The DCP

TIPS AND STRATEGIES FOR GETTING YOUR SCHOOL ON BOARD WITH THE DCP & TECHNOLOGY USE

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Spotlight on our schools

DCP has taken off...check out what schools have been doing to get on board...

Maple Grove Elementary School:

Students in Mme Yolanda's Grade 6 French Immersion class are learning to use Twitter. Follow them at @MmeYolanda to see what is happening in their class. They would love to connect with other "tweeting" classrooms.

Westwood Jr High School:

Students in the Grade 7 Matrix program participated in an internet privacy lesson in preparation for taking their laptops home. They discussed issues surrounding what kind of information is safe to share online and what information they should be keeping private.

Pierrefonds Comprehensive High School:

PCHS is using their Facebook page to spread the word about their school. What a great way to reach the school community.

Riverdale High School & St. Thomas High School:

Grade 8 and 9 science students are using iPads in their classes for the next two months. With the proper preparation, students are using the devices responsibly and appropriately and as a result student engagement has increased. Students and teachers are excited to use technology in new and creative ways.

LBPSB DCP Curriculum: 4 Categories of Instruction

Communication: Students are introduced to different forms of communication and their various uses. They learn that different media and audiences require different approaches both for consuming and producing messages.
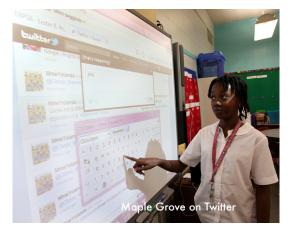
Awareness: Students learn their rights with technology and the responsibilities that come with those rights. Proper etiquette is introduced and cyberbullying is addressed.

Information Literacy: Students are taught strategies for searching, evaluating, organizing and using digital resources.

Safety and Health: Students learn that it is important to protect themselves as they navigate the digital world. This includes creating and managing passwords, dealing with spam, privacy and protecting their digital footprint as well as the importance of maintaining a balanced lifestyle.

DCP PLAN 2011

Digital Citizenship is not a set of strict rules; instead it is a way to understand the challenges facing all technology users. In the 2010-2011 school year teachers, administrators, consultants etc. collaborated to construct the DCP curriculum for the LBPSB. This year, the DCP will be extended as part of the curriculum for students in the classroom. The focus now will be to ensure that teachers, administrators and staff members are aware of the learning goals of the DCP and that we work towards integrating them into the existing curriculum. The DCP is not an "add-on" and many of the topics are already covered in our classrooms. As the world becomes more and more digital, it is important that we become responsible digital citizens.

Maple Grove on Twitter

PCHS on Facebook

Matrix at Westwood

Featured DCP Lesson Plans

Remember, the DCP is not intended to be an "add-on". It can be incorporated into the existing curriculum. Here are a few lessons to try out.

Understand Your Acceptable Use Policy
From: Common Sense Media Inc

Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) contracts encourage responsible behavior by students and staff and give administrators enforceable rules for acceptable use of school computers. In this lesson, students will interpret and make inferences about their school's Acceptable Use Policy.

This lesson is perfect for English Language Arts or Ethics for Elementary Cycle 2 students as it has students interpret a written document and synthesize what they have read. It can be easily adapted for all levels. This lessons addresses the DCP category of "Awareness"; specifically dealing with 'Rights and Responsibilities". A good time to use this lesson is when you hand out the Technology Permission Form.

Promoting Ethical Behavior Online - Our Values and Ethics
From: Media Awareness Network (Emmanuelle Erny-Newton)

In this three-part lesson, students learn about online privacy and ethical behavior. In part one, they create a digital map of their Web-based activities. In part two, they analyze their online activity and in part three, as a class they look at the areas they can improve on by sharing and discussing the topics.

This lesson plan is a great series of lessons for Secondary Cycle 1 students in Ethics and Religious Culture. It addresses the DCP categories of "Awareness" and "Health and Safety" with a focus on Cyberbullying, privacy and digital footprints.

A Creative Way to get Technology into Your School

Staples Canada Contest

Staples Canada Recycle For Education program is giving away 20 computer labs across Canada, valued at $25,000 each. Your school could win one of 20 new computer labs, being given away to eco-responsible schools. Any elementary or secondary school in Canada can submit an essay online. In 300 words, tell us what your school and students are doing to make environmental improvements to their school and communities. The school's principal must sign off on the essay, and the essays must included measured results.

Get your application in by December 16th for a chance to win!

LBPSB News - DCP in Action

Digital Citizenship Program

Check out the digital citizenship program:

Follow us on Twitter @dcp_lbsb

Like us on Facebook at "Digital Citizenship Program".

 Website coming soon.

iMission

Follow 3 LBPSB (Alex Caden, Catherine Pilon and Gerry O'Reilly) on Twitter @iMissionLBPSB. They are chronicling their experiences while they are on exchange in China.

Central Parents Committee

Parents are invited to a parent-led evening workshop about our children and the digital world.Get informed and receive practical tips on what you can do to help your child use the internet safely. Cyberbullying, privacy on Facebook and Digital Footprints will be discussed. This is an evening every parent should attend. See LBPSB website for registration information.

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