

TIPS FOR PARENTS

- **KEEP COMPUTER IN FAMILY AREA.**
- **USE BLOCKING FEATURES PROVIDED BY ISP.
(CHECK THEM FREQUENTLY, KIDS WILL LEARN HOW TO RESET OR BYPASS THEM IF NEEDED)**
- **BLOCK CYBERPORN WITH SOFTWARE. (I.E. SURFWATCH)**
- **ESTABLISH RULES FOR ONLINE USE.**
 1. **KEEP COMMUNICATION OPEN.**
 2. **TEACH THEM WHO COULD BE AT OTHER END OF COMPUTER.**
 3. **THEY ARE NEVER TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION ONLINE – NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE, SCHOOL, HANG-OUTS, SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, SCHOOL MASCOT, ETC.**
 4. **WHEN THE COMPUTER CAN BE USED.**
 5. **EXPLAIN CHILD FRIENDLY CHAT ROOMS, NOT ALWAYS FRIENDLY.**
 6. **CONSEQUENCES FOR NOT FOLLOWING RULES.**
- **EDUCATE YOURSELF.**
 1. **LEARN ABOUT “INTERNET HISTORY” OF COMPUTER.**
 2. **LEARN ABOUT “COOKIES”**
 3. **LEARN HOW TO “EXPLORE” COMPUTER**
 4. **LEARN TO “SEARCH” COMPUTER**
 5. **USE SOFTWARE “PRE-SEARCH”**