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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Many of you have heard about videos on the Internet that are being loaded with a character called Momo. The videos with Momo in them are uploaded to YouTube, and other social media platforms and are labeled to look like popular videos or video games. Initially, the videos appear to be age-appropriate, but at some point, Momo appears on the screen and provides directions to children to harm others or themselves. Momo also tells children not to tell adults about the video or bad things will happen.

We do several things at school in order to keep our students safe in school. Teachers review all videos before showing or assigning them to students and teachers monitor students on district devices to ensure they are not searching for any other videos. While we are taking precautions to keep our students safe at school, we know that students are also using technology at home. Below are some things that you can do to protect your children:

- Become familiar with the “Momo Challenge”, talk to your children about the dangers involved, and remind them that “Momo” is not real.
- Remind your children that if they encounter a “Momo” video, they should tell you or another adult.
- Supervise games that your children are playing.
- Ensure that electronic devices are restricted to age-appropriate content.
- Be mindful of videos your children are watching on YouTube or YouTube Kids.
- Remind your children not to give out personal information online to anyone that they do not know.

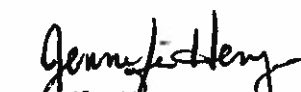
To keep up with the media and technology your children are using, Common Sense Media’s **Parents’ Ultimate Guides** can help keep you up to date. The safety of our students is our highest priority at Webutuck and therefore, educating our students on digital safety and citizenship is a large part of what we do. We thank you in advance for partnering with us in keeping all of the children in our community safe.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,


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