

Facebook Tips for Parents:

- Don't let your child join until age 13 (that's Facebook policy)
- Join before your child does, and learn how it works
- Be your child's friend, on full profile
- Accept friend requests from his/her friends
- Talk to your child about setting tight privacy settings, yet treating the page as a semi-public space.
- Tell your child not to accept friend requests from people he hasn't met
- Don't stalk or embarrass your child
- Set time and access limits
- If possible, get your child's password

Internet Safety Tips:

- Use a different password for every site
- Post as few identifying facts, such as your address and the city and date of your birth, as possible
- Track your online identity; make sure that what's out there about you is accurate.
- Don't visit porn sites or sites selling questionable goods
- Don't share your password with anyone
- Make sure you have a firewall and regularly update your antivirus software
- Back up your computer regularly
- Block and report anyone that sends you unwanted or inappropriate communications
- Keep internet-connected computers in plain view

Filtering Software can be used to:

- Filter sexually explicit graphic descriptions or images
- Monitor your child's online activities
- Limit the amount of time your child spends online
- Block your child's personal information from being posted or emailed
- Provide a child-safe browser

More Resources:

www.kchblog.com, click on "Facebook Safety Guide" or "How to Use Facebook"
Filtering software: <http://kids.getnetwise.org/tools/>

Make sure to join these Facebook groups:

- SafeHomes LCF
- La Canada Flintridge Parents