

Social Media Responsibility

From the Superintendent of Schools of the Mehlville School District, Dr. Eric Knost, to your peers at Mehlville High School more and more people are using social media as a forum to express their thoughts and opinions on issues. *Have you ever put something on the Internet and wished you could take it back?*

Learning Target:

Students will collaborate to build respectful relationships by reflecting on responsible uses of social media.

Character Captains will facilitate a discussion centered on Social Media Responsibility.

List all forms of Social Media you know of.	What is Social Media used for?	How do you use Social Media respectfully and responsibly?

1. What consequences could posting inappropriate content online have for you now and in the future? *Review the following article and discuss your thoughts on the points brought up. Can you think of other examples of social media becoming an issue in current events?*
<http://www.businessinsider.com/6-reasons-social-media-got-people-fired-2013-7>
2. Mehlville High School’s Administrative Team encourages the “20 Second Rule.” (The 20 Second Rule is typing something and waiting 20 seconds before you hit send to make sure you re-read what you typed and answer the following questions; Would I send this information to my mom, my principal, my coach and my boss? If you answer yes to **ALL** of those questions then hit send, if not, then don’t.) *As a TAP class, what rule could you come up with to help you remember to stop and think before hitting send/post?*
3. **Reflection and Application:** In an attempt to develop a school-wide universal for responsible use of social media, brainstorm a hashtag or catchphrase that promotes responsible use of social media outlets. *Ex: #clickitorticket – for automobile safety.* As a class, write a rationale for your hashtag/catchphrase. Character Captains should turn in their class hashtag/catchphrase and rationale to Dr. Pike’s office by the end of the day.