



Happy February to all you Digital Citizens out there!

Winter has definitely come to upstate New York. As we bundle up and brace against the cold, we hope that we won't have to shovel a lot more snow. If you are caught inside because of the unkind winter weather, take a moment to think back and reflect upon what you know about digital citizenship and the efforts you have made to learn how to become a better digital citizen this year.

GST BOCES has resources to help you on your digital journey. Visit our website at <http://dc.gstboces.org> to see what is available to use for self-learning or teaching your children or students.

Also, we are running a Calendar Art Contest, follow the link below for more details.



REVIEW THE NINE COMPONENTS OF DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

PROTECT

DIGITAL RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

DIGITAL SECURITY & DATA PRIVACY

DIGITAL LAW

RESPECT

DIGITAL ACCESS

DIGITAL ETIQUETTE

DIGITAL COMMUNICATION

EDUCATE

DIGITAL LITERACY

DIGITAL WELLNESS

DIGITAL COMMERCE

 GST BOCES Digital Citizenship Initiative announces a ...

Digital Citizenship Calendar Art Contest

Entries should feature original artwork illustrating the safe use of the Internet and/or mobile devices.



All entries must be received electronically by March 1st. Full details at: <http://go.gstric.org/art-contest>

> WHICH COMPONENTS DO YOU KNOW THE MOST ABOUT?

> WHICH COMPONENTS DO YOU NEED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT?



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How do I monitor my kids' computer/device use without seeming intrusive?

I don't think there are any parents out there who enjoy fighting with their children. In my case, I can remember dreading the times I had to bring up certain topics because I knew that my kids would immediately feel defensive and they would try to shut down the conversation. Painful as it may have been I still knew I had to have those conversations and I knew that I had diffuse many of those conversations when the kids would try to raise their voice to me or my spouse.

Let's face it, many young people today feel that their computers/phones/tablets are their own personal spaces where they can do whatever they want, and they will resist any efforts that you may make to set boundaries on their digital/online lives. However, you must realize that part of a parent's job is to make sure that their kids are using their electronics/devices appropriately.

Perhaps the best approach to this problem is to have regular, open conversations about what the kids are doing on their phones. It is also appropriate for you to have your son/daughter show you what apps they are using. Some phones/computers will let you see how much time they are spending in each application/program, and you can tell a lot by spot checking texts, and email/call logs. Kids may feel that these conversations and device checks are akin to spying on them, however, it is important to make them understand that these activities are not intended to crush their freedom or individuality but to keep them safe and protected. It is really no different that how you check in to make sure they are taking care of their health, are eating properly, and are getting enough sleep.

Summing up, you can make sure that your child does not feel that you are intruding on their digital world but instead feels that you are genuinely interested and concerned about them and that you want to understand how they are using technology in their life. It is important to have these open, honest conversations and to make it clear to your child that you expect them to act responsibly in the online world.



ADVANCED PARENTING

WHEN IS A CALCULATOR NOT A CALCULATOR?

After you are comfortable talking to your son or daughter about their devices, and after you have begun doing regular spot checks of their phone or computer - You should be aware that there are apps that your child can download specifically to hide information from you. For example - there are some "calendar" apps that look like a calculator when launched but allow them to hide explicit images or video so that you can't find it. Go to Google Play and search "hide images".

READ THIS

▶ **12 APPS THAT EVERY PARENT OF A TEEN SHOULD KNOW ABOUT - <http://go.gstbic.org/206-apps>**

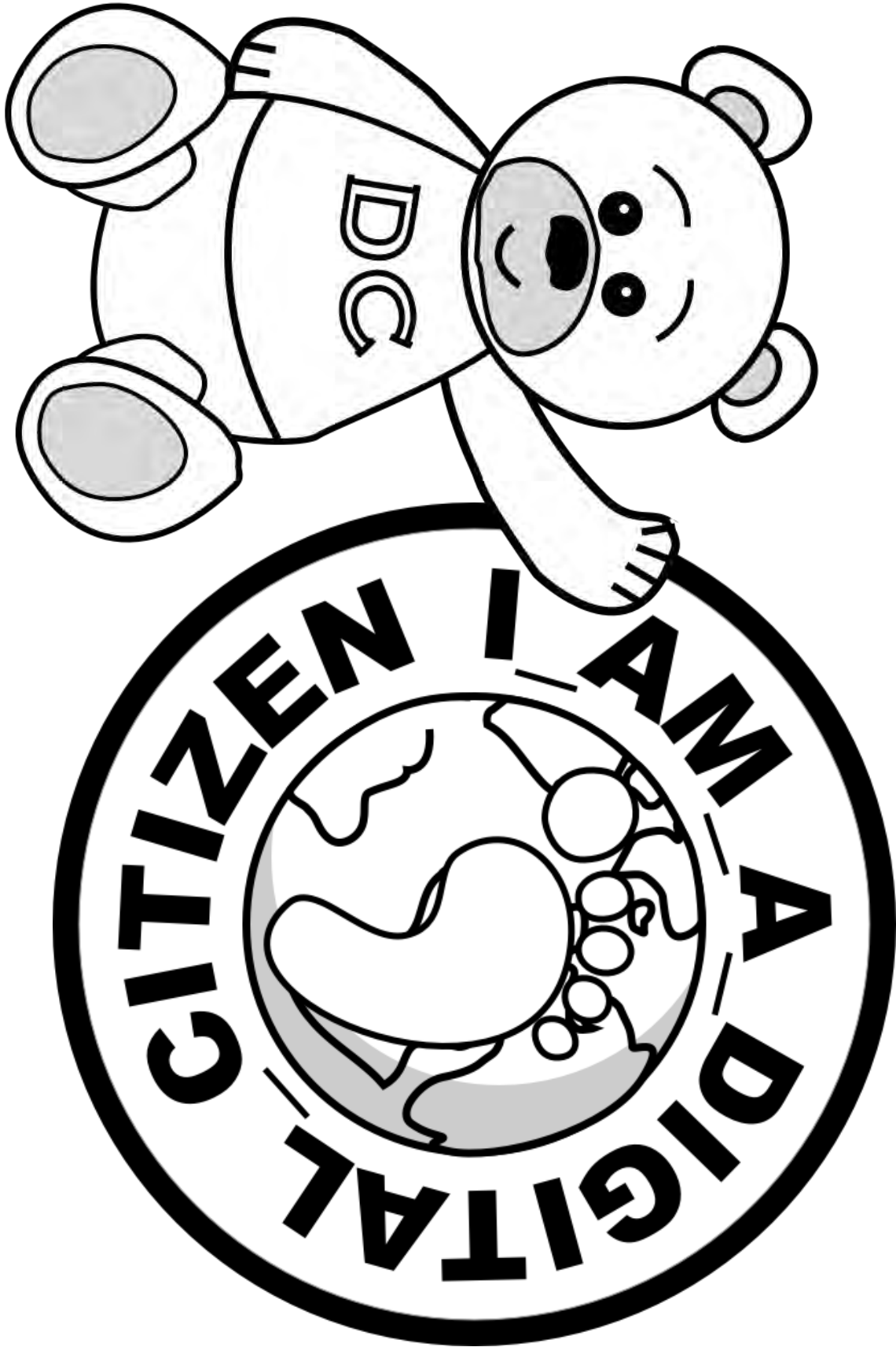
Parents - It is your **RIGHT** and your **RESPONSIBILITY** to know and to understand what your child is doing with computers/other technology.

You have bought these tools and put them in your child's hands. Teach them to use the tools properly.



My February Coloring Sheet - I Love Digital Citizenship

I AM A DIGITAL CITIZEN



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