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Welcome to the Fall 2009 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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A resource for teachers, school administrators and members of the FBI community who are working to keep students safe online

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G.W. Carver Middle School Wins National Trophy and Sets Record



G.W. Carver's top five student scorers alongside FBI Miami's Community Outreach Specialist, Jeff Green

As the September FBI-SOS Internet Challenge national champion, G.W. Carver Middle School in Miami, FL was the first FBI-SOS winner for the 2009-2010 school year. A total of 716 sixth and seventh grade students participated in the program, the largest number of participating students from any one school during the same month since the program's inception in 2005. Students from G.W. Carver Middle School outscored 44 other schools across 14 states to clinch the national title.

Students at G.W. Carver Middle School were recognized for their achievement at an award ceremony on October 15th. Representatives from the FBI and Nova Southeastern University presented achievement certificates and gift backpacks full of fun FBI-SOS items to the top scoring students. Assistant Principal Shelton Rivers accepted the FBI-SOS Trophy on behalf of the school and Dean of Students Shannon Sejeck, responsible for introducing the program to the school, accepted an appreciation gift on behalf of all of the teachers who implemented the program.

"It is exciting and encouraging that G.W. Carver had so many students participate in the program.

It shows the seriousness to which the administration is taking internet safety," states FBI-SOS Program Administrator Daryl Hulce. "It is always fun to award the National FBI-SOS Trophy to the winning school but it is far more important to know that all of these students are receiving the message about what dangers to look for online and how to stay safe."

As is often the case, students enthusiastically circled around Special Agent Jim Lewis after the award ceremony. They boasted about what they learned from the FBI-SOS program and explained the safe strategies they practice at home. One girl mentioned that her Facebook account is "ultra-private;" her name is not searchable, she does not have any profile photographs, and the information that her friends can see is very restricted and general. When a friend asked her how to create those settings, she happily declared, "I can show you."

G.W. Carver Middle School's record-breaking participation not only helped them win the national title, it increased every sixth and seventh grade student's awareness and enthusiasm for internet safety and set the stage for a safe year online.



G.W. Carver students listen attentively as Special Agent Jim Lewis discusses the importance of internet safety



If you wouldn't say it F2F, don't say it online or pass it on.

THE SMART AUP

ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

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New Assessment Tool Aims to Improve Students’ Awareness of School AUPs

While using school computers, do any of your students share pictures of others online, use profanity in chats, visit non-educational sites, or violate other terms of your school’s Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)? If so, they may benefit from using the Smart AUP, an assessment tool that measures each student’s AUP “IQ.”

A school’s Acceptable Use Policy or AUP is a list of technology regulations designed to keep students safe online and prevent abuse of school computers. Students are often required to sign this “user contract” in order to use school network computers but unfortunately many sign without reading or understanding the information. The Smart AUP assessment tool is a fun and effective way for students to demonstrate to teachers and administrators that they have read and understand the AUP.

Like the FBI-SOS Internet Challenge, the Smart AUP uses an internet-based quiz mechanism; 500 points are awarded for each correct answer and one point is deducted per second of answering time. Each Smart AUP quiz consists of 10 multiple-choice comprehension questions randomly selected from a database. In order to pass the quiz, each student must earn at least 4,000 points (which means they must answer nine of the ten questions correctly).

The final page of the student quiz shows the student’s score. This page is designed for the student to print, sign, and hand in as an administrative record that demonstrates comprehension. Failing students can re-register with new usernames and passwords and take the Smart AUP quiz again until they pass.

The Smart AUP assessment tool was developed by Daryl Hulse, FBI-SOS Program Administrator, in partnership with the Orange County Department of Education in California. Glen Warren, Orange County’s Director of Media Services, conceptualized the idea after reviewing the FBI-SOS Internet Challenge layout and process. Warren recognized the need to improve AUP awareness and he was encouraged by the simplicity and effectiveness of the FBI-SOS Internet Challenge. He suggested a parallel AUP education program to Hulse who also saw the need and potential of an AUP assessment tool.

Warren explains, “As educational leaders, we need to do more than just enforce digital policies; we must educate students in digital literacy.” He emphasizes that the Smart AUP empowers administrators faced with AUP violations. Administrators can produce the Smart AUP score report as evidence of a student’s policy comprehension.

The Smart AUP is “an objective assessment tool from a reliable and trusted source,” says Glen Warren. He adds that the most compelling reason to use this valuable educational resource is its ability to transform the student experience from “just signing a contract to demonstrating comprehension.” A powerful supplement to any internet safety curriculum, the Smart AUP assessment tool, like the FBI-SOS program, helps students understand how to be safer and more responsible on the internet.

K-12 teachers and administrators can register their schools beginning in January 2010 at www.smartaup.org.



“Sexting” has many consequences. Sexy pictures can get you into trouble with the law. If you are underage, they may be considered child pornography, a serious crime.

2008-2009: A Look Back

Thanks to the dedicated teachers, school administrators, and FBI community outreach specialists, the FBI-SOS program was implemented in 36 states last year and approximately 16,000 students participated.

Congratulations! 2008-2009 Winners

Byron Middle School, Minnesota - *October 2008*
 North Lake Middle School, Washington - *November 2008*
 St. Coleman Catholic School, Florida - *December 2008*
 G.W. Carver Middle School, Florida - *January 2009*
 Lake Stevens Middle School, Washington - *February 2009*
 Cavelero Mid-High, Washington - *March 2009*
 Newhart Middle School, California - *April 2009*
 Lake Stevens Middle School, Washington - *May 2009*



2008-2009 FBI-SOS
Winner’s Plaque



FBI Miami COS Jeff Green accepts the FBI-SOS Winner’s Plaque at St. Coleman Catholic School

What is the CyberTipline?

Launched in March of 1998, the CyberTipline offers a means of reporting incidents of child sexual exploitation including:

- Possession, manufacture, and distribution of child pornography
- Online enticement of children for sexual acts
- Child prostitution
- Sex Tourism Involving Children
- Extrafamilial Child Sexual Molestation
- Unsolicited Obscene Material Sent to a Child
- Misleading Domain Names
- Misleading Words or Digital Images on the Internet



Authorized by Congress, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's CyberTipline is operated in partnership with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the U.S. Postal Inspection Service (USPIS), the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Forces (ICACs), the U.S. Secret Service (USSS), the U.S. Department of Justice's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), as well as other international, state, and local law enforcement.

Any incidents reported to the CyberTipline online or by telephone go through this three-step process. 1) CyberTipline operators review and prioritize each lead. 2) NCMEC's Exploited Children Division analyzes tips and conducts additional research. 3) The information is accessible to the FBI, ICE, and the USPIS via a secure Web connection. Information is also forwarded to the ICACs and pertinent international, state, and local authorities and, when appropriate, to the Electronic Service Provider.

The CyberTipline is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Reports may be made online at www.cybertipline.com or by calling 1-800-843-5678.



FBI Field Office Achievement List

SOS Champions
(50+ schools)
Miami

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

SOS Promoters
(10-19 schools)
**Sacramento
Seattle
Tampa
Knoxville**

SOS Advocates
(5-9 schools)
**Richmond
San Francisco
Los Angeles
Jacksonville
Denver
Detroit
Charlotte
Milwaukee
New York**



Never reply to text messages from people you don't know.

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.



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

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

Log on to www.fbi-sos.org and register your school!

2. Become a Sponsor

By sponsoring a Scavenger Hunt 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. Students at Newhart Middle School in Mission Viejo, CA, winners of the April 2009 FBI-SOS Internet Challenge
2. Seattle's Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) Steven Dean poses with top scoring students and teacher Sarah Walker from February 2009 winning school, Lake Stevens Middle
3. FBI Seattle's ASAC David Gomez and COS Nakia Ray pose with Cavelero Mid-High principal John Gerbert, teacher Ron Johnston and March 2009 winning students
4. Miami's COS Jeff Green and Special Agent Jim Lewis award Assistant Principal Shelton Rivers and Dean of Students Shannon Sejeck at G.W. Carver Middle School in Miami, FL, the September 2009 winner
5. FBI-SOS Program Administrator, Daryl Hulce and Glen Warren from the Orange County Department of Education mark the launch of the FBI-SOS Internet Challenge in California

FBI-SOS Internet Challenge: The Future

FBI-SOS program founders Daryl Hulce of Nova Southeastern University and Special Agent Jim Lewis from the FBI's Miami Division were invited to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in November to discuss the future of the FBI-SOS Internet Challenge. Plans are underway to increase the number of participating middle schools across the country and to expand the program so students in other grades can benefit from important internet safety information.

The FBI-SOS Internet Challenge was developed through a partnership between the FBI's Crimes Against Children Unit and Nova Southeastern University's Fischler School of Education and Human Services. The free, online program includes a pre-quiz, scavenger hunt, and post-quiz. Administrators interested in adopting the FBI-SOS program for their own fifth to eighth grade students can log on to www.fbi-sos.org for more information.



(From left to right) John Starr, Management & Program Analyst, FBI IINI Unit/Cyber Division, Special Agent Jim Lewis, FBI Miami, and Daryl Hulce, FBI-SOS Program Administrator, Nova Southeastern University standing in front of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's Wall of Hope in Alexandria, VA



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