called a "flame war."
3. Don't type in ALL CAPS. That means you're yelling.
4. Use appropriate language online. You could be kicked off a website for using bad words.
5. Don't send or forward spam. No one likes to get junk mail and it could contain a virus that could hurt your computer.
6. Don't share secrets online, including passwords and personal information.
7. Don't steal files, music, or movies. It's illegal!
8. Help "newbies" learn about the Internet. "Newbies" are people new to the Internet or a particular website

Following these rules will protect you from some of the hidden dangers online. So, whether you are here at school, using your FirstClass account or at home, these are the rules we are expecting you to follow to demonstrate "good netiquette" and make you a good digital citizen.