



## Promoting Positive Digital Citizenship through the use of Desktop Backgrounds

As part of a continuing effort to teach positive digital citizenship, Internet safety, cyberbullying prevention, and digital footprints, I've prepared and gathered themed desktop backgrounds for k-12 district student computers. The district continues to manage and distribute age-level appropriate desktop backgrounds on these topics to student Chromebooks, Venue tablets and computer lab machines (temporarily disabling student's ability to change their backgrounds). The desktop background initiative is a purposeful innovation to facilitate ongoing discussions, lessons on digital citizenship and reminders about the positive and safe use of technology. I plan to push out themed backgrounds monthly and will send an e-mail with discussion starters for use in classrooms.

To add some fun and allow for student creativity, I've created a desktop background challenge for students that encourages them to design images focused on the digital citizenship topics listed above that we'll use for the desktop background initiative. Students can draw by hand or use computer-generated images. Participants will turn their images in to their teachers or send them to me at the district's Central Office, where I'll format them to fit the size of our screens and deploy them as desktop backgrounds.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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