

**CYBER SAFETY PRESENTATION FOLLOW-UP**

Hello CyberSafety Families -

Thank you again for attending last week's (3/3/16) *CyberSafety* presentation. It was great to see so many interested families, and I appreciated the opportunity to speak to many of our guests following the event. Since the presentations on March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, I've also received a lot of positive feedback from students, teachers and parents. Liz Repking did a great job of exploring the big ideas of "cyber safety" and was able to relate the concepts to her multiple audiences over the two days. She was also able to share some of the different *monitoring* resources that she uses with her own family. Toptenreviews.com put out their "[Best of 2016](#)" for cell phone parental controls, and their "[Best of 2016](#)" for parental control software. Liz did a demonstration using [MyMobileWatchdog](#) and shared a number of other resource on her website, [HERE](#).

At the evening parent presentation, Liz discussed different tools that can be used to help our kids stay safe while *online*. She also discussed some strategies that we can use as parents (without the help of special software) to be involved in our kids' cyber lives. [THIS ARTICLE](#) from [parenting.com](#) lists some of the things that were discussed. The US Department of Justice also put out [A Parent's Guide to Internet Safety](#). [THIS ARTICLE](#) gives further explanation of some signs to look for in your child, to help spot potential problems.

We also briefly discussed Apple's [Family Sharing](#) option as a tool to help manage a family's "I" life. [THIS ARTICLE](#) talks about *Guided Access*, parent *Restrictions*, *Passcodes* and *Timers*. Families can also see our [1:1 Teaching and Learning](#) webpage on the [www.d103.org](#) website. Towards the bottom of this webpage, you will also see the "Parent Resources" link that provides "recommended" iPad restriction settings.

We are at an exciting time in our 1:1 evolution at D103 and we've learned a lot throughout this first year of deployment. Changes to the 1:1 program for the 2016-2017 school year are inevitable and we will continue to develop a learning environment that provides access to learning resources while simultaneously protecting our kids online.

Please let me know if any questions come up and thank you again for attending the CyberSafety presentation.

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