

Digital Citizenship:

In our current world, technology acts as an increasingly important vehicle for research and communication. Students are increasingly “plugged in” and these digital natives have never known a world without technology. Understanding safe and appropriate navigation of these technology tools is an essential 21st Century Skill for students today.

Mike Ribble (www.digitalcitizenship.net) describes appropriate online behaviour as digital citizenship. Ribble identifies the following nine elements, or themes, behind good digital citizenship:

- Digital Etiquette
- Digital Communication
- Digital Literacy
- Digital Access
- Digital Commerce
- Digital Law
- Digital Rights & Responsibilities
- Digital Health & Wellness
- Digital Security (self-protection)

Note that we have included a detailed description of Ribble’s 9 Elements of Digital Citizenship as an insert with this month’s newsletter.

There are many excellent resources available to parents to assist them in safely navigating themselves and their children in the digital world. Below are several resources that may help you to discuss and monitor the elements of digital citizenship with your children:

[http:// www.digitalcitizenship.net](http://www.digitalcitizenship.net)

<http://www.digizen.org>

<http://www.google.com/educators/digitalliteracy.html>

<http://www.media-awareness.ca>

<http://www.pointsmartclicksafe.org>

<http://www.common sense media.org/advice-for-parents>

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