Digital Citizenship

Digital Citizenship stated simply is "being responsible in the digital world". God has given us many tools as teachers and as students in this digital world. While iPads, computers, and smart phones are valuable, there are still many ways in which they can be harmful to our physical, social, emotional, and spiritual health. This is to give you as parents some items to talk to your child about.

Digital Access: Full electronic participation in society
Do we have equal opportunities for child to use technology?

Digital Commerce: The buying and selling of goods online
Is your child aware of the opportunities and problems associated with purchasing items using technology?

Should your child be made more aware of how to purchase goods and services through digital means?

Digital Communication: The electronic exchange of information
Does your child understand how to use digital means of communication appropriately?

What are the rules and etiquette he/she should follow?

Digital Literacy: The capability to use digital technology and knowing when and how to use it.
Should technology be used to access information to learn new concepts?

How can we encourage children to make the most of the technology and educational opportunities available to them?

Digital Etiquette: The standards of conduct expected by other digital technology users.
Is your child aware of others when they use technology?

Does he/she realize how their use of technology affects others?

Digital Law: The legal rights and restrictions governing technology use.
Is your child using technology the way it was intended?

Should he/she be held accountable for how they use digital technology?

This is a great place to discuss the 10 commandments. Since there are no "internet police" in place, what responsibility do I have to do the right thing?

Digital Rights and Responsibilities: The privileges and freedoms extended to all digital technology users, and the behavioral expectations that come with them.

How are you making our child aware of their rights and responsibilities?

What are the expectations of behavior in the digital world?

Digital Health and Wellness: The elements of physical and psychological well- being related to digital technology use.

How are we physically affected by technology use?

Are there physical dangers that accompany technology use?

Digital Security: The precautions that all technology users must take to guarantee their personal safety and the security of their network.

How do children protect themselves in a digital society?

What are you teaching your child about how to protect himself/herself and his/her technologies from harm?

- Discuss the importance of picking a secure password.
- Discuss how to pick a secure password and keep it that way.
- Discuss phishing, online stalking, hackers, viruses, etc.
- Discuss what to do when their security is compromised.

Websites for additional resources:

http://digitalcitizenshipngrd.blogspot.ca/ Northern Gateway Digital Citizenship Resources

 http://www.digitalcitizenship.net Digital Citizenship in School Resources