

Rationale

Over the past years we have read and heard of many cases involving children falling prey to unscrupulous people via "meetings" in chat rooms or the posting of information on the internet. It started in chat rooms with students victimized by these internet fishermen; getting caught with their baited phrases. Students also giving away information about themselves on social networking sites, where they live, what school they attend etc.; all the information needed for these stalkers to gather real time facts about the home area of their victim and then disguise themselves as a "local" and begin to lure the target into trusting them. Given the prevalence of this threat we are at a point where we must warn our children and others of the dangers involved in seemingly benign conversations on the Internet. A simple phrase can easily give a predator all the information he or she may need to track and trace the victim. Every child knows not to talk to strangers but somewhere along the line this message has been lost when using the Internet. A predator knows this and therein lies the danger.

Experience

Presentations to over 35,000 students in various school districts throughout the US

National Middle School Association Conference

National Educational Computing Conference

AAHPERD National Conference

PA Middle School Association Conference

NY Middle School Association Conference

Nebraska Educational Technology Association Conference

Pennsylvania Business Education Association Conference

PA School Libraries/Public Libraries Cooperation State Conference

Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo and Conference

Congressman Fitzpatrick's Internet Safety Forums

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

Middle Ground Magazine

Aug. 2008

"Online Social Networking: Keeping Kids Safe"

Learning and Leading Magazine

Dec/Jan 2006-07 Vol. 34 No.4

Counterpoint to:

"Does Social Networking Have a Place in Schools?"

Middle Matters Magazine

Oct. 2006 Vol.14 No.2

"Internet Safety: What Educators Need to Know"

AWARDS (related to Internet Safety)

Keystone Best Practices Award

First Place Lesson Award

Honeywell - Got 2B Safe Awards Program

Internet Safety Presentations



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*Internet Safety-
An Oxymoron?*

Background

Over ten years ago, while teaching middle school students and viewing the naïve behaviors that they exhibited in chat rooms on the internet, Chuck developed lesson plans to teach his students safe behaviors. As students spoke at home about what they were learning in school, parents began contacting Chuck to have him speak at PTO meetings and to local organizations. Since that time, both use of the internet and the dangers that students face while using the internet have grown. Along with that growth, requests for Chuck to speak on the topic of Internet Safety have increased to include presentations to large groups of students in grades 6 through 12, school staff members and parents. Presentations have been made in schools in several states across the US and at both State and National conventions. Due to the demands for speaking engagements and his passion for changing the mindset of our young people as they communicate via the internet, Chuck retired from the Council Rock School District and is focusing on doing presentations.

A graduate of Bloomsburg University, Chuck has 35 years of experience teaching in the classroom. He is based in Lansdale, PA. As the father of two, he understands the need for students, teachers and parents to be educated in the area of Internet Safety.

Offerings

Assembly Programs for Students in Grades 6 through 12

Opening In-services Keynote Addresses

In-service Offerings for Staff

Staff Development Training

Community Outreach for Parents

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Testimonials

"Chuck Favata, an expert on internet security, gave parents advice on how to handle certain situations and how to keep their children safe. "I did not know how broad the problem was," said one parent who attended the meeting."

**By Angela Russell-Reporter
(CBS Channel 3, Philadelphia)**

"During his presentation, Favata silenced the auditorium at Council Rock High School-North with descriptions of ways sexual predators can meet, stalk and abduct children with nothing more than a laptop."

**By Brian Scheid
(Bucks County Courier Times)**

"With a dead serious look in his eye, Chuck Favata directed a question at the parents attending his Internet safety presentation Wednesday night. He asked them how many would allow a 40-year-old into their house to talk to their daughter"
(York Daily Record)

"Favata's presentation provided parents with the whole truth about internet predators."

**By: Lisa Elizabeth Grabowski
(Newtown Advance)**