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Summer Drift:

Staying Disciplined When Structure Slows Down

Summer brings flexibility. Travel. Downtime. Later nights. More screen time.

It also brings increased digital exposure.

During the school year, structure helps reinforce strong technology habits. In the summer months, that structure naturally relaxes. Devices are used more independently. Screen time may increase. Supervision may be less consistent. And threat actors know it.

Cybersecurity is not seasonal. The habits built throughout the year are most important when structure slows down.

This Month's Cyber Focus:

Digital Independence + Digital Responsibility Throughout the year, we emphasized:

- Verifying before clicking
- Recognizing phishing and social engineering
- Using strong passwords and multi-factor authentication
- Responsible AI use
- Protecting personal information
- Practicing safe browsing

Summer is where those habits are tested without reminders from teachers or classroom routines. Digital independence requires digital discipline. The goal is not restriction. It is awareness. When individuals understand risk, they make better decisions.



Common Warning Signs

Summer months often see increases in:

- Gaming platform scams offering free upgrades or in-game currency
- Fake giveaways tied to social media challenges
- Account recovery scams targeting email and streaming services
- Travel-themed phishing messages
- AI tools offering shortcuts that request account access or personal data

Watch for urgency. Watch for requests for verification codes. Watch for unfamiliar links embedded in messages.

If something feels rushed or emotional, pause.



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Smart Habits That Help

Simple practices make a measurable difference:

- Enable multi-factor authentication on personal accounts
- Keep devices updated with the latest security patches
- Avoid posting real-time travel locations publicly
- Use secure, trusted networks whenever possible
- Log out of shared or public devices
- Be cautious when installing new apps or browser extensions
- These habits reduce exposure significantly.
- Cybersecurity is rarely about dramatic incidents. It is about consistent, disciplined behavior.

For Families

Summer is an ideal time to revisit digital expectations in a calm environment.

Helpful discussions may include:

- What information should never be shared online
- How to respond if an account is compromised
- Safe online gaming communication
- Responsible use of AI tools for creativity and learning
- Building a positive, long-term digital footprint

Rather than focusing on fear, focus on confidence. When students understand how scams work, they are less likely to fall for them.

Open communication remains one of the strongest safeguards.

District Perspective

Our district continues to strengthen AI governance and vendor privacy reviews, keep staff and student data secure, and continue to educate the district on security & awareness best practices. But even the strongest technical controls rely on informed users.

Technology safeguards provide layers of protection. Individual discipline completes the equation.



Final Thoughts

Summer is meant to be enjoyed. Travel. Rest. Recharge.

As you do, carry forward the digital habits we built throughout the year.

Security maturity is not about perfection. It is about consistency.

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