Dear Manitou Families,

Being a good digital citizen means being a responsible one: educating yourself and your kids about the digital world, participating in it in positive ways, questioning it and using technology as a tool to make the world a bit brighter.

How do kids learn digital citizenship? The same way they learn how to be good citizens: They watch good role models, and they practice.

We use Common Sense Media at Manitou Springs School District and we suggest you check out Digital Citizenship Resources for the Home. Its five key talking points are spot-on.

- Be kind
- Keep things private
- Don't believe everything you see
- Don't overshare
- Stand up for others

Common Sense Media also offers some helpful Family Engagement Resources that feature great videos and articles on ways to encourage positive digital citizenship at home -- everything from using a cell phone responsibly to combating cyberbullying.

Check out its razor-sharp ratings for apps, games, movies and television too!