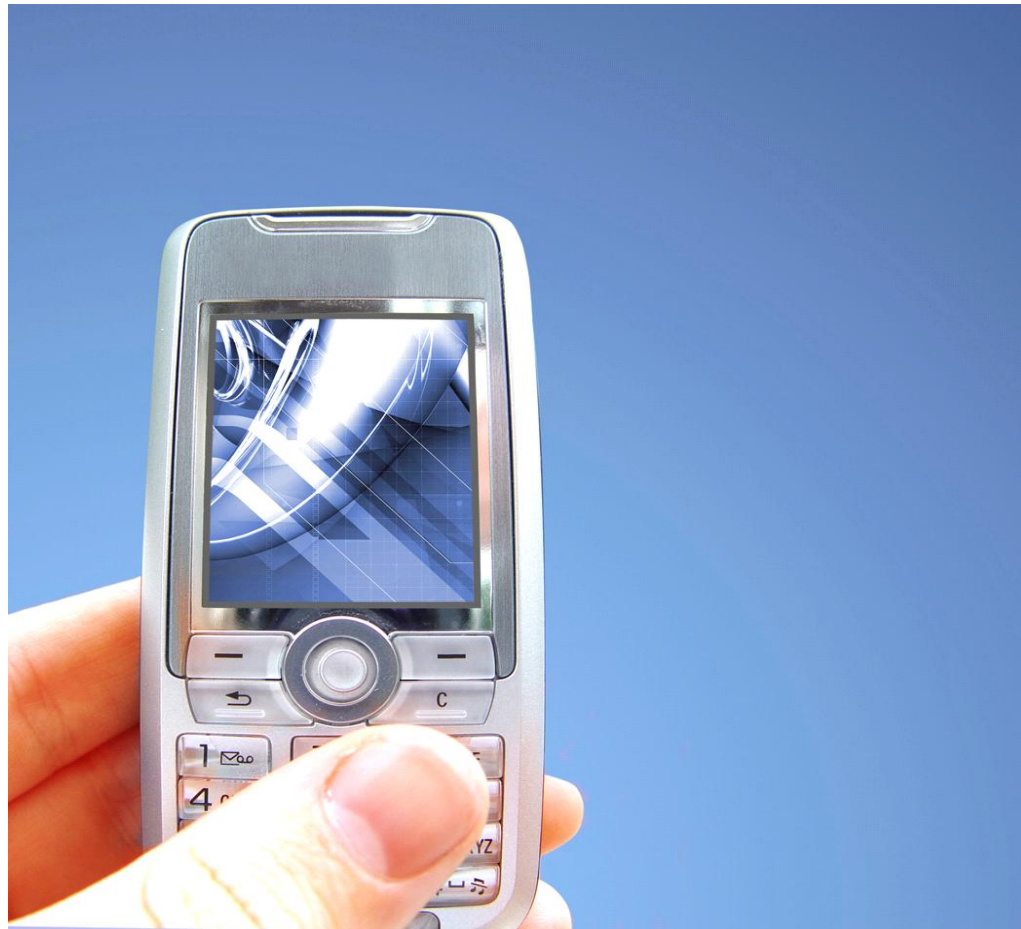


Texts, Calls, & Facebook:

How does technology affect YOU?!





“Feathers in the Wind”

- <http://www.netSMARTZ.org/stories/feathers.htm>
- What does this story mean to you?
- Can you relate the message of this story to your own life in any way?
- Has this ever happened to you or someone you care about?
- What can you do to prevent this from happening to you or your friends?

Cell Phones

- They can be good.
- They can be bad.
- They can cause “ugly” feelings or situations.
- Know the FACTS.
- Be aware, be polite, be responsible.

BE SMART!



The Good



Use Good Judgment!

Only send a text message or picture that could be shown to your parents, grandparents, or best friends.

If a text message or picture could not be shown to these people, **DON'T SEND IT.**

The Bad



- Your feelings may get hurt when others send mean or hurtful messages.
- Texting is like whispering. Other people can feel left out.
- When your secrets get forwarded, it can be very...

Embarrassing!



The Bad

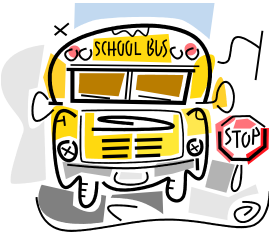
If you would not feel OK having everyone see the message or picture you are about to send, then.....

**STOP. THINK.
DON'T SEND IT!**



The Facts

- Cell phone use is not permitted during the school day.



- It is easy to go over your text or cell phone minutes. Be aware of this.



- It is against the law to harass, threaten, or send inappropriate messages.



The Ugly

- If you feel victimized, harassed, or receive inappropriate voicemail or texts...

SAVE THEM. TELL YOUR PARENTS.

- Do not respond to nasty messages!





It's Illegal

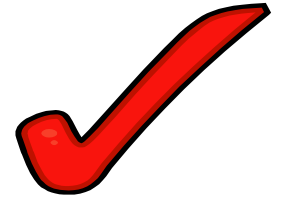
Inappropriate, harassing or threatening voice mail messages, texts messages, or pictures CAN be used against you!

THE FACTS



- Use of a cell phone or text to harass, send inappropriate pictures, or make threats is a **crime**.
- An easy way to judge “appropriate” is:
Would you show the text or picture to your parents, grandparents or friends?
- Once sent, texts and pictures can last **forever!**
- You **CAN NOT** control whether other people forward your text or picture.

THE FACTS



- The cost of cell phone use and text messaging adds up very quickly if you are not careful.
- For example, here are 4 texts which probably can be sent in less than one minute.
- Me: Hey, what's up?
- You: Nothing.
- Me: Let's meet outside.
- You: OK



You pay for all 4 – sending and receiving.

THE FACTS

The Cornwall Central Middle School

code of conduct states:

Cell phones are not to be used in school.

- ✓ Cell phones should be turned off and put away.
- ✓ If seen by an adult, the cell phone will be taken and
- ✓ kept until parent pick up.

Students that use a cell phone during the school day

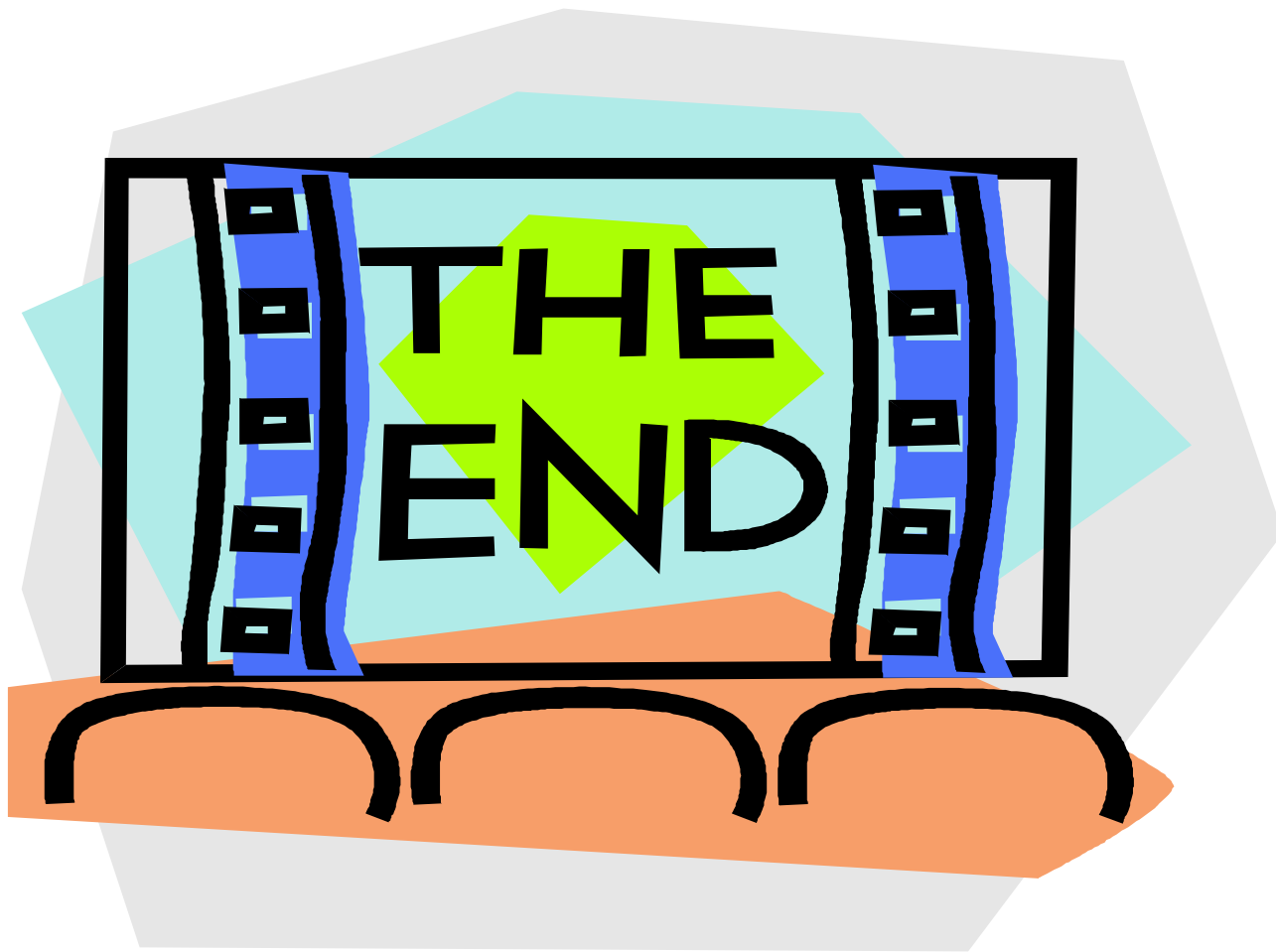
- ✓ may have a disciplinary consequence.



BE SMART!

- Keep cell phones off and put away in school
- Only use cell phones for friendly communications
- Never forward a negative comment or inappropriate picture
- Report harassment
- Drop friends who betray you
- Never lend your cell phone out





To have good friends you must be a good friend. Here are some of the ways good friends treat each other:

- Good friends listen to each other.
- Good friends don't put each other down or hurt each other's feelings.
- Good friends try to understand each other's feelings and moods.
- Good friends help each other solve problems.
- Good friends give each other compliments.
- Good friends can disagree without hurting each other.
- Good friends are dependable.
- Good friends respect each other.
- Good friends are trustworthy.
- Good friends give each other room to change.
- Good friends care about each other.