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Welcome to the Fall 2008 issue of *Safe Online Surfing News*, a newsletter dedicated to highlighting the achievements of participants and those who support the FBI-SOS Internet Challenge

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Perseverance Pays Off for Ohio Students

A group of middle school students from Parma, Ohio won the March 2008 edition of the FBI-SOS Internet Challenge after participating in the program for five consecutive months.

Students in the 5th through 8th grades at St. Anthony of Padua, a school outside Cleveland, worked diligently to learn internet safety information and scored the highest in the nation on the FBI-SOS Post-Quiz. Jennifer Petras, St. Anthony of Padua's Computer Instructor and Technology Coordinator, encouraged students to improve their scores each month and strive for first place.

"We admire the students at St. Anthony of Padua for their determination and commitment to learning the internet safety information and are happy they won the national FBI-SOS trophy. More important than the trophy, their persistence in trying to win reinforced all the

important points about staying safe online," said Daryl Hulce, FBI-SOS Program Administrator.

Students were rewarded for their hard work during a special assembly on April 22, 2008. Colleen Brown, Community Outreach Specialist from the Cleveland FBI Office, presented the school with the FBI-SOS National Trophy and Jack Marschall, former news anchor and Director of Communications and Public Relations for the City of Parma, addressed the students about the importance of internet safety and applauded them for their efforts.

St. Anthony of Padua students are working hard to win another FBI-SOS Internet Challenge during the 2008-2009 school year. The competition is stiff but their chances are good since they know that perseverance pays off. Good luck!



Community Outreach Specialist in Cleveland, Ohio, Colleen Brown, St. Anthony of Padua's Computer Instructor and Technology Coordinator, Jennifer Petras, and Sister Roberta Goebel, Principal, award top scoring students



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Cell Phone Safety Guide

Cell phones with internet capabilities are growing in popularity. They provide a convenient way for students to keep in touch with friends and family and to call for help in emergencies. Unfortunately, cell phones can also become tools for stalkers and other predators.

In addition to making and receiving phone calls, many young people today use their cell phones to text message, check social networking site profiles and post comments, share media such as pictures and videos, and pinpoint their friends' physical locations via Global Positioning Systems (GPS). This same technology can be abused by predators who, with the click of a few buttons, can send messages and images to young people, call them to arrange meetings, and take and send digital photos or movies of unsuspecting victims. With this in mind, it is important to remind students to follow the same safety guidelines with their cell phones that they use when on the computer.

To avoid dangerous situations, young cell phone users must know that they should only use their phones to communicate with friends they know in person. Parents and teachers can also talk to teens about never letting other people photograph or film them in embarrassing or inappropriate situations. And when it comes to sharing photos and videos via cell phones, young people need to understand people's privacy rights.

Below are some cell phone safety tips to share with students:

- Only give your mobile number to people you know and trust
- Never reply to text messages from people you don't know
- Make sure you know how to block others from calling your phone
- Avoid posting your cell phone number online
- Never let someone you don't know use your cell phone—If it's an emergency, make the call for them
- Do not share your telephone number with strangers
- Never arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone you only know through text messaging without letting your parents know

(Adapted from the Mesa, Arizona Police Department Cell Phone Safety Guide)



Register your phone online with the Do Not Call Registry, www.donotcall.gov, to prevent nuisance calls and annoying text messages.

2007-2008: A Look Back

Thanks to the dedicated teachers, school administrators and FBI community outreach specialists, the FBI-SOS program was implemented in 13 states last year and more than 17,000 students participated.

Congratulations! 2006-2007 Winners

Herbert A. Ammons Middle School, Florida - *October 2007*
 Cavelero Mid-High School, Washington - *November 2007*
 Lake Stevens Middle School, Washington - *December 2007*
 Valley View Middle School, Minnesota - *January 2008*
 Valley View Middle School, Minnesota - *February 2008*
 St. Anthony of Padua School, Ohio - *March 2008*
 Lake Stevens Middle School, Washington - *April 2008*
 North Lake Middle School, Washington - *May 2008*



FBI-SOS Winner's Plaque



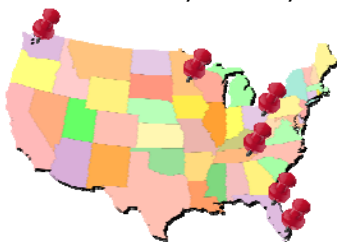
Seattle COS Nakia Ray and SSA Kevin Saito award Lake Stevens Middle School



Report illegal online behaviors to the CyberTipline hosted by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at www.cybertipline.com.

FBI Field Office Initiatives

FBI Community Outreach Specialists, Citizens' Academy Alumni, and Agents across the country are helping to spread the word about the FBI-SOS Internet Challenge and working to implement the program in local schools. Here are a few of the initiatives currently underway.



Miami—Based on his successes in Miami-Dade County, Community Outreach Specialist (COS) Jeff Green is meeting with the School Board of Broward County in an effort to have every Broward middle school implement the FBI-SOS Internet Challenge. He is also working with the Common Knowledge Scholarship Foundation to develop a scholarship for high school students based on FBI facts.

Jacksonville—Christel Chichester of the Jacksonville FBI Office and members of the FBI Citizens'

Academy Alumni Association (FBICAAA) kicked off an FBI-SOS awareness campaign at the Jacksonville Family Art Fest & Salute to the Troops. Several local media outlets published stories about the program and festival participants learned how to implement the program in local schools.

Knoxville—The COS in Knoxville, Stacie Bohanan, arranged to have Daryl Hulce, FBI-SOS Program Administrator, present the FBI-SOS Internet Challenge at two events in Tennessee, a PTA presidents meeting and a Partners in Education conference that included many local school administrators. Participants left with ideas and strategies for implementing the program in their schools.

Cleveland—Colleen Brown, COS in Cleveland, is organizing a central meeting for local school teachers and administrators. Attendees will meet at the FBI office to learn about the importance of internet safety and how to implement the FBI-SOS Internet Challenge at their schools.

Minneapolis—Thanks to the efforts of COS Joan Froehle, Daryl Hulce will present the FBI-SOS Internet Challenge at an annual conference for Minnesota technology teachers, TIES. Jonathan Buckley, a Minnesota teacher who successfully implemented the program, will present alongside Hulce. Last year's TIES presentation resulted in increased participation among Minnesota schools and led to other conference invitations.

Seattle—Members of the Seattle FBICAAA presented the FBI-SOS program to the state's Attorney General's Office and state officials are now supporting the program. In addition, members are presenting FBI-SOS at several educational conferences in the state. And, Everett high school students continue to implement the program with middle school students in the Seattle area.

If your office is planning an FBI-SOS initiative and you would like to be featured in the next newsletter, please contact us at 954-262-8553.



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FBI Field Office Achievement List

SOS Champions
(50+ schools)
Miami

SOS Crusaders
(20-49 schools)
**Philadelphia
Minneapolis**

SOS Promoters
(10-19 schools)
**Cleveland
Tampa**

SOS Advocates
(5-9 schools)
**Charlotte
Seattle**

FBI Field Office Outreach Results

Thanks to efforts of FBI Agents, Community Outreach Specialists and FBI Citizens' Academy Alumni Associations all across the country – more and more students are learning how to stay safe online. The offices listed to the right have earned a place on the *FBI-SOS Field Office Achievement List* for the number of schools that have participated in the program from their divisions. Thanks to everyone who is working to keep children safe from predators.

Thank You to Our Sponsors

Through generous donations of time, money, and resources, the following sponsors have helped us in our mission to educate our children about the dangers of internet predators:

- ◆ The Fischler School of Education and Human Services at Nova Southeastern University
- ◆ Miami FBI Office, Crimes Against Children Unit
- ◆ Time Warner Telecom
- ◆ Miami Dolphins
- ◆ The Enlightenment Foundation
- ◆ Common Knowledge Scholarship Foundation
- ◆ Patrice Krupa

Get Involved!

- 1. Implement the Program at Your School**
Log on to www.fbi-sos.org and register your school!
- 2. Sponsor an FBI-SOS Scavenger Hunt Page**
By sponsoring a page, tens of thousands of students will be directed to your website to pick up an internet safety tip.
- 3. Help Spread the Word**
Visit schools in your area and tell teachers and administrators how they can participate. Forward potential sponsors to hulce@cksf.org or contact us for additional ideas.



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Taking action to prevent crimes against children



Photo Gallery



1. Special Agent Kevin Saito poses with top scoring students and teacher from May 2008 winning school North Lake Middle in Washington State 2. Daryl Hulce, FBI-SOS Program Administrator, addresses students from St. Anthony of Padua School, winners of the March 2008 FBI-SOS Internet Challenge 3. Kathy Hahn, a teacher at Lake Stevens High School, with her students who taught internet safety to middle schools in Seattle during a visit to the Fischler School of Education at Nova Southeastern University to meet the Provost, Dr. Singleton 4. Highest scoring student and principal at the April 2008 winning school, Lake Stevens Middle School, present recognition plaque to Nakia Ray, FBI Community Outreach Specialist, and Special Agent Kevin Saito from the Seattle FBI Division

FBI-SOS Internet Challenge: Scoring

The FBI-SOS Scoring Guide was created to make it easy for teachers and students to interpret their scores on the FBI-SOS Internet Challenge.

During the program, students take a Pre-Quiz that tests their current internet safety knowledge, embark on an online Scavenger Hunt to learn important safety tips, and then take a Post-Quiz that measures what they learned.

The self-scoring Pre- and Post-Quizzes consist of 15 multiple choice questions. Students earn 500 points for each correct answer and lose one point for every second it takes them to complete the quiz. For example, a student who answers all 15 questions correctly in four minutes (240 seconds) would receive 7,500 points (500 points for 15 correct answers) and then 240 points would be deducted (one point for every second) for the amount of time it took him/her to finish the quiz. The student's final score would be 7,260 earning them the *FBI-SOS Special Agent* ranking.

To determine a school's team score, the top 20 student scores on the Post-Quiz are added

FBI-SOS Post-Quiz Scores and Rankings

Special Agent (7,000 and above)

A safe online surfer –
recommended for Peer Trainer status

Agent (6,500 - 6,999)

Has many safe online surfing skills

Jr. Agent (5,700 - 6,499)

Needs more SOS training

Cadet in Training (0 - 5,699)

Should not use the internet without
direct adult supervision

together. At the end of each month, the school with the highest team score is awarded the National FBI-SOS Trophy and receives a congratulatory visit from the FBI.

The 2008-2009 FBI-SOS Internet Challenge runs monthly from October through May and is *FREE* to every elementary and middle school in the country. A teacher or school administrator can register their school at www.fbi-sos.org.