

# Peet

## Jr High Tiger News

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**GOLD STAR NOMINEES:** R. J. McElroy Trust and KWWL Television will award ten area teachers the "Gold Star Award for Outstanding Teaching." Congratulations to the Peet instructors who have been nominated for this honor.

Thanks to those who took the time to recognize each with a nomination!

**Peet 2017 nominees include:** Sarah Cooper, Justin Meyer, Melanie Wirtz, Sarah Carlson, Megan Droste, Susan Dufel, Lori Engel, Stephanie Pickett and Dan Scannell

### **BOOSTER CLUB DANCE: TEAM DANCE**

**Date:** Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

**Theme:** Team Dance

**Time:** 7:30pm to 10pm (doors open at 7:15pm)

**Place:** Cafeteria (with snacks/pop in the front lobby area and games in the front gym)

**Price:** \$3.00 at lunch Thursday & Friday or \$5.00 at the door

### **9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE DANCE: A NIGHT IN PARIS**

**Date:** Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 7:30pm to 10pm (doors open at 7:15pm)

**Place:** Cafeteria (with snacks/pop in the front lobby area and pictures in the front gym)

**Price:** Free for all 9<sup>th</sup> grade students (Peet students only)

**MARCH MADNESS 2017:** Peet had another successful annual March Madness event with a basketball free-throw contest, trivia contest and added this year – a dodgeball tournament. While winning the brackets was part of the night, the spirit was participation not competition. Attendees could also bid on silent auction baskets, purchase books at the book fair and participants had the chance to win a raffle prize! The event raised \$3,200 which will be used to purchase new equipment for classrooms/teachers, athletic equipment and uniforms and help fund projects requested by students and staff for the building. Our book fair raised about \$1,300 which will be used to purchase more books for the Peet library. We would like to thank the parents who collected all donated items for the silent auction, raffle prizes and food for the evening. We could not make this event happen without the amazing parent volunteers for this event! They would also like to thank all of the families who participated, attended and donated to the Peet March Madness Family Night!

**GRADE UPDATES:** Teachers are asked to post student grades in their grade books on PowerSchool approximately every three weeks. Below is our schedule so families are aware of the update deadlines. If you have a concern regarding any grading issue, please discuss the concern with your student and then contact the teacher directly. We will email home grade updates after each date listed below.

#### **PowerSchool 3 Week Grade Posting Dates (2016-17)**

Thursday, April 20 – 4:00pm

Thursday, May 11 – 4:00pm

Tuesday, June 6 – 12:00pm (Quarter 4, Semester 2, Tri 3)

### **FOR YOUR CALENDAR:**

Booster Club Dance: 7:30pm – 10:00pm.....	April 7
6 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Student/Parent Orientation: 7:00pm.....	April 11
9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Dance: 7:30-10:00pm.....	May 6
Memorial Day – No School.....	May 29

**VISIT THE HILL:** On March 9<sup>th</sup>, Peet took 8 students along with 8 Cedar Falls High School students to Visit the Hill Day, an annual event hosted by the Iowa Association for College Admission Counseling (ACAC) and the Iowa School Counselor Association (ISCA). This advocacy experience is an opportunity for students and educators to learn about critical issues, receive advocacy training, attend breakout sessions, tour "The Hill", and meet directly with legislators. This experience will empower our students and give them the necessary tools to be advocates for themselves and others. The potential ripple effect from involving students should be readily apparent in student organizations, the classrooms, and within our student social groups. Our student participants will also be sharing their experience with their student organizations. Our CF students are shown with Ryan Wise, Director of the Iowa Department of Education as well as our Peet group while touring the Capitol building.



**COUNSELING SOUND-BYTE: PROTECTING YOUR KIDS ONLINE**

### CYBERBULLYING

**AVOID GOSSIP.**  
Everyone's bound to get a little excited by those oh-so-dramatic high school scandals, but that doesn't mean you have to text the latest rumor to everyone you know.

**DON'T FEED THE CYBERBULLIES.**  
Ignore mean or threatening messages. Block the Sender and file a report with the website, cell phone service, or police.

**BYSTANDERS ARE GUILTY, TOO.**  
If your friends are cyberbullying someone and you stay silent, you're just as guilty as they are. Speak up and keep your friends in check.

### ONLINE PREDATORS

**RECOGNIZE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CUTE AND CREEPY.**  
Think about it - an older guy who wants to date someone younger is just creepy. It's not flattering; it's illegal! So don't friend them and don't meet them offline.

**DON'T JUST SIT THERE - REPORT!**  
If you or someone you know has been victimized by someone you met online, report them to the police and www.cybertipline.com.

# GOT NETSMARTZ?

### TIPS FOR TEENS

**INITIATE OPERATION PROFILE CLEAN-UP.**  
Scrub your page of everything too personal, embarrassing, and illegal. Those pictures of you passed out next to the empty bottles are not going to look so cool when you start applying for college.

**STOP. THINK. PUT YOUR CLOTHES BACK ON!**  
You know those pictures of you wearing next-to-nothing and making kissy faces or flexing in the mirror? You might think it's sexy, but the law doesn't, so do yourself a favor - don't send them; don't forward them.

**PROTECT YOUR SPACE.**  
Use privacy settings and don't accept just anyone as a friend. Do some investigating - Who are they? Why would you hang out with them?

### SHARING TOO MUCH

**TRUSTED ADULTS**  
**TALK TO YOUR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS. THEY'RE NOT AS UPTIGHT AS YOU THINK.**  
Sometimes adults freak out about what you're doing online because you never tell them anything. Keep them in the loop so they know they can trust you.

**NetSmartz Workshop**  
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We speak with students almost daily about their digital footprint and the importance of thinking before they post. We want parents to be "in the know" as far as what is out there and how to protect your kids online and on social media as well as how to hold teens accountable for what they post. Please visit [NetSmartz.org](http://NetSmartz.org) for amazing resources that can help you have these crucial conversations with your kids.

## PROTECTING YOUR KIDS ONLINE

#### TAKE CHARGE

**Set some ground rules.**  
Establish basic guidelines like when your kids can go online, what sites they can visit, and how many texts they can send a month, so everyone is on the same page.

**Research before you buy.**  
Did you know that handheld games can connect to the Internet or that many laptops have built-in webcams? Understand what technology you're bringing into your home.

**Don't just sit there - REPORT!**  
If your kids are dealing with cyberbullies or potential predators, report them to the website, cell phone service, law enforcement, or [www.cybertipline.com](http://www.cybertipline.com).

#### MONITOR

**Supervise Internet use.**  
If you can see what your kids are doing, they're less likely to get in trouble.

**Safeguards = Safe Kids.**  
Installing CIA-level monitoring software on your kids' computers does not guarantee they'll be safe online. Technology can't replace your time and attention as a parent or guardian.

**Don't go overboard.**  
It's smart to keep an eye on your kids' social networking profiles, but it's never cool when you post embarrassing messages or pictures to their page.

#### COMMUNICATE

**Talk to your kids; they're not as mysterious as you think.**  
Your kids might not tell you everything, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't ask. Get involved so you're not the last to know.

**Challenge them to a duel.**  
If you have kids who like to play video or computer games, ask if you can play, too. When you respect their interests, they're more likely to respect your rules.

**Don't pull the plug.**  
Taking away your kids' Internet access because they've done something wrong doesn't solve the problem. Talk to them about protecting themselves and respecting others online.

### Protecting your KIDS on social media

Online social media services aren't new, but many of us are still learning how to use them without getting into trouble - especially children and teens. Use these tips to help your kids safely use any social media service from networking to image posting sites.

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**Do you know...**

- What they're posting?**  
Check comments and images for personal information, like phone numbers and addresses, as well as inappropriate and illegal content such as hateful or threatening speech and nudity. Delete anything you think is too much information.
- How they access social media?**  
Mobile devices, like cell phones and tablets, let children access social media apps away from adult supervision. Children may post content and even share their locations. Review app settings to help them keep information - like their location - private.
- Who they're talking to?**  
Your child's online contact lists and followers may include people you don't know, or even people your child only knows online. Even if you don't know the contact, make sure you know what images, messages, and other content they're sharing.
- What account settings they're using?**  
This is where you can control who has access to your child's information. Each social media service has a different setup, so take a look at each one your child uses. Always ask yourself - what is on the profile and who can see it?
- Who has access to their information?**  
Most social media services have ads and applications from 3rd parties, like games and fan pages. If children click on these or add them to their profiles, they are allowing access to their personal information. Have a discussion about what's OK to add and what's not.
- Where to report?**  
If anyone talks to your child about sex, shares or asks them to share sexual images, or is a victim of sexual exploitation, make a report to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children\* at [www.CyberTipline.com](http://www.CyberTipline.com) or 1-800-THE-LOST\*.

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