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### **Prairie Trace Elementary Recognized as a Common Sense Digital Citizenship Certified School**

Carmel, IN – Common Sense, the national nonprofit organization dedicated to helping kids and families thrive in a world of digital media and technology, has recognized Prairie Trace Elementary as a Digital Citizenship Certified School.

Prairie Trace Elementary has demonstrated its commitment to taking a whole-community approach in preparing its students to use the power of digital media to explore, create, connect, and learn, while helping them understand the potential perils, such as plagiarism, loss of privacy and cyberbullying.

“Digital citizenship has an enormous impact on establishing a positive school culture,” said Prairie Trace Elementary Principal, Jill Schipp. “By teaching and modeling digital citizenship, our educators have helped establish a foundation for our students to develop responsible, respectful and safe habits while navigating the digital world.”

To be recognized as a Common Sense Certified School in Digital Citizenship, schools must create an implementation plan that includes a digital citizenship vision, a professional development plan for staff, a plan to engage students in digital citizenship lessons, and a communication outreach strategy that provides resources on digital citizenship for students and families. During the 2015-16 school year, only 25 schools in Indiana received the Digital Citizenship Certification.

“Creating a community of responsible digital citizens is a team effort and we applaud the staff, students and families who have contributed in Prairie Trace Elementary being named a Digital Citizenship Certified School,” said Dr. Nicholas D. Wahl, Superintendent of Carmel Clay Schools. “Our goal at Carmel Clay Schools is to create an environment in which students can think critically, behave safely and participate responsibly while learning in the digital sphere. We are thankful for the great resources Common Sense Media provides for our staff and families to utilize on the topic of Digital Citizenship.”

Prairie Trace Elementary’s Digital Citizenship Vision:

*Students will experience excellence, explore opportunities, and realize their potential by being digital citizens who use integrity, respect and safe practices while immersing themselves by living, learning and working in the digital world.*

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