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**Reading and Math Data**

We have completed our mid-year testing. Check out the growth from Fall to Winter that our students have made.

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Congratulations to Coach Wagner and the Eastmont Chess Team!

Our team took 3rd place in the Canyons District Chess Intramural competition. This is the first trophy for the chess tournament in Eastmont history!

Changes in our registration process

It is hard to believe that it is time to start registering and preparing for next year, but in the next few weeks we will begin our registration process. Our school, as well as other middle schools in our district are making changes to how we offer our classes. Classes that differentiate Honors and Regular for English and Math will no longer be separated. Our English and math classes have been increasing in rigor and there is no difference in the core standards that are taught in these classes. Combining these classes will allow for more flexibility in scheduling students into their selected class choices. Students who wish to earn the honors certificate will be given the option to opt into additional rigorous curriculum. More information will be provided regarding this process at the beginning of the year.

Collecting shirts

Eastmont is still collecting college shirts, new or used. We will be using these shirts to add some color to our second floor as well as promote a college going culture. Do you have a favorite team you want represented? Do you want the college you attended represented? Drop off any college shirts in the main office and we will get them hung up.

Submit Your School Choice Applications Starting Dec. 2

Education opens doors. In Canyons District, we believe all children deserve access to a quality education and learning opportunities suited to their interests and needs. Every child is different, and public education isn’t a one-size-fits-all endeavor. School choice means providing parents with options, and the freedom to choose the best options for their child. Under Utah law, students who wish to attend a school other than their neighborhood school – the one assigned to them by their geographic boundaries – may apply to transfer to another school by submitting a Standard Open Enrollment Form. In Canyons District, families are able to submit these forms online from the comfort of their home or office using our Online Permit Portal. For the coming
school year, the window for applying for the school – choice permits will open December 2 and end February 21. School transfers re approved when space is available and on a first-come, first-served basis. Questions? Please contact Floyd Stensrud in the Office of Planning and Enrollment, 801-826-5180.

EASTMONT IS ACCEPTING PERMITS!

PTSA

Our PTSA is still in search of 2 members for the 2020-21 PTSA board. The two unfilled positions are running the Book fair and Fundraising (Setting up spirit nights at local facilities). They have parents who have offered to be on the board for all other positions and will be voting those positions soon. We want to make sure that parents from all areas of our community are represented on the PTSA. If you are interested in a position, please contact Brooke Fuller at scraphappys@gmail.com

February 4th – 5th grade daytime orientation 9:15 – 11:00
February 4th – 5th grade evening open house 6:00 – 7:30
February 5th – Jordan Digger Fair 6 PM – 7 PM @ Jordan High
February 6th – 8th grade Field trip to Jordan High
February 14th – Valentines party 3PM – 4PM in the gym
February 17th – No School President’s Day
February 19th – School Community Council 5 PM
February 24th – Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00 – 8:00
February 25th – Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00 – 7:30
February 28th – No School
At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What parents need to know about TikTok

MATURE CONTENT
On the iOS store, TikTok is listed as 12+. On the Google Play Store it is rated “Teen”. We recommend at least 18+. When signing up for the app, it’s possible to lie about your age without any form of verification. As children scroll through their feed, most of the videos they’re likely to come across are lighthearted or funny takes on dance routines which are designed to make people laugh. However there has been a slew of videos which have been reported for featuring drug and alcoholic content, as well as sexual, bullying, and other harmful content, including young users dancing overly sexually and behaving suggestively. Given the deluge of unfiltered and easily accessible content, it’s impossible to moderate everything and it can be quite common to come across explicit content on the for you feed when logging into the platform.

INAPPROPRIATE MUSIC
TikTok revolves around creating music videos through humor and dancing. Essentially, some of the music featured by users will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the understandably young user base, there is a risk that children may look to emulate the explicit language they hear or the suggestive actions they see when viewing others user’s videos on the app.

TIKTOK FAME
TikTok is very image focused and there is a notable preocupation with appearing cool and attractive. Many teenagers now attempt to go viral and become what is known in-app as “TikTok famous”. TikTok (and its predecessor Musical.ly) has spawned spin-off celebrities – social media stars Loren Gray and Jake Sartorius have been catapulted to fame through their initial exposure on the app. Obviously, new budding influencers looking to become the next big thing will be disillusioned, but this may have the knock-on effect of making them go to more and more drastic lengths to get noticed.

ONLINE PREDATORS
As a social network, TikTok makes it easy to connect with other users. This includes the ability to comment on and react to other user’s videos, follow their profile and download their content. Be aware that by default, any user can comment on your child’s video and their account is set to public. More interactions are harmless but as an app, TikTok is prone to predators because of the abundance of younger users.

ADDICTIVE NATURE
Social media is designed to be addictive and TikTok is no different. It can be fun and hugely entertaining. However, it is also because of this that it can be hard to put down. In addition to the app’s push notifications, the looping video format, the app’s ability to keep you guessing what will come on screen next makes it easy to turn a five-minute visit into 45-minute stints.

IN-APP PURCHASES
Aside from the content, there’s also the option to purchase in-app extras called ‘TikTok coins’. Price range from £0.99 for 100 coins to an eye-watering £93.99 for 16,000 coins. TikTok coins are used to purchase different items to add to the app’s creator’s profile, making it more interactive and entertaining. In the iOS version of the app you can disable the option to buy TikTok coins but this sadly doesn’t seem to be a feature in the Android version.

Safety Tips for Parents

Talk about online dangers
Assuming your child is above the age limit to use the app, make sure you take the time to talk to them about what they are seeing on the app. Have a discussion with them about what is appropriate and inappropriate content, with the aim of them learning to avoid them. Go over why they shouldn’t post private information about themselves and be positive and understanding of them. In the long run, getting them to think critically about what they are seeing goes a long way to keeping them safe online.

Use privacy settings
Unquestionably, the easiest way to safeguard your child on TikTok is to make sure their account is set to private. This means only those users your child approves can see their content. Setting the account to private may clash with your child’s desire for social connections, but it will keep their account secure from strangers. This setting can be confusing if your child’s friends are not following them but make sure your child knows how to recognize and report content that isn’t appropriate and get others to do the same. Talk about what they have seen. TikTok allows users to report offensive and concerning behaviour on the app. You can also block individual users by going on their profile.

Enable restricted mode
In the digital wellbeing section there’s the ability to turn on restricted mode using a PIN. Restricted mode filters out inappropriate content that is not approved although it should be noted this is not turn on at launch. It must be enabled. When enabled restricted mode prevents users from accessing certain content which is pertinent to what their child is watching and take note that the algorithm for moderating content is not infallible.

Explore and learn yourself
Understanding and learning the app yourself is a great way to get to grips with TikTok. You could then even open the app with your child and watch some videos with them. If your are the parent of a teen, even if it is a subject you are not that into, it is important to talk about what they are watching with your child. You could even watch some of your teen’s videos and make videos with them (more important) keeping them safe online.

Learn how to report and block inappropriate content
With the proper privacy settings in place, TikTok can be a safe space for your child to express themselves. However, if in case something happens, then the app’s safety features ranging from 40 to 120 minutes. You can also lock the preferences button of a Pin number which has to be entered in order to turn on the safe time limit. This way if the child wants to get early access to memes without waiting away the day.

Meet our expert
Pete Radis is a writer with over 10+ years in research and analysis. Working within a specialist area for West Yorkshire Police, Pete has contributed work which has been pivotal in successfully winning high profile cases in court as well as writing as a subject matter expert for industry handbooks.

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