

Dear WSD Families,

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We hope that this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy. Last Monday, we began school again through “online learning.” By now, you should have received communication from your child’s teacher(s) about online class and expectations for participating through Zoom as well as completion of assignments. Our staff members are teaching students how to participate appropriately online. We anticipate it may take some time to get used to this new format and we are all learning how to navigate this new technology-based landscape.

With the switch to online school, we want to take this opportunity to remind you to carefully monitor and support your child’s online activities. It is very important to make sure your child is making safe choices when online. There are some steps you can take to protect and teach your child:

- 1) Review the rules with your child. Check in often and ask them how they are doing and how they feel about their online activities
- 2) Make sure your child uses the device in a common area in your home (for example, in the kitchen or living room) so you can walk by and check in periodically
- 3) Learn how to use the different programs and especially social networking apps so you understand how to help your child and you can monitor their activity
- 4) Make sure your child understands what is safe and not safe. If your child experiences cyberbullying, follow these steps:
 - Tell them to report it to you and your child’s teacher.
 - Print the message or take a screenshot and report to your child’s teacher
 - You can ask your child to block the other person

For more tips, please go to: <https://www.parents.com/kids/problems/bullying/18-tips-to-stop-cyberbullying/>

Your child’s education and overall well-being is very important to us. Together, we can teach your child how to be “Digital Citizens” and make this online learning the best possible experience for them. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child’s teacher or us if you need help. And don’t forget, if you have questions or concerns related to technical support: please email: parenttechsupport@cdhl.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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