

TEACH-TO MONDAY

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24-28::

P.A.W.S. FOCUS- WISE CHOICES ON SOCIAL MEDIA

We have been dealing with quite a few issues involving social media up in the front office last week. Please take some time on Monday to go over basic rules of etiquette on social media with your PT in hopes they understand the effects in posting online. In addition, there is a poster below that you can print out and post in your classroom if you would like. If it doesn't print very clear, you can use the attachment I have added in your email. Thank you!!

Social Media Etiquette Rule #1: Think before you share (even if you are a teenager)

- Ask permission before tagging someone in a photo. Tagging seems like a relatively harmless act, but can definitely be viewed as an invasion of privacy by some. Accordingly, be aware to not post inappropriate photos – either of yourself or others.
- Know who your friends are. Periodically, go through your friends list to see who they are. It just seems like common sense to keep your friends to who you know.
- Unfriending/blocking. The previous point brings us to an important juncture: when to unfriend and when to block people from your account. There are always alternatives to unfriending but in some cases there may be no other choice.
- Be appropriate. Language matters. It has the power to hurt as well as illuminate. Personal attacks and derogatory language should be considered completely out-of-bounds.
- Be real. Finally, while social media is fun and convenient, there's no replacement for the "realness" of face-to-face communication. As with most things in life, balance is important.

Think B4 U Post

Follow these five simple rules when you're publishing anything, anywhere.

1. Would your grandma want to see that?

Is that photo / video / comment appropriate for a wide public audience, your future husband, your future child, your future employer? Remember, what goes online can stay online forever.

2. Do you really think that's private?

Don't publish personal information (last names, birthdays, phone numbers, etc.) just because it says it's private, doesn't mean it can't be republished by someone else.

3. Would you say that to someone's face?

If you don't have something nice to say, don't say anything at all. Portray yourself, your peers and your community in a positive light.

4. Is that your work to publish?

How would you feel if someone stole your work and said it was theirs?
Have you credited the original owner?
Have you licenced it so someone else can use it?

5. What if someone published a photo like that of you?

Don't publish media of others in a light you wouldn't want published of yourself.
If you're not sure, don't post.



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