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Parenting is an amazing experience, even more so in the digital world! During this June holidays, you may want to take up the following roles and discover with your child what each can do to make the Internet a better place. We hope this newsletter, with information provided by the Media Literacy Council, will be a useful resource for you and your child as you explore the online world together.

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Which  
role  
would  
you  
love  
to  
play?



**THE PROTECTOR**  
Teaching  
Safety On The  
Internet



**THE ROLE MODEL**  
Being A Role  
Model - The Best  
Way To Teach



**THE TRUTH SEEKER**  
Cultivating  
A Critical  
Mindset



**THE VALUES COACH**  
Instilling Values  
For Long-term  
Benefits



**THE LINESMAN**  
Balancing Between  
Boundaries And  
Freedom



**THE VISIONARY**  
Parenting With  
Purpose For The  
Future

Dear Parents, you may want to try any two out of the six roles with your child during this June Holidays.



### The Protector

**Knowing how to protect our children while empowering them to harness the advantages of the Internet**

- Set house rules on internet usage
- Set up filters and anti-virus software

The following websites offer film and book reviews written with children in mind.

- Kids in Mind**  
[www.kids-in-mind.com](http://www.kids-in-mind.com)
- Common Sense Media**  
[www.commonsensemedia.org](http://www.commonsensemedia.org)
- Plugged In**  
[www.pluggedin.com](http://www.pluggedin.com)



### The Role Model

**Being your child's tech role model**

- Model by putting away all media devices and catch up with each other's day. Teach your child to connect by connecting with him/her
- Consider before sharing online information about your child that may impact them later in life
- Show your child that it is possible not to be overly dependent on gadgets



### The Truth Seeker

**Having the ability to tell right from wrong, fact from fiction**

- Use teachable moments (news articles, photos and videos) to point out dubious information and scam tactics

The following are useful information and Educational Sites for Kids.

- www.gameclassroom.com**  
Offers informative ways for students to build on what they learn in school
- www.factmonster.com**  
Offers students information on science, math, history



### The Values Coach

**Teaching Values in the Internet Age**

- Share your family values that help develop positive behaviour in your child
- Discuss bullying with your child and if they know of victims and perpetrators
- Teach your child to respect differences, how to resolve conflicts and manage his/her emotions



### The Linesman

**Giving children age-appropriate choices, and co-opt them into setting boundaries and rules which they can abide by**

- Set clear rules and time limits on your child's media usage. When he keeps to it, praise him for his self-discipline
- Select games that involve two or more players to encourage cooperative play and make gaming a family activity
- Set parental controls and passwords to prevent purchases in games



### The Visionary

**Parenting for the long term. Knowing what kind of person you want your child to become and being intentional in your parenting**

- Teach your child values and lifeskills that will help him/her navigate both the digital and physical world.
- Recommended Tech Skills:**  
As a family, discuss the specifics of your child's technology usage (e.g. duration, type of games allowed), rules and reasons. Consider drawing up a family tech agreement for all to sign.
- Recommended Life Skills:**  
Gross motor skills like balancing, running, jumping; fine motor skills like handwriting, hand-eye coordination, social/emotional management, thinking skills, decision making.