**Digital Citizenship Survival Kit**

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<http://comfortably20.blogspot.com/2013/08/the-new-and-improved-digital.html>

**Padlock**

***This is to remind you to set up passwords and to set up passcode locks on all of your digital devices.***

**Toothbrush**

***Passwords and toothbrushes are very similar in the fact that you NEVER want to share passwords.  Sharing passwords with parents is recommended!***

**Permanent Marker**

***Everything that you put online is permanent....even if you hit the delete button after posting.  Odds are someone has retweeted, favorited, or taken a screenshot of the material if it was questionable.***

**Toothpaste**

***Imagine the information that you are putting online is like the toothpaste coming out of the tube.  Once it is out, it is almost impossible to get it all back in the tube!***

**Packet of Seeds**  
***What you are doing now could have an impact on you in the future.***  ***Think about the "seeds" that you are sowing as you are active on the internet.  Could it grow into a bigger problem?  Or is your plant going to be a strong, positive representation of who you are?***  
**Plug In**

Use a six foot extension cord and put the male and female end together.  Stress to students that it is okay to "unplug" (unplug as you are discussing).  ***We don't have to be connected all the time!  Get outside and be a kid!***

**Mirror**  
***Imagine having the mirror attached to your computer/device.  If you looked in it and saw someone in the reflection, would they approve of what you are doing or saying online?***  
  
**Sheet of Paper**  
Tell a student…***Take a new sheet of paper and wad it up into a ball.  Throw it on the ground....stomp on it.   Pick up the piece of paper and unravel it.  Apologize to the piece of paper for destroying it.  That the piece of paper represents someone’s heart that has been cyber bullied.***  ***We can apologize all we want, but the emotional scars that remain inside DON'T go away.***

**Magnifying Glass**

***Remember when first impressions started with a handshake? Now they start with Google.  People are using Google to find out information about us.  What will show up when someone searches you on Google?***

**Strainer**

***The amount of information on the internet is amazing!  As digital citizens, you have to be good at "straining" out the bad stuff, what is real, what's not and finding material that is applicable to your search on the internet.***

**Tattoos**  
I am planning on using the term "Digital Tattoo" this year instead of "Digital Footprint."  I have always displayed an image of a footprint in the sand when discussing this issue, but footprints in the sand can be washed away.  ***Tattoos are a lot harder to get rid of.***

**Notebook**  
***Imagine all of the things you do while online.  Now imagine if it were kept in a journal.  Would they be comfortable if anyone could read that journal?***

**Soap**

***Too many times students are posting, tweeting, retweeting information that is NOT appropriate.  Keep it clean!***  
**Band Aids**  
***When I was younger I made mistakes, but my mistakes weren't Googleable.  The mistakes that kids make today will be Googleable.  Hopefully these mistakes won't be too big.   If a Band Aid won't help, then we have a problem!***  
  
**Pet Tie-Out Cable**  
***Ask your parents for boundaries if they have yet to do so. Set limits for yourself!***