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From the Principal's Desk

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Social media has proven to present many challenges to parents and students alike and we've recently learned of a "game" that is being circulated through social media and being talked about by children. It is called the "MOMO Challenge". It is being discussed on YouTube, Facebook and WhatsApp. While the Apps are working to eliminate the challenges when they appear, the stories continue and it was easy enough to find disturbing and threatening videos on YouTube.

The MOMO Challenge is alleged to target young children with a scary character who challenges the viewer to do dangerous things that could cause serious harm. According to a recent (Feb. 28) [CBS article](#) "schools in the UK were reporting that some nasty challenges (Momo Challenge) are hacking into children's accounts. **The challenges appear midway through Kids YouTube, Fortnite, Peppa pig to avoid detection by adults.**

"Law enforcement also says parents need to focus on the bigger picture: "Even basic open source research suggests that 'Momo' is run by hackers who are looking for personal info," [PSNI Craigavon](#) wrote on Facebook. "The danger lies with your child feeling pressured to either follow the orders of ANY app via 'challenges,' or peer pressure in chat rooms and the like ... More important is that your child knows not to give out personal info to ANYONE they don't know, that no one has the right to tell them to, or make them do ANYTHING they don't want to."

Social media has a lot of positives, but there are also a lot of negatives and we need to remember that children lack the maturity and wisdom to be able to filter through the information to discern what is real, and what is fake. We see far too many adults willing to re-post fake stories on their Facebook or Twitter pages. If adults don't take the time to figure out if what they are seeing is real, we shouldn't expect children to.

Please monitor your children's on-line activity. You don't need to necessarily stand over their shoulder watching them. You can monitor the history of their internet use and they should know that you will for their own safety, and you know how to do it. To monitor their history, go to the top of your screen where you see:

Up Coming Events:

Mar. 15 Mulan Performance 7:00 PM

Mar. 16 Mulan Performance 4:00 PM

Mar. 28 - ½ day of School: Parent/Teacher Conf.

Mar. 29 - Parent/Teacher Conferences

Whole School Assembly

March 14, 2019

Sweetly Sings the Donkey

Ms. Flaherty/Goldsmith & Fitzpatrick's Class

(con't)

File-Edit-View-History....etc. Simply click on History and you will see the type of content that they were looking at by simply clicking on each site

on the list. You can also look at the sites being saved or "bookmarked" by going to Bookmarks. You can clear the bookmarks for sites you do not want revisited and the history (which won't prevent the site being revisited, but would require a new search to find it). Most importantly, discuss any sites you find objectionable with your child.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

"Volunteers are needed for the K-2 Art Show! Any amount of time you have available during the school day would be welcome, whether it is ten minutes or a couple of hours! Please email jelliott@bsdvt.org or stop by the art room. Every bit is welcome, even on the spur of the moment!"

**GIRLS WHO CODE:**

Are you interested in learning more about computers and coding? Join Girls Who Code! You and your friends will learn about the basics of computer science and some of the awesome women who use technology to create amazing things. You will also work together to create cool projects and complete challenges. Open to girl-identified students in grades 3-5. We'll meet Wednesday's from 2-3pm starting March 20th! Contact Leigh Madalinski to register, lmadalini@bsdvt.org.

GIRLS ON THE RUN IS COMING TO EES!

Girls on the Run Vermont is a spring program for 3rd-5th grade girls that starts on March 18th. **Our team will meet on Mondays and Thursdays from 3:00 - 4:30pm.** The season ends with our celebratory 5k on Saturday, June 1st in Essex. This team is dedicated to creating a world where every girl knows and activates her limitless potential. Register online at <https://www.gotrvt.org/Program-Registration-Northern> The registration fee is \$100. Girls on the Run Vermont has limited financial assistance available to those who truly need it. GOTRVT will work with families who may not be eligible through the household income scale but still require assistance. For questions, please contact Girls on the Run at 802-871-5664 or info@girlsontherunvermont.org

**PTO NEWS**

PTO LEADERS: Jenny Sullivan, Pam Moreau and Stacey Kelleher. **PTO CONTACT:** pto@eespto.org

**EES MULAN**

We need many volunteers for the production of MULAN at EES! One, to coordinate the Play helpers; if you're interested in helping with the play helpers please follow this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f48adaf2aa31-eesmulan>

Second, we need helpers at our Bake Sale during the performances; if you'd like to help at the bake sale, follow this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0444a4ad23a2f58-mulan>

Thanks so much!

MINI MILERS AT EES:

Volunteer leaders are needed to run [Mini Milers](#), a 10-week program for children ages four-eleven, that provides an introduction to running as a healthy activity and incorporates components of proper nutrition, healthy choices, and teamwork. The leaders run weekly practices that promote running, healthy eating habits, goal setting and fun! Past leaders are no longer able to participate, so in order for the program to happen at EES this year, we need new Volunteer leaders. If you are willing and able - please register immediately by contacting Beth Van Parys at youth@runvermont.org or call (802) 863-8412.

FROM THE COMMUNITY**HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS ARE COMING**

The [Harlem Globetrotters](#) have extended a group discount to members of the Burlington School District for this year's game at the [Patrick Gymnasium on Monday March 25, 2019 @ 7 PM](#). All levels of seating - Courtside, VIP, and General Admission are eligible! See below for the Discount Code (if you order online) or Cole's contact info if you wish to use another ordering method. Orders are first come-first served. No tickets required for children under 2 (provided they sit on adult's lap).

**Patrick Gymnasium
Monday, March 25th, 2019 @ 7PM**

To secure your tickets and save money on your order contact:

Cole Arrington at 678-497-1877

Or email arrington@harlemglobetrotters.com

Tickets may also be purchased with savings available by entering promo code: **COLE**