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DavinaP: I'd like to go ahead and begin...

DavinaP: by introducing our guest speaker for this evening

ChristinL4: Hello everyone, this is Christine from the NetSmartz Workshop

DavinaP: please welcome Christine Loftus

KunalM: hi Christine

DavidWe: Hi, Christine. Welcome

LoriBu: welcome, Christine

MargitaJ: Hi Christine

SelenaW: Hi

DavinaP: ..she will discuss

DavinaP: >> conversation on Social Networking. Christine is the Content Manager

DavinaP: >> and Senior Editor of the NetSmartz Workshop, a partnership of the

DavinaP: >> National Center for Missing & Exploited Children and Boys & Girls

DavinaP: >> Clubs of America.

BjB applauds wildly for Christine

MinTunC applaud

SelenaW clapping

MargitaJ: applaud

BjB: we usually start all the discussions in Tapped in with introductions

BjB: can you please tell us where you are located and what you teach or hope to teach?

DavidWe: I'm David Weksler. I'm a HelpDesk volunteer for TappedIn. I'm in New Jersey, near New York City

LoriBu: I'm an instructional technology specialist in Hilton, New York working primarily at the elementary level

KimberlyMR: My name is Kimberly Reddy and I teach 5/6 social studies in Bowie, Maryland

AnitaMD: I teach Business in Holdingford, Minnesota.

SelenaW: 6th grade language arts

MargitaJ: I am Margita Juberts from MD. I hope to teach Special Education.

KunalM: I am located in College Park, MD and honestly don't plan to teach anything

MinTunC: I am Min-Tun, a graduate student in UMCP, TESOL program

DavidWe smiles

DavinaP: I'm Director for Ed tech Policy, Research and outreach at the University of Maryland

YolandaCB: I'm in Upper Marlboro, MD and hope to teach Special Ed.

BjB: I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania

ChristinL4: OK, so how many of you have heard of NetSmartz

BjB hands the virtual floor over to our guest speaker, Christine Loftus

LoriBu raises her hand

DavidWe isn't sure

SelenaW nods no

DavinaP raises hand

AnitaMD: I haven't heard of it before

MinTunC: ;not sure

KunalM: nods no

ChristinL4: I'll tell you a little bit about it

MargitaJ: no

BjB isn't sure either

ChristinL4: NetSmartz is an interactive educational resource to teach children and teens about Internet safety

AnitaMD: perfect!

ChristinL4: We have partnered with 13 states to provide our materials free of charge in classrooms

ChristinL4: We use characters to teach children and real-life stories to relate to teens

DavidWe nods

KunalM: nods

ChristinL4: Recently the issue of social networking sites has been brought up, especially from educators and parents who write in to our site.

SelenaW nods

ChristinL4: they are not sure what to do

KimberlyMR: We have had issues with this

LoriBu ...for sure

ChristinL4: MySpace seems to be the most popular these days

MargitaJ: yes, I have a sibling in high school

DavinaP: what are the pros and cons to these

SelenaW: Big blow out at the high school over this

ChristinL4: These sites are a good way for kids to connect with other kids they know in real life

ChristinL4: they can decorate their pages and make their profiles have their own personality

ChristinL4: they can blog on the pages as a way to express themselves

KimberlyMR: But I have a student that is 10 year with a 15 year old profile which can be very negative

KunalM: wow

ChristinL4: And in fact these sites pose the dangers of Instant Messaging, chatrooms, profiles, and posting personal information online all in one web site

ChristinL4: Yes, on myspace you have to lie if you are underaged to have a profile

ChristinL4: you are supposed to be 14 on MySpace

MargitaJ: What is the age?

MargitaJ: thanks

KunalM: that is still very young

KimberlyMR: I agree

ChristinL4: The cons of these sites are they it is an easy way for people looking to harm children to get any and all information about them

KimberlyMR: They say there should be no profanity (I think) but some stuff on there is really bad!

MargitaJ: I agree

ChristinL4: These sites are particularly dangerous because the nature of the site encourages posting personal information and pictures

SelenaW nods

KimberlyMR: and the photos some of these girls put on there ...SO dangerous!

ChristinL4: True, there just aren't enough resources to be able to monitor the activity on the sites

AnitaMD: My students say they know better, but their sites are full of personal info

MargitaJ: yes, they make themselves look older

KunalM: I am 20 years old and when i first joined thefacebook.com I put my entire address down not even thinking about it!

SelenaW: the appeal of having " friends" is so great

DavidWe: isn't that to be expected - girls wanting to "look" older?

MargitaJ: Can you really make a profile private?

ChristinL4: I have done extensive research on the sites and participate in it to see if i get approached or what activities happen on there

ChristinL4: The sites do offer privacy options

KunalM: but who wants their profile to be private?

MargitaJ: they don't only look older but they post provocative pictures of themselves

ChristinL4: I have seen younger children on there who have their profile set to private

MargitaJ: my little sister said that she made hers private

KunalM: yes because provocative pictures will draw guys to talk to them

MargitaJ: I wouldn't be able to find friends if it were private

KunalM: whether that is the intention or not

ChristinL4: If the profile is set to private, you can still see a picture of that person and their name and headline

MargitaJ: ok

ChristinL4: then if you want to request to be their "friend", they must approve it

DavinaP: so how is it private then?

ChristinL4: the actual profile is private until that person approves you as a friend

ChristinL4: the profile meaning the area where they say where they live and other personal details

DavinaP: got it

KimberlyMR: But 10 year olds that pose as 15 can still get approached and they can approve

ChristinL4: yes

KimberlyMR: scary

KunalM: wow

MargitaJ: true

YolandaCB: Do they have to post a picture to participate?

DavinaP: you mentioned you had tried some "experiments"--did you get approached

ChristinL4: they do not have to post a picture

KunalM: no but everyone wants ppl to see them I assume

ChristinL4: I was only approached once by someone I didn't know

MargitaJ: I agree Kunal

ChristinL4: Teens want people to see their profile and how they've decorated it

SelenaW: is there a way to report issues with members?

KunalM: I know many ppl who just go on these sites and just message good looking girls

ChristinL4: Sometimes the amount of "friend" they have is like a popularity contest

KimberlyMR: Yes - it is much wanted freedom to teens

DavinaP: are there other social networking "groups" other than myspace...can you share the others that kids are using more of

ChristinL4: You can make reports; I made one last week for a teen who had lied about her age

SelenaW: good to know

KimberlyMR: very good to know

ChristinL4: MySpace, Friendster, Xanga, and Facebook

KunalM: and in fact my roommate from freshman year past 3 girlfriends he met through myspace

KimberlyMR: WOW

PeggyKoe: Isn't facebook limited to college students?

DavinaP: what's the difference between the diff ones?

KunalM: and high school students

KunalM: facebook is limited to college and high school students

ChristinL4: I think facebook is limited to only people who know each other through a certain school

KunalM: but in order to see ones profile u must be at the same school

ChristinL4: meaning you have to have someone from your school invite you to be able to join

KunalM: unless I request to be a "friend" of someone at a different school

PeggyKoe: So it's easy to keep parents out of the loop?

DavinaP: good insight

ChristinL4: The main issue with this site is that it is a perfect place for a predator to find children to lure into trusting them

DavinaP: how so

ChristinL4: Especially the added information children post on blogs

ChristinL4: they treat them like diaries

LoriBu: but the problem isn't the social networking sites themselves but more how they are used

ChristinL4: post their insecurities, fears, and personal thoughts

KimberlyMR: People can lie and be someone else with no one knowing

ChristinL4: Yes, that is prominent

DavidWe: As in real life, right?

ChristinL4: Law enforcement officers have informed us that they have found registered sex offenders on the sites with profiles

DavinaP: can you give an example of how "data" is collected into a bigger whole

MargitaJ: that's scary

LoriBu: so how do we go about dealing with this in a school setting to teach safe use, especially when these sites are typically blocked at schools (public K-12 schools)?

SelenaW: what kind of personal info do kids give?

PeggyKoe: Shouldn't we educate parents about the dangers so that they can monitor?

ChristinL4: Kids will post their cell phone numbers, places that will make it for someone to be able to locate them physically, their school names

KunalM: I mean it just takes a matter of time I think b4 u can get someone to want to meet u, which is a lot more than just give information

SelenaW: wow

ChristinL4: Yes, NetSmartz will be releasing a campaign called "Blog Beware" to address teens as well as parents

YolandaCB: Are warnings of predators and dangers posted on these sites for children to read?

DavinaP: good question

DavidWe: Isn't it the same issue as teaching kids about fire drills, poison, hot stoves, etc?

KimberlyMR: Yes - and so many vulnerable young people and older people will go ahead and meet

KunalM: I've never seen anything about that on the facebook Yolanda

ChristinL4: MySpace has Internet safety tips and is currently linking to NetSmartz

LoriBu: Can you tell us more about that NetSmartz program?

DavidWe: . o O (crossing the street?)

MichellGst9: Now you mentioned that NetSmartz partnered with different states...what states is that?

AnitaMD: Myspace has tips--but they're not prominently located

ChristinL4: NetSmartz is at www.NetSmartz.org

DanielleMM: If you know of any underage kids who use Myspace, you can report them and Myspace deletes their accounts

ChristinL4: Partnerships include Utah, Missouri,

KunalM: So let me ask you this, what age group are we talking about that should be aware of predators and such?

PeggyKoe: Underage being under 16 or 18?

ChristinL4: Many other states - you can read about our partnerships in the "Press Release" section

KunalM: Under 14 Peggy

KimberlyMR: I really think all ages should be concerned

DanielleMM: I think you only need to be 14 to join...but my 4th graders just lie about their age

ChristinL4: The main age group that seems to be the most vulnerable currently are the preteens

KimberlyMR: I agree

ChristinL4: But all age groups need to be careful

PeggyKoe: My 5th graders talk about Myspace a lot

DanielleMM: So I've already had to report a bunch of them

SelenaW: 6th graders love it

DanielleMM: But those smart stinkers just create a new account

KimberlyMR: My 6th graders are ALL on it

MargitaJ: I didn't know they started so early!

KunalM: That is scary I had no idea kids start using these at such young ages

ChristinL4: As with any other Internet activities, parents can help to monitor but teens are very smart

DavinaP: can a parent? administrator ask for a page or student page to be deleted?

DavidWe: What about getting them web pages or blogs or whatever and in doing so, teach them about the potential dangers while encouraging them to think about what they are doing online in an educational context?

LoriBu: so, what is our responsibility in schools?

DanielleMM: I tried talking to my principal about it....he said as long as the kids can't access it from school, then we're covered

SelenaW: even radio djs promote using it

ChristinL4: I think the responsibility is with parents and guardians

PeggyKoe: Maybe the way we stress don't talk to strangers, we should do the same for the Internet

DavidWe thinks it is a SHARED responsibility

DavinaP: and the kids?

MargitaJ: When kids sign up they should be guided through a short awareness quiz

LoriBu: on MySpace they do have a tip page that tells how to remove a profile

DanielleMM: I mean, whatever happened to approaching parents from a human being's point of view...not just from a professional one?

KunalM: as educators have you guys talked to your students about these predators that are out there trying to get information from them?

KimberlyMR: I have for sure

SelenaW: yep

DanielleMM: I don't know how the principal would react

MichellGst9: I have talked with my students...the problem we are having is where in the day we can add internet safety

DanielleMM: he's dug his heels in the sand about keeping our mouths closed about it

ChristinL4: MySpace is currently working with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children to make their site safer for young teens

DanielleMM: and I'm frustrated as hell

DavinaP: so the curriculum is packed?

KunalM: yes true do you think internet safety is one of the essential subjects students should learn?

PeggyKoe: Definitely!

DavidWe . o O (reading, writing, 'rithmetic)

ChristinL4: At NetSmartz, we realize this completely

SelenaW: yes!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

KunalM: I mean we can't sacrifice math or English etc. for this is what I am saying

ChristinL4: Our resources are not a curriculum

DavinaP: what are they doing to make it safer?

KimberlyMR: We have a computer class where we teach this

MichellGst9: just like people have said...we teach our kids to not talk to strangers...this is important too

ChristinL4: and we try to relate our Internet safety lessons with other subject areas

ChristinL4: such as health classes

MargitaJ: good idea

ChristinL4: computer classes

MargitaJ: you could do it bit by bit

MichellGst9: I have visited your site...if our state is not partnered with you, is there a way to have a downloaded, larger version of the videos?

ChristinL4: We develop "activity cards" which are short lessons that an educator can use by itself or incorporate into existing curriculum

KunalM: yeah as long as you can get it on the kids minds thinking about it

KimberlyMR: We have also emailed parents literature on this but many do not want to take the time

ChristinL4: We are working on ways to make NetSmartz available in all states so anyone can download

KimberlyMR: That is really great!

ChristinL4: If you get a chance, review the activity cards on our site and give us feedback on how we can make it more easily usable

DavinaP: can you share other ways students are using the sites...i.e., bulleying etc...

ChristinL4: NetSmartz is always open to educator feedback

KimberlyMR: Oh yes!

ChristinL4: Yes, cyberbullying is another issue of these sites

KimberlyMR: My kids have websites that are all about gossip and bashing other students

ChristinL4: It's much easier for a teen to say something online about someone

ChristinL4: especially when concealing their own identity

SelenaW: very true

KimberlyMR: One spilled over into "real life" and they had a fight at school

KunalM: can you define cyberbullying Christin?

DanielleMM: true, it's becoming their version of talking on the phone

MargitaJ: wow

MargitaJ: good point

KimberlyMR: I agree ... instead of getting the phone taken away like I did .. they get "unplugged"

PeggyKoe: But then they go to a friends

DanielleMM: haha true

BjB: hi, Janine

ChristinL4: Cyberbullying is the use of the Internet to threaten, harass, or otherwise make rude comments about someone else

DanielleMM: much more impersonal than the phone too

JanineF: hello

DanielleMM: and then we wonder why these kids have no social skills

ChristinL4: Others can post derogatory, hurtful, or threatening information about them on blogs or social networking sites for others to see.

DavinaP: how common is this within certain sites...

DavinaP: and can the sites monitor these? or is this "free speech"

ChristinL4: Children and teens also may not be aware of the possible repercussions of what they write in their blogs or on social networking sites. Words that may have been intended for a small audience sometimes find their way to a larger one, especially if they are controversial.

KimberlyMR: They also rate their teachers :) I found that one :)

PeggyKoe: That's scary

MargitaJ: yes, you can rate professors on myspace

DanielleMM: haha I'm too afraid to look

ChristinL4: I know that law enforcement monitors these, but it's impossible to monitor everything

ChristinL4: Some students who have posted threatening words against their school or classmates have attracted the attention of law enforcement, while those who have posted inappropriate comments about school personnel have also been disciplined. Some universities and employers have even used online postings when considering potential candidates.

JanineF: I would never want to know what some of my students think of me

KunalM: so is there any good that comes out of these sites such as myspace and such? I am curious as to if any lawsuits have been filed against sites such as myspace because of incidents with predators or cyberbullying that was caused because of the information they were able to get from myspace

SusanR . o O (wonders which site rates their teachers)

DanielleMM: I'd be interested to know too

ChristinL4: As with any other Internet activity that children engage in, there is a way to use the sites more safely

DanielleMM: a 14 yr old girl from my town was raped by a 30 yr she met on myspace

ChristinL4: I have not heard of any lawsuits yet

KimberlyMR: It's on Myspace and something like rateyourteacher.com ... something like that .. I can't remember So sorry!

DanielleMM: but I haven't heard about lawsuits either

KimberlyMR: Oh my goodness!

LoriBu: kids have always done these things, even before technology, the technology just makes it more easily accessible to the masses

KimberlyMR: Yes I agree - young girls like older guys

DanielleMM: done things like what, though?

KunalM: someone I knew from my high school got kicked out of his college because his facebook picture was a picture of him drinking a beer

KimberlyMR: and older guys like young girls sometimes

DavinaP: how do these sites "pay for themselves" if you do not have to pay to engage

ChristinL4: Yes, so the ways parents can keep their kids safer is just the same as if their child uses Instant Messenger

DanielleMM: I feel like nothing from our past compares to what these kids are doing now

KimberlyMR: Do they have advertisers?

LoriBu: like bullying and engaging in unsafe behaviors, thinking they are invincible

ChristinL4: NetSmartz recommends that parents know everyone on their child's buddy list, so they should know everyone on their child's myspace page

KunalM: Davina I know facebook makes so much money from advertising

SelenaW: that is interesting

DavinaP: can a parent inquiry to the sites for this information?

DanielleMM: true, they are like that

KunalM: I mean the amount of traffic that a site like facebook gets is absolutely amazing

ChristinL4: The CyberTipline, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's reporting mechanism, is taking reports on all incidences at these social networking sites

KimberlyMR: good to know

ChristinL4: For instance, right now, a parent cannot remove their child's profile from myspace without having their child's account information

KunalM: I know I must go to www.facebook.com at least 5 times a day without even knowing that I am doing it

ChristinL4: so if they make a report to www.cybertipline.com, they will be able to get help in removing it

KimberlyMR: This must be so scary for parents

KunalM: how serious do you think these sites take the reports?

KunalM: do they have personnel on staff solely just to handle these kind of issues?

ChristinL4: Well, I personally do not know how seriously the sites take reports or if they have staff to handle it

DavinaP: are there or is there an example of a student page that is "correct formatting" for parents to see (and students)

DanielleMM: not hard to report their child's account

DanielleMM: just search them and it comes up 1-2-3

DanielleMM: then report the url to myspace and they take care of the rest

DanielleMM: I've done it...multiple times, sadly

SelenaW: some parents expect schools to handle cyber bullying

DanielleMM: some parents rely way too heavily on schools to handle everything as far as their child is concerned

ChristinL4: When our campaign is released, we encourage parents to go through the quiz and then watch "Tracking Teresa" from our site - then go directly to their profile and remove the information they feel could put them in danger

KunalM: so who should handle cyber bullying? just the parents?

LoriBu: some parents expect schools to handle everything, but it really needs to be a shared responsibility

PeggyKoe: Cooperation

SelenaW nods

MargitaJ: I agree Lori

KunalM: i have trouble believing the school systems make a valid effort though

LoriBu: kids are after all online more NOT at school than they are at school

KunalM: I cannot remember a single time this stuff was mentioned when I was in grade school or high school

YolandaCB: As a parent of youngsters, I would be scared silly if I had knowledge of all of this and wasn't aware of how to handle it. I agree with you Kunal. It's about teamwork.

DavinaP: but I thought they couldn't delete the info without their students/child's account? they are to do this together?

KimberlyMR: What do you mean

KunalM: but I know things are different in different schools

ChristinL4: Yes, we encourage parents and children to go online together

MargitaJ: how often does this happen?

DanielleMM: get the child's url and report it to myspace...doesn't matter who you are

KimberlyMR: Not often

KunalM: little to none I imagine

ChristinL4: You can always report a child's underage profile with their parents permission

MargitaJ: So how do you motivate the parents?

KimberlyMR: Scare them??

DanielleMM: haha good question

KunalM: tell them about incidents

DavinaP: while a big focus is on parental involvement...as educators we know not all parents "get involved" for a variety of reasons what can we do as educators?

KunalM: that happened

ChristinL4: Try not to only scare them, but encourage them to be involved in their child's online life

PeggyKoe: Bribe them to come to hear about worst case scenarios

SelenaW: it is hard because even with discussions, parents are in denial

KunalM: I think the whole cybersafety issue has got to start from the educators

KimberlyMR: Yes - I just feel like so many of them only get involved when they HAVE to

KimberlyMR: I agree Kunal - I think cybersafety should be in the school

KunalM: parents can support it but it is the teachers that have to lead the movement

ChristinL4: We have developed Internet safety presentations for parents, where a law enforcement officer will present to parents at the school

LoriBu: yes but if it isn't reinforced at home, ...

ChristinL4: that might bring the parents together with the schools

SelenaW: good idea

MargitaJ: teachers could assign student -parent assignments to take home with them

KimberlyMR: good idea

LoriBu: we held evening meetings for parents in my district and no one came

SelenaW: a shame

ChristinL4: yes, a lot of our activity cards have take home sheets for parents

ChristinL4: that is a shame

LoriBu: they aren't interested until something bad happens

YolandaCB: Let's remember that the children also play a part in all of this. The parents can preach or teach until they are blue in the face but if they kids want to still sneak and post or whatever they do they will

MargitaJ: very true

PeggyKoe: Like while they're at he library

KunalM: although it would be great to have parents to be extremely involved in this, i think we are being unrealistic in the level of involvement we are asking of the parents

DanielleMM: right

KimberlyMR: Just like telling them not to drink or do drugs .. we can scare them but for some reason they still do it

ChristinL4: That is true, so kids have to be made aware of their actions and how dangerous they can be

KunalM: so many parents are so busy with work and other things that they dont even make it to their kids baseball games

DanielleMM: I agree Kunal

KunalM: or recitals

DanielleMM: true

MargitaJ: This is why educators have to step in!

PeggyKoe: We only see them for six hours a day...

KunalM: and for us to expect them to attend all of these cybersafety meetings and such is just unrealistic

DanielleMM: educators can only do so much

DanielleMM: we didn't give birth to them

DanielleMM: as harsh as that sounds

SelenaW: true

AnitaMD: I handed out info at conferences. Many parents took the handouts.

YolandaCB: It does sound harsh - - coming from a parent/teacher

LoriBu: and they are online, unfiltered way more outside of school

MichellGst9: good idea Anita!

KunalM: but I'm curious how many threw those away Anita

KimberlyMR: Yes - but in some cases - we are what they have

AnitaMD: I had them laying there, they only took them if they wanted them.

ChristinL4: we encourage teachers to send home our internet safety pledges for the kids and parents to sign together

DanielleMM: but it's true

KunalM: don't get me wrong, some parents are extremely involved in their child's lives but so many aren't so I think we have to consider this

MargitaJ: I agree

DanielleMM: and parents do throw those things out....bc they come back and ask you things that were answered in hand-outs

KunalM: I agree

PeggyKoe: What about reaching the kids first by being proactive?

MargitaJ: at least they are interested

MichellGst9: at least we can try....

SelenaW: sure

KimberlyMR: Absolutely

ChristinL4: I think the younger you can reach kids with internet safety messages, the better

DavinaP: you mentioned the site to record underage but later you mentioned you needed parent consent could you confirm this

DanielleMM: I never mentioned parent consent

DanielleMM: anyone can report a child's url

ChristinL4: If a parent sees their child's profile on the site, they cannot remove it without their child's account info

DanielleMM: I've done it multiple times and I'm just their teacher

ChristinL4: so they can report it to the site or to cybertipline

MichellGst9: Christin...do you ever have parents approaching you telling you you had to right to do what you did? After all it is freedom of speech?

DanielleMM: good to know about cybertipline

MargitaJ: Can you give us an example of a site you have reported?

BjB: Has anyone considered using the Tapped In student campus as a place where the students can be actively engaged and given the opportunity to contribute positively to a discussion?

DavinaP: got it and the same with bullying correct or other "activities"

YolandaCB: Great idea BJ

KunalM: maybe some of you people with kids can answer this better than i can, but is there any real reason why kids need to be using computers at such a young age? do you guys think it is worth sacrificing them using the computer at an early age in order to protect them from potentially getting involved in programs like these?

ChristinL4: What do you mean, Michelle

BjB: . o O (model appropriate behavior)

ChristinL4: Children need to be learning to use the Internet

DanielleMM: seems computers are becoming the new "babysitters" in place of tv's

MichellGst9: well you said you have reported students myspace pages....

KimberlyMR: I think it is important for kids to learn to use the computers but parents need to do their part in monitoring

ChristinL4: It is becoming a life skill that needs to be learned

DanielleMM: students should definitely have an education in navigating the web safely

MichellGst9: i was just wandering if you have ever come across an adult who doesn't think it is your business to be policing them.

DanielleMM: I agree Kimberly

ChristinL4: No, Michelle, I haven't personally

YolandaCB: I agree. My kids are 9 and 5 and I'm always sitting near them when they are on the computer. Seems pop-ups are always creeping in. It's scary

MichellGst9: at my school, the principal and asst. principal do not think we have the right to do it...it is not happening at school...so they say there is nothing we can do

KimberlyMR: Sending your kid into cyberspace alone is like sending them out into a city

DanielleMM: oh god pop-ups are my worst nightmare when my students are on the comp

DavinaP: sometimes we focus on the "little ones" what scares me is the high schoolers

MargitaJ: that is wrong

KunalM: great analogy Kimberly!

ChristinL4: I completely agree, Kimberly

MargitaJ: true

ChristinL4: Even having a computer in your child's bedroom is like allowing anyone to be able to get into their lives without you being able to monitor it

DanielleMM: our school's computers are filtered...but it's amazing what they can get their little hands on

KimberlyMR: High schoolers .. I can only imagine because they have cars and can meet people out -- they have more freedom

LoriBu: and they need to be using computers if we are going to be able to teach them responsible behavior

SelenaW: very scary

KunalM: so you don't think we can hold off on students education of computers until they are more mature and knowledgeable about these security issues?

BjB: someone mentioned being proactive earlier...provide an opportunity for your students to practice what you're preaching...start a blog, a wiki, do podcasts

ChristinL4: If you start kids early on being safer, they will be less likely to engage in these behaviors as a teen

DavinaP: well this has been a great discussion... but our time is coming to the end..any last questions for our speaker?

KimberlyMR: Kunal .. they really need to learn about computers at a young age not only for skills .. so they are responsible

LoriBu: model and teach ethical behavior, even to young children

ChristinL4: Look for our campaign to be released this Wednesday at NetSmartz.org

KimberlyMR: You have been very informative. Thank you

KunalM: thank you for all your time Christin!

AnitaMD: Thank you

MichellGst9: Thank you!

PeggyKoe: Thanks!

ChristinL4: Thanks everyone

SelenaW: thanks

LoriBu: thanks!

MargitaJ: Thank you!

SusanR: Thanks

ChristinL4: Please email us with suggestions and feedback

KunalM applauding

DavinaP clap..clap...clap

SelenaW clapping

YolandaCB: Thanks for giving parents the much needed information!!

YolandaCB: Clap clap clap

AnitaMD left the room (signed off).

KimberlyMR: Great job!! clap-clap-clap

DavinaP: we look forward to hearing and seeing more from NetSmartz about this topic and others

BjB: good idea, Davina

BjB: thanks, Christine

MinTunC joined the room.