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### **Cyber Resources**

### **Cyber-safety Resources**

#### National Cybersecurity Alliance (NCSA) https://staysafeonline.org/

Head to NCSA's StaySafeOnline pages to learn about how to keep yourself, your devices, and your information more secure online!

#### StopThinkConnect https://www.stopthinkconnect.org/

The National Cybersecurity Alliance, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and the Anti-Phishing Working Group came together to provide resources for the public on better and safer online practices.

#### Lock Down Your Login https://www.lockdownyourlogin.org/

Head to this StopThinkConnect resource site that focuses completely on providing tips for securing your online accounts and credentials.

### Cybersecurity Career Resources

SANS CyberStart https://www.sans.org/ CyberStartUS

This program is a fun approach to learning cybersecurity skills and principles and is generally run by Learn how to be cyber-safe and how to get into a cyber career!

state or local governments or schools. Students who play CyberStart will get a basic understanding of some aspects of cybersecurity, which may develop interest in entering this career path.

#### CyberCorps: Scholarship for Service https://www.sfs.opm.gov/

Scholarship for Service (SFS) is a scholarship program that provides up to 3 years of support for cybersecurity undergraduate and graduate education. This is a great way to assist in funding education toward a rewarding, cutting edge career in cybersecurity!



his calendar's artwork was developed by grade K-12 students who participated in the 2019/2020 MS-ISAC National Cybersecurity Awareness Poster Contest.

The next Poster Contest will be kicking off September 24, 2021! These winners will be featured in the 2023 MS-ISAC calendar!

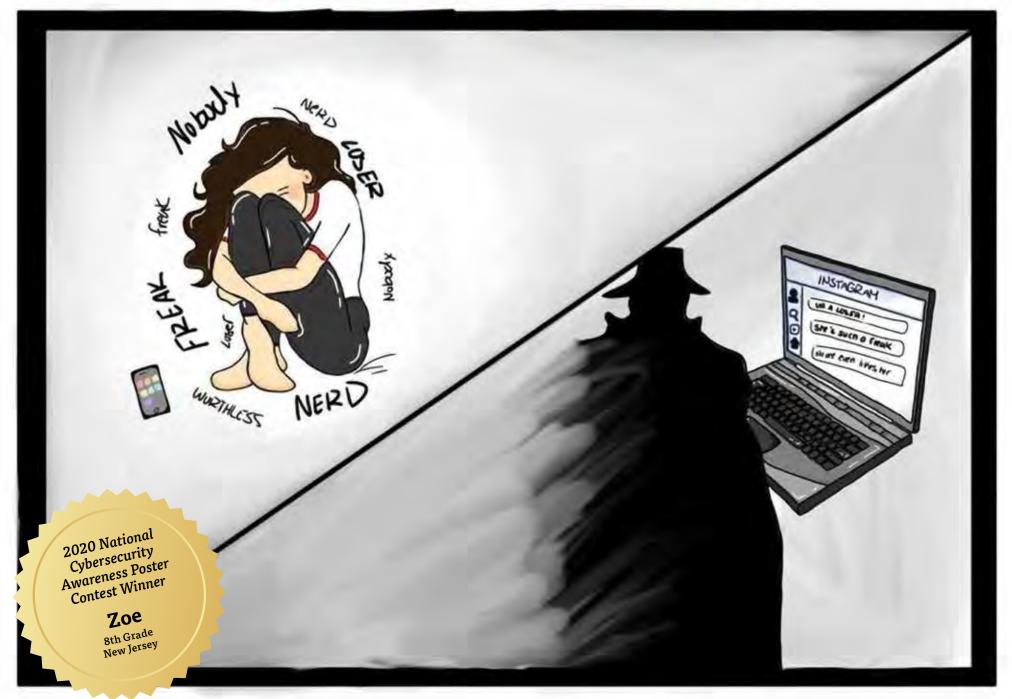
Please visit https://www.cisecurity. org/ms-isac/ms-isac-toolkit/ for more information on the 2021-2022 MS-ISAC National Cybersecurity Awareness Poster Contest guidelines. For questions, please email us at contest@cisecurity.org.

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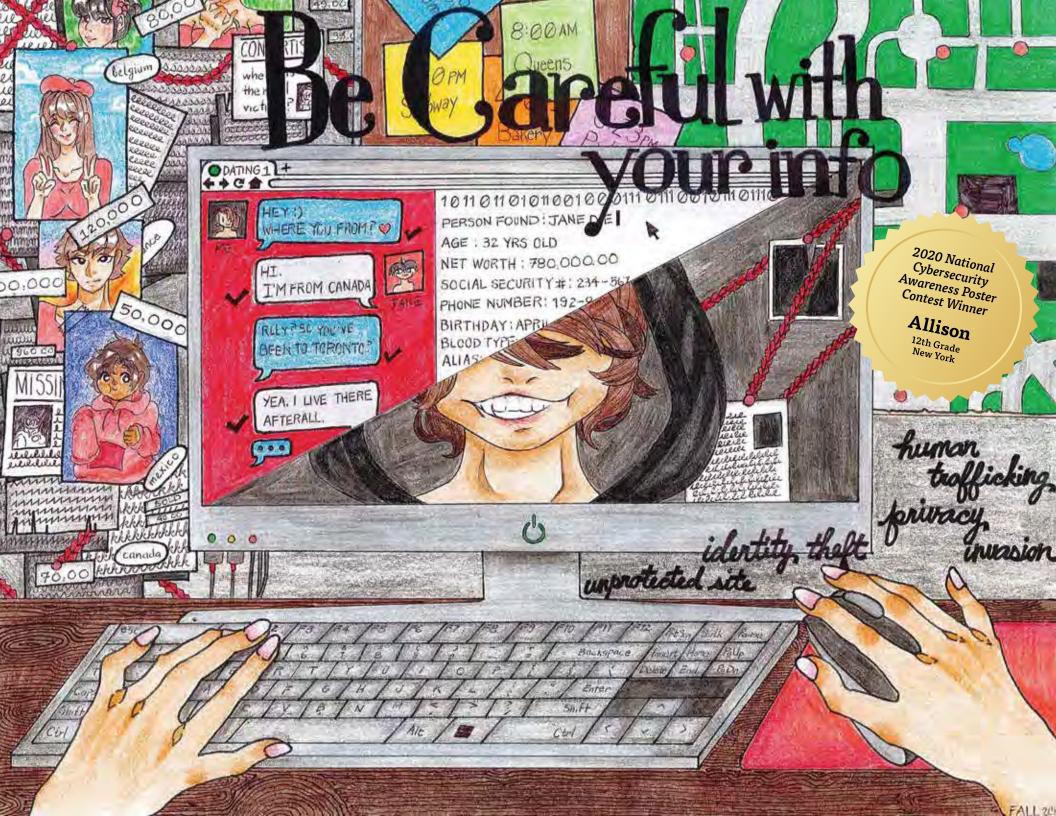
### January 2021

**REMINDER:** 2020/2021 National Cybersecurity Poster Contest entries are due no later than Friday, January 22, 2021. Email contest@cisecurity.org for more information.

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					New Year's Day	
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			Be careful what devices you bring on vacation.			
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	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day			Know who you are talking to online.	2020/2021 MS-ISAC Poster Contest Entries are Due!	
24	25 (YBER TIP	26	27	28	29 (YBER TIP Did you know a webyite	30
31	Security Myth: I don't have anything a hacker would want.	Monthly Membership Call		Data Privacy Day	Did you know a website can tell where you move your mouse on the screen?	

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# February 2021

**TAX SEASON IS HERE:** Avoid IRS Impersonators. The IRS will not call you with threats of jail or lawsuits, they will not send you an unsolicited email suggesting you have a refund or need to update your account, nor will they request any sensitive information online. These are all scams, and they are persistent. Don't fall for them. Check out the IRS website, www.IRS.gov, for more cyber scams and how to stay safe.

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14	15	16	17	18 (YBER TIP	19	20
Valentine's Day	President's Day			Lock your smartphone!		
21	<b>22</b> (YBER TIP Never send your Social Security Number via email without encrypting the email.	23 Monthly Membership Call	24	25	<b>26</b> (YBER TIP Don't use your work computer to browse the Internet.	27
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## **March** 2021

**SPRING CLEANING:** It is important to erase your personal information from old computers before you dispose of them. Simply reformatting a hard drive or reinstalling the Operating System does not erase the old data. Physically destroy the hard drive or use a special "wipe" program.

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Feb 28	1	<b>2</b> (YBER TIP Never send your bank account via email without encrypting the email.	3	4	5 (YBER TIP Lock your tablet!	6
7	8	9	<b>10</b> (YBER TIP Don't be a victim of cyber-crime!	11	12	13
14	<b>15</b> (YBER TIP Know how to spot fake software.	16	<b>17</b> St. Patrick's Day	18	<b>19</b> (YBER TIP Keep sensitive data encrypted and password protected.	20
21	22	23	24	<b>25</b> (YBER TIP Public wireless networks are not secure.	26	27
28 Passover Begins	29	<b>30</b> Monthly Membership Call	31	Apr 1	2	3

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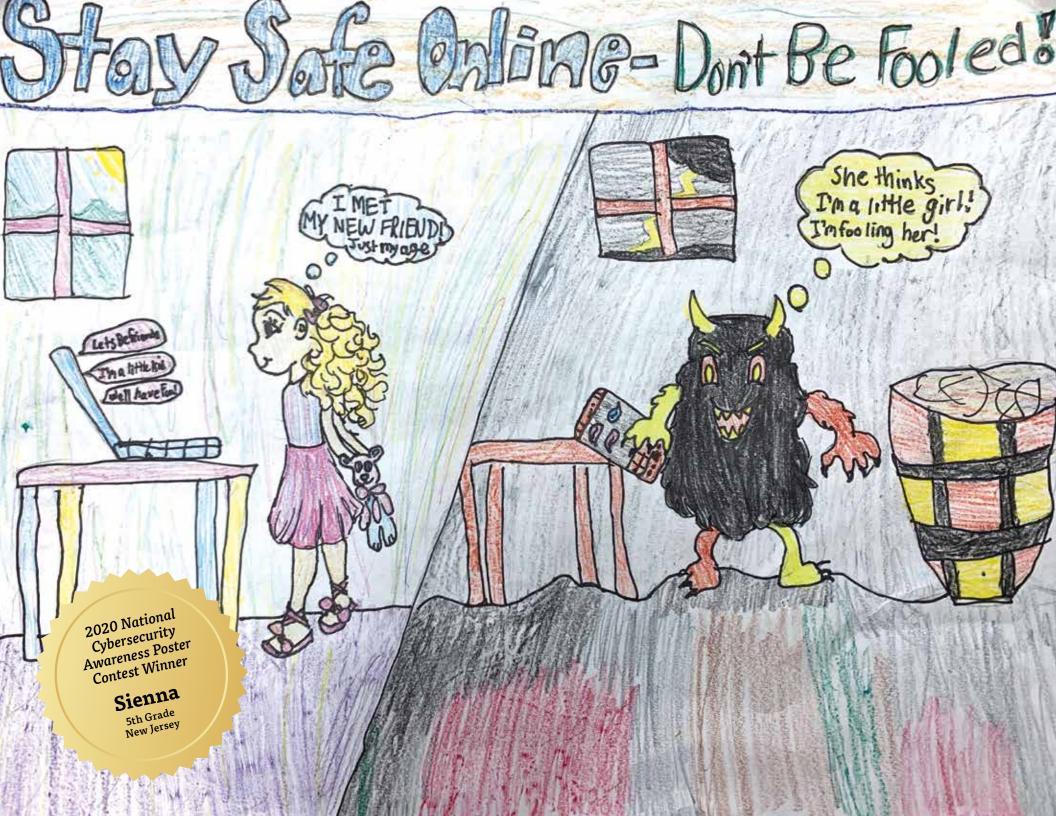
# **April** 2021

**MYTH:** "I don't have anything a hacker would want." Yes, you do. Hackers want to control your device to send spam or distribute malware. Hackers want your information to use for identity theft and fraud. Most attacks are automated. Hackers simply seek out and compromise vulnerable systems.

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Mar 28	29	30	31	<b>1</b> (YBER TIP	2	3
				Beware of tax related scams.		
4	5	6 (YBER TIP	7	8	9	10
Easter		Before recycling a computer, remove the hard drive and shred it.				
11	12	<b>13</b> Ramadan begins	14	<b>15</b> Tax Day	<b>16</b> (YBER TIP Do not email sensitive data such as Social Security Numbers or passwords.	17
18	<b>19</b> (YBER TIP Protect yourself when using cloud services.	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Monthly Membership Call	28	29	<b>30</b> CYBER TIP Protect yourself against ATM skimmers by using ATMs at trusted locations.	May 1

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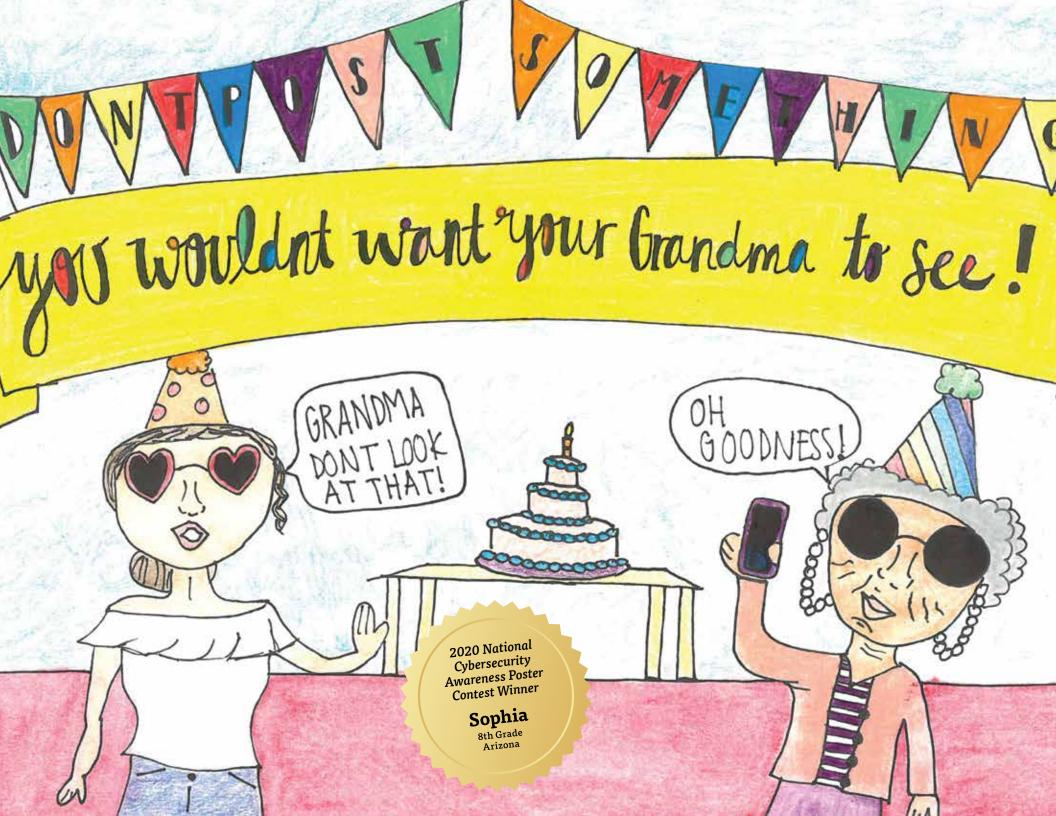
## **May** 2021

Social networking sites (e.g., Facebook<sup>®</sup>, YouTube<sup>®</sup>) are used widely, but, we must learn how to be safe on such sites. While these sites can increase your circle of friends, they also can increase your exposure to people with less-than-friendly intentions. Learn how to help your kids — and other family members — socialize online safely.

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2	3 (YBER TIP Be careful who you	4	5	6	7	8
9	Be careful who you friend on social networking sites. 10	11	Cinco de Mayo	13	14 CYBER TIP	15
Mother's Day					Learn how to use your smartphone securely.	
16	17	18 (YBER TIP	19	20	21	22
23	24	Protect portable devices. 25	26	27 (YBER TIP	28	29
30	Memorial Day 31	Monthly Membership Call		Supervise computer access for children.		

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### **June** 2021

**REMINDER:** When you post that you're on vacation or when you "check in" to your favorite meeting place, that tells others not only where you are, but also that you're not home. Your friends aren't the only ones who'd like to know where you are. Thieves and stalkers do, too. Resist the urge to tell all!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 30	31	1	2	3 (YBER TIP	4	5
				Protect your identity.		
6	<b>7</b> (YBER TIP Use antivirus software and automatically scan your computer for viruses.	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	<b>16</b> (YBER TIP Secure your Wi-Fi network by changing the password.	17	18	19
<b>20</b> Father's Day	21	22	23	24	25 (YBER TIP Lock your computer before you walk away.	26
27	28 (YBER TIP	29	30	July 1	2	3
	Do not share your files on the Internet.	Monthly Membership Call				

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**July 2021 Own YOUR ONLINE PRESENCE:** Set the privacy and security settings on the service and/or device to your comfort level for information sharing.

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Jun 27	28	29	30	1	2 (YBER TIP	3
					Practice good cyber ethics when using the Internet.	
4	5	6 (YBER TIP	7	8	9	10
Independence Day	Independence Day (Observed)	Backup important files.				
11	12	13	14	15 CYBER TIP	16	17
				Configure your social media accounts for privacy.		
18	19 (YBER TIP	20	21	22	23	24
	(hange your passwords regularly.					
25	26	27	28 (YBER TIP	29	30	31
		Monthly Membership Call	Dispose of information properly.			

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Eliza 8th Grade New York

2020 National Cybersecurity Awareness Poster Contest Winner

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# August 2021

PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN ONLINE: Keep your computer in a central and open location in your home and be aware of other computers your child may be using. Discuss and set guidelines and rules for computer use. Familiarize yourself with your child's online activities and maintain a dialogue with them about what applications they are using. Consider using software that allows you to monitor their email and web traffic.

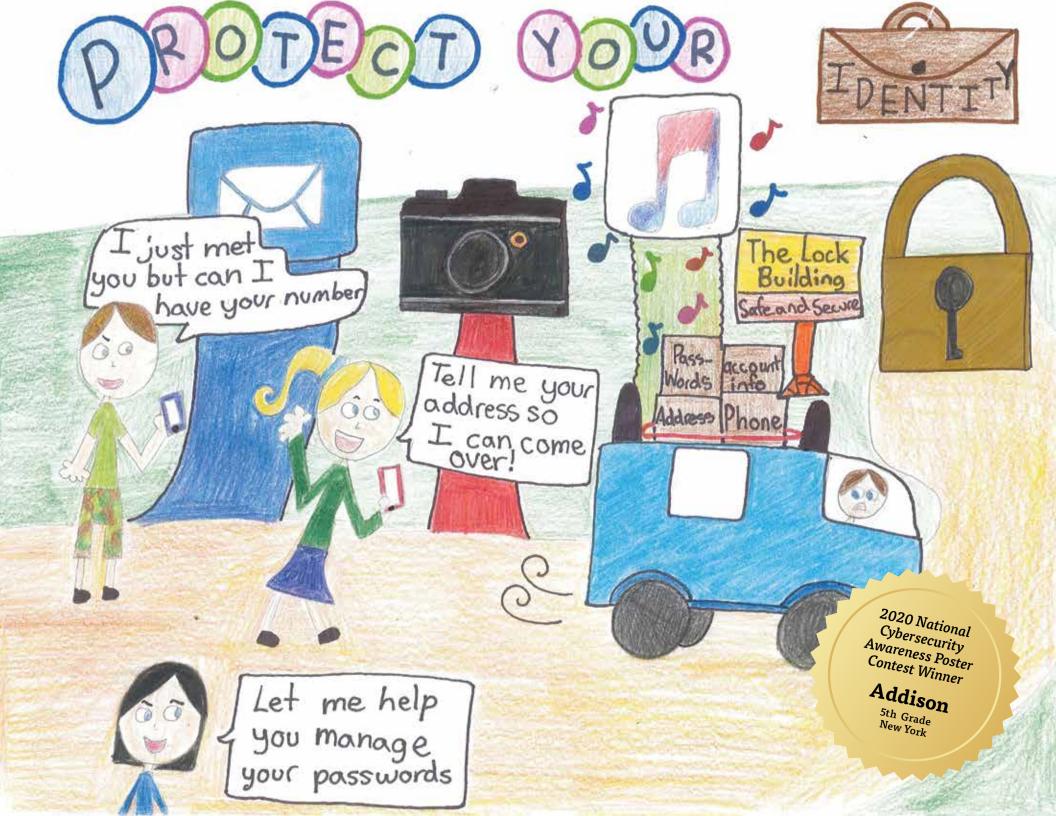
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	Report suspicious activities.				Use passwords that are hard to guess.	
8	9	10	<b>11</b> (YBER TIP	12	13	14
			Think before you click.			
15	16	17 CYBER TIP	18	19	20	21
		Teach children not to respond to cyberbullies.				
22	23	24	25	26 (YBER TIP	27	28
				Enable automatic screen locking on your smartphone.		
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	Pre-approve the videos and pictures your child posts.	Monthly Membership Call				

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# September 2021

**REMINDER:** The 2021/2022 National Cybersecurity Awareness Poster Contest kicks off on Friday, September 24th! Email contest@cisecurity.org for more information on how you can participate!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 28	29	30	1	2	3 (YBER TIP	4
					Backup your data and important files. Keep your backup offline.	
5	<b>6</b> Labor Day	<b>7</b> (YBER TIP Don't be fooled by emails that look too good to be true.	8	9	10	11
<b>12</b> Grandparents Day	13	14	15	<b>16</b> CYBER TIP Protect your children online - know what they do and who they talk to.	17	18
19	20 (YBER TIP Don't leave devices unattended.	21	<b>22</b> (YBER TIP Do not share your password.	23	24 2021/2022 Poster Contest Kick-Off!	25
26	27	28 Monthly Membership Call	29	30	Oct 1	2

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## **October** 2021

**WATCH OUT FOR MONSTERS:** Cyberbullying refers to the growing practice of using technology to harass or bully someone else. Cyberbullying can range in severity from cruel or embarrassing rumors, to threats, harassment, or stalking. It can affect any age group; however, teenagers and young adults are common victims.

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10	<b>11</b> Columbus Day	12	<b>13</b> (YBER TIP Don't be tricked into giving out personal information.	14	15	16
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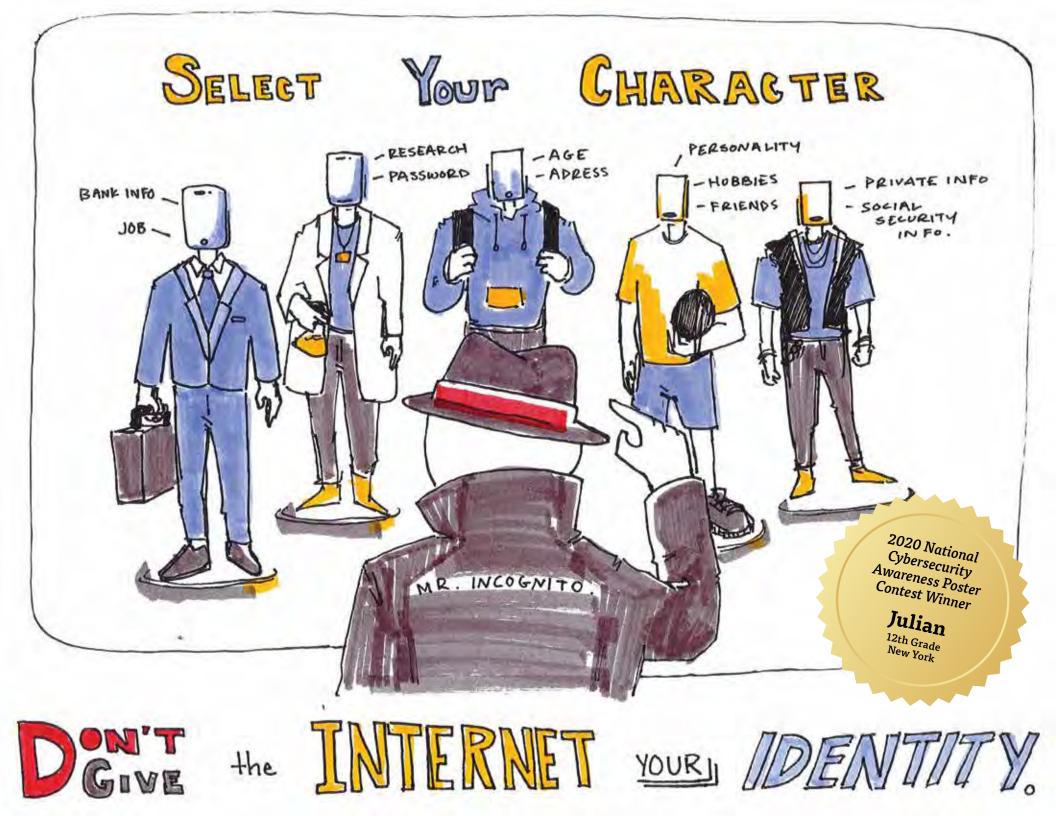
## November 2021

**ONLINE SHOPPING SAFETY:** Know whom you're dealing with. Beware of pop-up windows and unsolicited emails. Use only one credit card online and not a debit card. Keep a paper trail. Don't email your financial information. And be aware of emails that ask you to click a link or open an attachment to see the package's tracking information—that's a common spam technique.

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		Election Day			Surf safely on the Internet.	
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	Did you know a website can tell the last item you cut and pasted?			Thanksgiving Day	Be cautious when online shopping.	
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### December 2021

**REMINDER:** This is the season for receiving unexpected packages in the mail. Scammers know this and can send realistic-looking delivery failure notifications via email for deliveries that never even took place. These notification emails often ask you to reveal personal identification information that is then used for malicious purposes. Head to your local post office or call the parcel delivery service to verify the delivery before you hand over information on the Internet.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov 28	29	30	1	<b>2</b> (YBER TIP Free isn't always free. Find out what they will do with your info before sharing it.	3	4
5	<b>6</b> (YBER TIP Use different passwords for each website.	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	<b>15</b> CYBER TIP Know the rules of cyber ethics.	16	17	18
19	<b>20</b> (YBER TIP Always patch your system and software.	21	22	23 (YBER TIP Don't advertise that you are away from home.	<b>24</b> Christmas Day (Observed)	25 Christmas Day
26 Kwanzaa Begins	27	28 Monthly Membership Call	29	30	<b>31</b> New Year's Eve	Jan 1

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### **Kids Safe Online**

### **POSTER CONTEST GUIDELINES**

#### **Getting Started**

Public, Private, and home schooled students in Grades K-12 are invited to participate for a chance to have their artwork displayed on the 2023 MS-ISAC Posters and Calendar! Entries should feature original artwork illustrating the safe use of the Internet and/or mobile devices.

### **Suggested Topics**

#### Grades K–8

- How should you treat others online?
- What information is safe to put on social media and what should you keep private?
- How should you handle unwanted attention or strangers online?
- How can you select a strong password and keep it secure?
- How can you handle cyberbullying?

#### Grades 9-12

- How can you preserve your online reputation or "digital footprint" on both social media and elsewhere on the Internet?
- How should you handle unwanted attention or strangers online?
- How can you select a strong password and keep it secure?
- Why is it important to keep your devices and software up to date?
- When is it safe to text and what information is safe to text?

#### Content

- Do Not send any artwork that contains trademarked images or brands such as Disney Characters, Dell, Google, Twitter, etc.
   For additional information on copyright visit: http://www.copyrightkids.org/
- Do Not put any identifying information (such as student's full name or age) on the front of the poster.
- Adults may offer minimum technical support but cannot aid in the creative process.
- No professional (paid) assistance is allowed
- Inappropriate or offensive language and images will cause a submission to be automatically disqualified.

#### **Please Note:**

- Students may use a variety of media, such as watercolor, pen and ink, crayon, chalk, or markers.
- Brighter colors reproduce better for the calendar.
- Light pencil marks will not show up.
- Keep in mind most posters will likely be on public display, and should be easy to see or read.



### Format

Original hand-drawn or electronically created submissions will be accepted. Text should be dark and large enough to read. Submissions may be in the format of either a full-page drawing or a 4-panel comic.



### **Layout & Dimensions**

Only landscape layout submissions will be accepted! Calendars are in landscape format.

Minimum: 11"x 8.5"

Maximum: 14"x 11"





### **Kids Safe Online**

### **POSTER CONTEST GUIDELINES CONTINUED**

### If Your State is Holding a Contest

Submit all posters to your state contest (contact contest@msisac.org for your state's submission email address). The state will then submit the winning entries to the Multi-State Information Sharing & Analysis Center.

### If Your State is Not Holding a Contest

Each participating school/youth group is permitted to submit up to fifteen (15) posters (5 entries per grade group). How your school/ youth group decides on the fifteen (15) posters is up to you! Some schools/youth groups may wish to have a contest and choose the entries; others may just have the art teacher, principal or group leader choose.

#### **Entry Form**

Each poster must be accompanied by a completed Entry Form, available at www.cisecurity.org/ms-isac/ms-isac-toolkit/.

#### **Due Date**

The posters with the Entry Form, must be submitted by January 21, 2022. (Limited to one entry per student).

### Entries and forms should be emailed to: contest@msisac.org

We will only accept digital copies of your students' artwork, so please provide us with a scan or high resolution image of the submissions.

#### Winners

Winners from each grade group (K–5, 6–8, 9–12) will be selected.

A total of 13 winners will have their artwork displayed in our calendar which will be used in campaigns to raise awareness among children of all ages about Internet and computer safety. The top four submissions will also be made into posters promoting cybersecurity practices.

If their student wins, the MS-ISAC will notify the primary school contact, as listed on the entry form, or the State contact.



All entries submitted become the property of the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center and may be used in future publications. Poster entries will not be returned.

Mark your calendars! The deadline

to submit is January 21st!

### **Questions?**

Contact the MS-ISAC

Email: contest@msisac.org

Call: 518-880-0699





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