

# Weighing the Risks and Benefits of New Technology Use

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A summary of what was discussed during the session will be posted after the session in the vault, so be sure to check for it.

Online Programs to Educate Parents, Students and Educators

NetSmartz

<http://www.netsmartz.org/>

Moving real life stories in digital story format

Wired Safety

<http://wiredsafety.org>

Safe Kids

<http://www.safekids.com/>

iSafe

<http://www.isafe.org/>

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Information on the DOPA Act

DOPA Watch

<http://www.andycarvin.com/dopa.html>

PDF copy of the act

<http://www.politechbot.com/docs/fitzpatrick.social.networking.051006.pdf>

"Filter a website and you protect a student for a day. Educate students about online safety in a real world environment and you protect your child for a lifetime."

Quote from Christopher Harris at the Infomancy Blog

<http://schoolof.info/infomancy/?p=212>

"Educators need to understand that the greatest risk our children face online is being denied access. The Internet is essential to our children's education, future careers and lives. But even the most experienced Internet user doesn't understand how children use the Internet and how to help them have a safer and more enjoyable surfing experience." [Wired Safety was created to help adults with this problem]

Quote from Parry Aftab

<http://www.wiredsafety.org/educators.html>

Internet Superheroes-an Internet program for kids that deals with dangerous uses of the Internet.

<http://www.internetsuperheroes.org/>

"As far as blogging in education goes, it is my opinion that it is one of the most powerful tools available for developing writing skills in students. Keep in mind, more than 1/3 of all teens online already have personal blogs of some sort. A large number of them are at social networking sites and kids are using them without proper instruction. I feel it is important for teachers to model proper, effective, efficient and responsible blogging so that kids can learn the proper way to use this important journalistic tool."

Art Wolinsky blog entry

<http://www.3dwriting.com/wiredsafety/blog/>

Art Wolinsky (personal email)

"The idea of trying to shut down the use of Web 2.0 by kids is like trying to stop a tidal wave with a sponge. Not only is it impossible, it is irresponsible and an abdication of our responsibility to prepare students for the future."

## **Educational Blogs**

Student work

<http://buckeye.learnerblogs.org/>

Mighty Writers

[http://classblogmeister.com/blog.php?blogger\\_id=5655](http://classblogmeister.com/blog.php?blogger_id=5655)

Wells Elementary Computer Lab

[http://classblogmeister.com/blog.php?blogger\\_id=11114](http://classblogmeister.com/blog.php?blogger_id=11114)

Bishop Dunne 304

[http://classblogmeister.com/blog.php?blogger\\_id=21053](http://classblogmeister.com/blog.php?blogger_id=21053)

English Corner

[http://classblogmeister.com/blog.php?blogger\\_id=17192](http://classblogmeister.com/blog.php?blogger_id=17192)

## Professional Development

David Warlick

<http://davidwarlick.com/2cents/>

Mark Ahlness

<http://www.halcyon.com/arborhts/mahlness/>

Will Richardson

<http://weblogg-ed.com/>

## Educational Podcasts

Student Reading

<http://huckleberry.edublogs.org/>

Room 208

<http://www.bobsprankle.com/blog/>

## Educational Wikis

Elementary All Stars

<http://elementaryallstars.wikispaces.com/>

Penn State

<http://mitochondriac.pbwiki.com/>

