

Subject: **Connect[ED]** Grade 4: Being Safer and Smarter Online, [www.reallifeonline.ca](http://www.reallifeonline.ca)

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

In class we have been engaged in a series of lessons that teach and encourage responsible Internet behaviour, referred to as 'netiquette'. In each lesson, students have watched a video called **Connect[ED]: Being Safer and Smarter Online**. This video exposes the risks that students can be faced with as they interact online and through multi media technology such as computers and cell phones. Your child will be able to describe to you what they have learned regarding netiquette and online safety by discussing the activities they participated in at school.

To continue the learning and support the home and school connection, we have added a parent component to this unit and ask that you work together with your child on the following activity.

With your child, visit the Kids Help Phone website [www.kidshelpphone.ca](http://www.kidshelpphone.ca)

Together, click on the Kids section and then click on the Info Booth section.

There you will find topics including bullying and the Internet . Ask your child which topics they studied in class e.g., cyberbullying, Internet safety. Ask them what they learned and if their learning has changed the way they think about the Internet.

Why do you think Kids Help Phone has chosen these areas to put on their website?

Click on the Cyberbullying section and go through each section and discuss why it is important for both parents and students to understand what cyberbullying is and what to do if it happens. The topics to address include:

- What is cyberbullying?
- Are you a target?
- Helping a friend?
- Are you cyberbullying?
- How to block cyberbullying.

Together create a list of ideas of what to do if your child thinks they are being bullied or if they know someone who is being bullied.

To watch the **Connect[ED]** video and for further parent information and resources visit [www.reallifeonline.ca](http://www.reallifeonline.ca).

**Important Tip:**

"Stop, Save, Block and Tell" are terms found on the Kids Help Phone website and indicate the steps to take if your child feels they or someone else is being bullied. Stop what you doing. Save the email or information. Block the person or email and Tell someone about it.