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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Today the Internet offers powerful opportunities to support learning. With your permission, I hope to maximize these opportunities and have our grade 4 class use a variety of Internet tools and projects. These will include blogging on our class blog, and individual student blogs, using a classroom Twitter account, Skyping with children and experts from around the world, and a variety of global collaboration projects. We will also be exploring a variety of on-line tools to collaborate, create, share, and celebrate what we are learning. These will include using Google Drive and Chrome apps, animoto.com, todayssmeet.com, edmodo.com and others as the need arises.

Digital Citizenship (internet and online safety) will be explicitly taught throughout the year. I will approve all material before it is published in any format.

**Class Blog:** This can be found at [http://walkthisway1.edublogs.org](http://walkthisway1.edublogs.org) it is a place to find out about what we are doing in our classroom. I encourage you to sign up to receive new posts by email.

**Individual Blogs:** All students will eventually have their own personal blog created and linked through the class blog. It is a place for children to document their learning. All posts and comments will be moderated by me before being published.

**Twitter:** Our class Twitter account is @MrsTClass where we share our learning with others. If you are on Twitter please consider following us.

Children will access the class blog, their own blogs, and a variety of on-line tools using unique usernames and passwords. These are private and should not be shared. All blogs will be visible to the general public and accessible through any search engine. Safe and respectful behavior when using any social media is essential. Please read the following expectations with your child, sign the form below, and return to school.

(Adapted from [www.learningandsharingwithm slag.blogspot.ca](http://www.learningandsharingwithm slag.blogspot.ca))
Blogs will include the following:

- Student writing (posts and comments on our own and other sites);
- Photos of students working;
- Photos of student work;
- Voice recordings;
- Videos of student presentations; and
- Products created using various Web 2.0 tools.

Digital Citizenship Guidelines

- These are public sites and we are ambassadors for our school!
- THINK before you post. Is it True; Helpful; Inspiring; Necessary; Kind?
- Never include personal information like full names, phone number or address.
- Never share usernames or passwords.
- All comments and posts and other content must be approved.
- Photos will not include name or other identifiers.
- Parents and family members should only use their first names to leave comments (so we don’t identify the children).

(Adapted from: mrswatson.ca)
Proper Use and Consent Form for On-Line Activities

Print Student Name: _________________________________

☐ I agree to follow the Digital Citizenship Guidelines.

☐ I understand that breaking the intent of these guidelines will result in the loss of my Internet privileges.

☐ I agree to have my work posted on walkthisway1.edublogs.org

____________________________________  ____________________________
Signature                             Date

Print Parent Name: _________________________________

Please check all that apply:

☐ I have discussed the guidelines for Digital Citizenship with my child.

☐ I understand that breaking the intent of these guidelines will result in the loss of my child’s Internet privileges.

☐ I agree to have my child’s work posted

☐ I agree to have photographs posted

☐ I agree to have video of my child posted

☐ I agree to have voice recordings posted

____________________________________  ____________________________
Signature                             Date

NB Participation in the class and individual blogs is not mandatory. Please come see me if you have any questions or concerns.

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