

HOLLAND TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

It never fails to amaze me the things I learn from our students. Each day brings new lessons, opportunities and stories. Most of the time, the lessons I learn from our kids are fun and carefree, a new game, a new story, a new way to look at an old scenario.

This week our middle school students enlightened me about a new way they have been using technology. This lesson, however, was not as positive as we would hope. It seems, that our middle schoolers have been playing a game, developed by them, called "free search". The object of this game is to take a computer, logged into a friend's account, while it is unsupervised and perform an inappropriate search in hopes that the search is flagged by our Go Guardian software and their friend "gets in trouble". The offender then sits back to see if the friend "snitches" them out to the teacher who questions the search.

As you can surmise, the game is one that needs to be discontinued. Teachers and administration will be addressing the student body regarding the practice of "free searching", reminding students to close their Chromebooks while not in use, reminding students to keep their passwords private and discussing with our students the inappropriateness of engaging in such behavior. Please discuss this practice with your middle schooler.

We are also asking that our middle school students refrain from bringing hot mugs filled with coffee and hot chocolate to school each morning. A reusable bottle of water is acceptable each morning, void of liquid flavor additives which cause significant disruption to the classroom environment.

Second marking period report cards are now live in the Genesis Parent Portal.

Thank you for your help with communicating to your children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephanie Snyder". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stephanie Snyder
Superintendent