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Do you know where your children are going on the Internet?

It's September. New computers, new friends, new classmates and new places to go on the Internet. Every parent needs to know what their children are doing on the Internet. It may sound harsh, or like you are invading their privacy by asking "those" kind of questions, but you want to make sure your children are safe at all times, and the Internet can be a scary place if you do not understand it. Pembroke Telephone has a few tips to help parents understand the Internet.

The first thing is to talk to your children. Share with them your concerns and listen to what they have to say. Ask them to show you where they go and what they do so you can understand it better. Ask them to share their passwords, but try to respect their privacy. Do you really want to hear about who uses what in their hair? Probably not, but it will make both parties respect each other a bit more if you and your children share the ability to hear all about it.

The first place you need to know about is MySpace.com. Go for a visit. This is one of the main places for people of all ages, but especially teens, to go, be seen, make friends and chat with others. Have your children show you their pages if they have them and have them share their friends. But be aware, just because your children say their real age does not mean their online friends are always so truthful! The Internet does not check IDs, so you and your children need to.

Another hot spot is YouTube.com. Here is a place that can be just downright fun! YouTube enables visitors to view and share videos. Some are serious, some are fun, but they all can be watched by anyone. Be aware that while they may ask for age verification, they do not check ID either. Many teenagers share videos of events and fun stuff, so there is lots to do. You just need to be aware of what is there and be open with your children so they understand what is appropriate.

One place your child's allowance may go, via your credit card, is the iTunes Store (itunes.com). Run by Apple Computer, this is one of the major places to buy music and videos that can be played on an iPod or iPhone. A 16 gig iPhone can hold about 4000 songs, which at .99 a song could cost you closer to \$4000 than you may ever want to get. Users can also download television shows and movies, so an understanding of the rating system could be essential here. Side note: the iPhone also hooks users directly up to YouTube - see above!

Is all of this too intimidating, or do you just need a little help keeping track? Feel free to contact Pembroke Telephone's PAC Pros at 653-4389. There is a variety of software products out there to help you keep track of what your kids are doing on the Internet and to keep them, as well as everyone in your family, a little safer while they surf. The Internet is a wonderful thing and should be enjoyed. The more you understand it, the more fun it can be. We are here to help!

Dates & Details

Labor Day (Whew!)
September 1, 2008

Pembroke Telephone will
be closed on Labor Day

Employee Birthdays

Miranda Purvis 9/3
Patrick Lane 9/12
Lauren Hodges 9/18
Fran Navickas 9/27

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The first Labor Day was held on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City and was planned by the Central Labor Union. They held their second Labor Day on Wednesday, September 5, 1883. It became a national holiday on June 28, 1894 and was moved to the first Monday in September.

Important Changes to the Do Not Call List

On June 17, 2008, the Federal Communications Commission amended Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) rules to require telemarketers to honor registrations on the national Do-Not-Call list indefinitely, so that registrations will no longer expire after five years. Under the revised rules, numbers will remain on the national Do-Not-Call list unless the consumer removes his or her number or discontinues service. Consumers will no longer need to re-register their numbers on the national Do-Not-Call list every five years. If you would like more information, or would like to sign up for the national Do-Not-Call list, please visit www.donotcall.gov.

Call 811 Before You Dig!

The Utilities Protection Center of Georgia (UPC), in partnership with the Common Ground Alliance and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has a nation-wide, three digit "Call Before You Dig" number, 811. This number provides the ease of three digit dialing to have underground utility facilities located and marked to help prevent injury and damages. This call will start the process of notifying the appropriate utility companies within your area of proposed excavation. These utility companies will send out "locators" or locate technicians to the proposed excavation site to mark underground utility lines. The call and the service is provided free of charge to the caller. Calling 811 also creates a safer working environment for all those at or near the excavation site. Just remember, call 811 BEFORE you dig!

DTV Conversion

Its Tuesday morning, February 17, 2009. Your coffee is ready, the paper on the table and you sit down for some breakfast and your morning news before you head off to work. You turn on your television and - NOTHING! The screen is blank. You then realize you forgot about the transition to digital television as mandated by the Federal Communication Commission. The transition is already occurring. Many stations have already begun broadcasting in a digital format. For those viewers who still use rooftop antennae, rabbit ears or other non-digital reception, your televisions will literally go black on February 17, 2009. Is there anything you can do to make sure you still get your morning dose of the Today show after that date? If you subscribe to Pembroke Telephone's PAC TV, you already receive the highest quality digital signal available. You need to do nothing more except that make sure all of your home televisions receive their programming through PAC TV. There are PAC TV packages to make all members of your family happy. Plans begin at just \$12.99 a month and there is a full line up of premium channels available. As always, installation is free with a contract. If you do not subscribe to PAC TV, there are other options like a stand alone signal converter box available through select retailers. However, you should realize that these converters are still dependent on over the air signal strength and quality. You can learn more about the digital conversion at www.dtv.gov or by calling Pembroke Telephone Customer Service at 653-4389.



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