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Orchard Park Elementary Recognized as a Common Sense Digital Citizenship Certified School

Carmel, IN – Orchard Park Elementary has become an official Common Sense Media Digital Citizenship Certified School. Orchard Park Elementary now joins Prairie Trace Elementary, Cherry Tree Elementary and Smoky Row Elementary in receiving this certification.

Common Sense, the national nonprofit organization dedicated to helping kids and families thrive in a world of digital media and technology, recognized Orchard Park Elementary's 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.

“It is an honor to be recognized as a Common Sense Media Digital Citizenship Certified School,” said Rhonda Turner, principal of Orchard Park Elementary. “We believe it is important for students to flourish in a technological world and we also believe it is our responsibility as educators to assist them in navigating that world sensibly and safely as we prepare them for life and education in a 21st century 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.

“We are proud of the students, staff, and families of Orchard Park Elementary School for their achievement of becoming a Common Sense Media Digital Citizenship Certified School,” said Interim Superintendent Amy Dudley. “Embracing digital citizenship empowers students to make safe and responsible choices as they navigate the world of media and technology on a daily basis.”

Orchard Park Elementary's Digital Citizenship Vision:

Students will become responsible users of digital media to enhance their learning and interact with others in a safe way.

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