

**Title of Session:** Internet Safety and Cyberbullying

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**NancyEW:** Sometimes you can teach an old dog.

**BJB2** laughs..woof, woof!

**NancyEW:** Family is fine, Two kids playing indoor soccer, daughter scored 5 goals last week. I am coaching son's team, two in ice skating, one studying trumpet. <take big breath

**NancyEW:** But the big news is I got interviewed by a USA Today reporter today -- for a story on cyberbullying.

**BJB2:** cool!

**NancyEW:** He is just starting on the research. Story expected in a couple of week. He is going to try to get in onto the front page!

**NancyEW:** Their stories are online

**BJB2:** woo woo! send me the link when you get it, ok? I'll put it in the newsletter

**NancyEW:** Cool. I also need to get my book finished. But I have been working on a booklet for parents on Internet safety and responsible use. When I get the next series of edits done would you be willing to review and comment (edit)?

**BJB2:** absolutely! I'm flattered.

**BJB2:** maybe you would be interested in putting some excerpts in the newsletter

**NancyEW:** I am doing a workshop at the public library. I had been trying to get a book contract but it never came through. So I am turning all of my research into a smaller booklet, I am thinking of video-taping my presentation, then marketing a package that will include a DVD with Powerpoint and the booklet that the folks can reproduce.

**BJB2:** good idea.

**NancyEW:** I would be happy to provide excerpts

**BJB2:** remember the issue we discussed last time about the kids from [school]?

**NancyEW:** So how much do you think a school PTA would be willing to pay for a package that includes a 2 hour video, Powerpoint, and a booklet they can reproduce?

**NancyEW:** While you answer that, Yes I remember. How did this turn out?

**BJB2:** gosh, I've not a clue.

**BJB2:** it wasn't resolved as successfully as I had hoped

**NancyEW:** Did you send the letter?

**BJB2:** we didn't contact the principal. I think admin was concerned that since we had talked to the kids, we would be liable

**MadGst1** joined the room.

**BJB2** hugs Maggi

**NancyEW:** Hi Maggi

**MadGst1:** oh, no one here yet

**BJB2:** however, we did get TI to create a new feature for us

**MadGst1** hugs BJ

**NancyEW:** BJ and I are just talking

**BJB2:** Helpdesk is able to ban IPs

**MadGst1:** oh?

**BJB2:** Maggi was involved in the [school] issue

**NancyEW:** I recall.

**NancyEW:** BTW, I do not think you had any risk of liability. And I am a former shark, strike that, attorney.

**BJB2:** but I'm disappointed that we didn't get your message to the people involved

**BJB2** nods about liability. But the kids weren't supposed to be here and did talk to them

**NancyEW:** Yea, the problem did not go away from their perspective. ... You spoke with them to try to figure out how to deal with the problem they were causing. There is no cause of action based on this.

**BJB2:** so, there is method to my request to publish excerpts from your booklet in the newsletter

**NancyEW:** This reflects a larger problem, tho. In how many schools are students using the expensive technology for this kind of activity?

**BJB2:** at least maybe we can educate the TI community about engaging students

**MadGst1:** probably too many

**BJB2** agrees.

**MadGst1:** some were desperate to talk with mature people

**NancyEW:** The National Technology Plan indicated that kids are ahead of teachers in use of technology. But if you look at the information from the NetDay Speakout, you see the data that kids are doing gaming and IMing. This does not, in my mind, mean they are further ahead of their teachers.

**NancyEW:** from a safety perspective the lonely kids looking for love in all the wrong places are really vulnerable online.

**MadGst1:** yes, and a couple were looking for friends

**NancyEW:** Recent research from National Center for Crimes Against Children. reviewed records of arrests of Internet predators. victims 13 to 15. All knew that they were going to meet an adult who was interested in sex. Half thought they were in love.

**BJB2:** I think that kids are just more comfortable with technology than many teachers, not necessarily that they are ahead intellectually

**NancyEW:** In my booklet for parents in indicate that the middle school years are the time that many parents will start to feel that their kids have gone beyond them technically.

**NancyEW:** I think kids are more comfortable -- but that it not what the plan says. It says they are ahead of their teachers

**BJB2:** and how did they come up with this information?

**BJB2** . o O ( what is it based on? )

**NancyEW:** If you look on the National Plan site there are links to other reports. There is a report from a NetDat Student speak-up. This information is in that report.

**MadGst1:** my son has never been ahead except for games

**NancyEW:** I am waiting for my son (7th grade) to get ahead. There are some things I just do not want to have to figure out (being an old dog)

**MadGst1:** then you get lazy

**NancyEW:** Funny thing,. I seem to have more responsibilities

**NancyEW:** Actually in my booklet, I also recommend asking teens to become the family security expert -- this gives them a responsibility and maay make them think more about some of the stuff they might do.

**BJB2:** good idea.

**MadGst1:** it is different here

**NancyEW:** And Maggi, I am eligible for membership in AARP. I think I deserve "lazy"

**BJB2** . o O ( as long as they don't take the responsibility as permission to 'test' security )

**NancyEW:** then in my section on hacking, I recommend getting technically sophisticated teens into advanced technology activities (like school tech clubs) is a good way to prevent hacking. Especially if these clubs get connected to well-paid computer professionals

**MadGst1:** a 17 yr old here who hacked Telekom got a job with them

**NancyEW:** Most of the high paying computer executives were involved in hacking as youth.

**NancyEW:** I wish the companies would stop hiring them

**BJB2:** yikes...not a very positive role model

**MadGst1:** Gibson does good things now

**NancyEW:** I have a computer ethics book from the mid 80's that would not believe. They were promoting "white hat" hacking as a harmless, or even beneficial activity.

**BJB2:** you're right...it's pretty unbelievable!

**NancyEW:** "With so many companies keeping personal information on people, certainly society should appreciate that technically gifted people breaking in to figure out what is going on." almost an exact quote

**MadGst1:** yes, your society is different than here

**MadGst1:** privacy laws are very strict

**NancyEW:** Where is "here"?

**MadGst1:** Germany

**NancyEW:** Guten Tag

**MadGst1:** morgen früh

**NancyEW:** Which is about the limit of my German, other than "haben si gummy beren?"

**MadGst1:** 1.32 am

**LindaGst4:** what are y'all talking about in here?

**BJB2:** Hi, Linda. We're discussing Internet Safety

**NancyEW:** We certainly have gotten off track.

**BJB2:** Nancy Willard is a nationally recognized expert on internet safety and cyberbullying

**NancyEW:** We didn't think anyone else was around so we were just talking about lots of things

**BJB2:** Nancy, Linda is a 4th grade teacher

**LindaGst4:** I'm also a newcomer to chat rooms. Just happened to stumble onto this one when I was surfing.

**NancyEW:** Hi Linda. I have a 2nd grade son and a 5th grade daughter and a 7th grade son and used to teach 4 - 6 grade special ed students

**LindaGst4:** Special Ed? Do you have a halo around your head?

**BJB2** smiles.

**NancyEW:** Well, BJ will tell you that it has taken me forever to figure out how to stumble into this room. Emotionally disturbed (actually abused) kids. self-contained

classroom. I only lasted 3 years -- then went to law school. (At least I was prepared to work with attorneys.) <grin>

**LindaGst4:** I teach a "gifted cluster", which means that I also have a roomful of strugglers. Our school thinks that if you teach gifted, you have time to give special attention to those other special ones!

**MadGst1** smiles

**BJB2** teaches in a male juvenile correctional facility where 80% of the residents are considered sped or have mental health issues

**NancyEW:** Sometimes in the same body, My oldest is TAG and dyslexic.

**NancyEW:** Hyperactive, disorganized, ... brilliant, creative,

**LindaGst4:** This amazes me! What teachers do is awesome. I never stop being amazed

**LindaGst4:** I come to education after about 30 years in the business world. I'm 58. This is my 3rd year to teach.

**BJB2:** you'll find that the Tapped In community is a wonderful place, Linda.

**MadGst1:** I came to teaching late too

**NancyEW:** Well, except for Maggi who has not yet revealed hidden secrets, you will find that the other three of us are over the 50 marker.

**LindaGst4:** I absolutely love the challenge and the way the kids keep me young. Just wish I'd started sooner. There's so much to be done and so little time left.

**NancyEW:** Well, you might note I indicated I have a 2nd grade son. So I feel like things have just gotten started.

**LindaGst4:** I didn't get my under graduate degree until I was 50. Finished my masters and am currently working on a gifted endorsement. I'm getting a little tired of school (going to, that is), but it's nice to have time now that my own kids have left the nest. How about the rest of you?

**BJB2:** Linda, click on a name under the HERE tab to the left of this chat window

**BJB2:** and then click on the green i at the bottom of the frame

**LindaGst4:** ok. Did that.

**NancyEW:** Yeah, my oldest, at 13, has a good friend who is also 13.

**NancyEW:** I could be the mother of the mother of that friend without being a teen mom. My youngest two are adopted -- from Guatemala and India.

**SusanR** joined the room.

**BJB2** waves to Sue.

**SusanR:** Hi Nancy

**SusanR:** and BJB

**NancyEW:** Hi Susan. There have not been many folks so we have just been BSing

**SusanR:** ohh..that's always interesting..and often productive

**SusanR:** It's been a quiet month.

**NancyEW:** OK, sage folks. I am working on a booklet on Internet safety for parents. When I register online I always indicate I am a 90+ year old woman from Azerbaijan. It sure keeps the spam down -- I mean it. I get maybe a dozen spam messages -- a week.

**BJB2** laughs. I'll have to try that

**NancyEW:** So I am planning to recommend that parents help kids over 13 develop an "online disguise" to use at those times they are asked to provide personal contact. (oops hope it wasn't something I said) So what about the moral dilemma-- teaching kids to lie

**MadGst1:** I used 100

**SusanR:** Must keep that in mind

**NancyEW:** Make that "personal contact information

**MadGst1:** to learn when to be honest

**BJB2:** not that many legit sites will ask for personal information...unless it's to verify that you are a certain age

**BJB2** thinks we should let Nancy end the discussion a little early so she can tackle her pile of work

**NancyEW:** Under age 13 there are protections. but it is open season for anyone over 13. An aside -- my SPAM reduction techniques: Answer demographic data in a way that would be least likely to be of interest to marketers. Never complete product/activity interest surveys. Always unselect the statement that allowed the site to let its partners

send information. never provide email address in offline forms unless I am certain how they will use it

**MadGst1:** good idea

**NancyEW:** Hey folks. I was interviewed by a USA Today reporter today and may be in a story in a few weeks on cyberbullying.

**MadGst1:** kewl

**SusanR:** neat

**SusanR:** I will keep my eye out for the article.

**NancyEW:** It is not the work I need to tackle. Two kids are saying they are hungry. And the other is still at an afterschool program. So I will see ya'll later.

**NancyEW** left the room (signed off).