


Internet Survival Tips for Parents and Teachers


1. Be aware and involved. It's up to us to teach kids how to use the Internet — and all media — safely and responsibly. Just as we teach them how to eat properly and drive safely, we must teach them how to be safe, responsible and respectful on the Internet.
 2. Do your homework. Check out sites, investigate ratings, explore safety and privacy tools, and parental control features. Don't be intimidated by the Internet.
 3. Talk to your kids. Ask them questions about where they're going online and who their buddies are.
 4. Teach safety. Make sure your kids know how to avoid dangers. No party postings, no personal information, no meeting strangers — ever.
 5. Set rules. Time limits, place limits, codes of conduct. Try to keep computers with Internet access in a central room in your house if younger kids are online.
 6. Report suspicious activity to your Internet service provider or the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (1-800-843-5678).
 7. Help kids view online information with a critical eye. Not everything that appears on the Web is true. Teach them to be savvy consumers of Internet information.
 8. View your own online habits with a critical eye. Our kids watch everything we do. If you don't want your kid doing what you're doing online you might want to think twice about your own habits.
 9. Embrace their world. Download music, IM your kids, play an online game, visit MySpace. Not only will your kids appreciate it, you'll know what you're dealing with!
- Remember, the Internet is here to stay. It's our job to help our kids be Internet safe and Internet smart.


Visit CommonSenseMedia.org for more information.


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Do you have a Buyer for these Homes?


 **NEW LISTING...Somerfield - 1482 Glenside Dr. - Priced at only \$264,900** This well cared home offers Hardwood Flooring in Kitchen, Breakfast Nook and Foyer. Ceramic Tile in Baths, Showers Tile in Both Baths is Upgraded Tile, Bay Window in Dining Room, 4 Ft. Ext in FR, Large Paver Patio in Fenced Back Yard, Entertainment Center Fireplace with Gas Logs, Large MB with Cathedral Ceiling & Plant Shelf, Jacuzzi Tub in MBB, Brick Front, Underground Sprinkler System, Surround Sound in FR & more!

 **Somerfield - 1470 Somerfield Dr.- \$319,000 - Unique McKinley Model - Priced at \$319,900 - 2400 Sq Ft.** Well Maintained Home offers 4 Bedrooms, 2.1 Baths, Hardwood Flooring, Large Deck and Beautiful Landscaping, Front Porch, Plenty of 42" White Cabinets, 1st Floor Den and Laundry, Under Ground Sprinkler System, Berber Carpet in the Family Room, 2.5 Car Garage, All Appliances Staying including Microwave and Washer/Dryer.

 **Somerfield 1401 Glenside Dr. - Price Reduced - \$339,900 Ravinia Model** - Home offers Hardwood Flooring in Foyer, Living & Dining Room & Bath. Ceramic Tile in Baths, New Carpet in Family Room & 1 BR, Gourmet Kitchen w/ Double oven, 42" Cab. & Cook top in Center Island. Kitchen also has Box window great for plants, Recessed Lighting, Brick Front, Fenced Yard, Paver Patio, Large MB w/ Vaulted Ceiling & HUGE Closet. Jacuzzi Tub in MBB. Ceiling fans all rooms & more!

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 **1433 Sage Dr. - Somerfield - 294,920** - This Elegant and Extremely Well Cared For Williamsburg Model offers 4 BR, Front Porch, Hardwood Flooring, Center Island, 42" White Cabinets, Large Brick Paver patio, Plus Finished Basement and so much more!!!

 **149 Tecumseh - Winding Meadows - Priced Reduced - \$359,900** - Brittney Model w/ a unique \$150,000 addition which is now a recording studio but could be a In law arrangement, Home Day Care, the ideas are endless. Updated Kitchen & Bths w/ granite & SS Appl. 1st Floor Den, 5 Bedrooms. Full Finished Basement. An amazing design & unbelievable possibilities in this 4000 sq. ft. home.

FOR MORE PHOTOS OF EACH OF THESE HOMES GO TO www.soldalotofhomes.com

Happenings in Somerfield

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Online File Sharing Made Simple

Before Steve and Jennie Smith moved across the country, they gave Jennie's mother a computer and set up an e-mail account for weekly updates. After the couple had their first child, Jennie's mother enjoyed receiving photos and recent stories of her new granddaughter.

When the e-mails became more frequent and the photo attachments grew substantially, Grandma's e-mail account couldn't handle the large file sizes. One day, without warning, Steve and Jennie's home computer crashed and they lost many irreplaceable digital photos of their baby girl.

The Consumer Electronics Association (CEA) recently discovered that only 22 percent of consumers back up files on their computers. With all the photos, music and documents you store on your home computer, what would happen if you were in Steve and Jennie's shoes?

With a service like Box.net, you don't need to worry about storing and sharing your files. Box is an online storage and collaboration service that gives you access to your files anytime, anywhere. Everyone, from students

Neighborhood Real Estate:

Homes currently active on the market in your Neighborhood with the MLS are:

Address	Bedrooms	Model	Bath	Price
♥ 1470 Somerfield 792 Glenside Cr.	4 4	McKinley Durham	2.1 2.1	PC - \$319,900 \$299,000
♥ 1482 Glenside Dr. 1409 Somerfield	4 4	Durham McKinley	2.1 3.1	PC - SS \$264,900 PC - SS- \$309,900
♥ 1433 Sage Dr.	4	Williamsburg	2.1	\$294,920
♥ 748 Dalton Lane	4	Monticello w/ Morning Room	3.1	\$409,904
♥ 1401 Glenside Dr. 1425 Schoenherr Ave.	4 4	Ravinia Ravinia	2.1 2.1	\$344,900 \$349,900
1404 Waterside Dr	4	Morgan	2.1	PC - \$384 800
♥ 1412 Waterside Dr.	4	Monticello	3.1	PC - \$409,000

Homes that are currently under contract in your Neighborhood with the MLS are:

Address	Bedrooms	Model	Baths	Price
3 Scarlet Ct.	3	Brentwood	2.2	SS- \$219,000
1461 Waterside Dr,	3	Brentwood	2.1	\$239,900
1512 Schoenherr Ave.	4	Durham	2.1	SS - \$239,900

Homes that have sold in the last month in your Neighborhood with the MLS are:

Address	Bedrooms	Model	Baths	Price
♥ 1533 Glenside Dr.	4	Hanover	2.1	Call for Price
1492 Schoneherr Ave	4	Savannah	2.1	Call for Price
1444 Waterside Dr.	4	Durham	2.1	Call for Price

♥ Are My Listings

PC = Price Change, BOM = Back on Market, NEW = New Listing on Market, SS = Short Sale, BO = Bank Owned
Source Multiple Listing Service Of Northern Illinois - September 4th, 2009

to CEOs, has files online and needs a place to store, share and work on them. Box is an easy and secure service for sharing and storing documents, photos, videos and more. You never have to overload e-mails with large presentations or digital photos again.

After the Smith family's devastating loss of data, they purchased a new computer and signed up for a free trial of Box.net services. Now, Jennie's mom can receive e-mails with a Web link to photos of her granddaughter that she could then download directly onto her computer. In addition, the family now has backup copies of all their files on Box.net. They never have to worry about computer problems again because their files are protected by the same service trusted by Fortune 1000 companies.

For more information or to sign up for a free 14-day trial visit Box.net.

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If your property is currently listed with another Real Estate Broker, Please disregard this notice



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Decrease Your Home's Carbon Footprint and Save

Let's face it, the earth needs our help and families everywhere are looking for ways to help out. Recycling, driving less and bringing reusable bags to the grocery stores are great ways to reduce your family's carbon footprint, but did you know there are things you can do to reduce the impact your home has on the environment, not to mention your wallet?

Hannah Keeley, lifestyle expert and host of the PBS program 'Hannah, Help Me!' offers energy efficiency tips that can yield big returns for your home, your budget and the earth.

Fill in the cracks.

Never underestimate the power of weatherproofing your home. Check all windows and doors for drafty areas. Caulking holes and cracks will keep your home from bleeding heat, not to mention prevent your hard-earned dollars and cents from leaking out of the house.

Or consider replacing your existing doors with more energy-efficient fiberglass options. Therma-Tru fiberglass doors offer five times the insulation value of wood, which will do a world of good in creating a more energy-efficient home.

Use less.

A seemingly obvious solution is to simply use less energy. Raising your thermostat a few degrees during the spring and summer months translates into big savings in both energy usage and utility bills. A programmable thermostat will automatically adjust your thermostat throughout the day, helping to control the temperature of your home even if you're miles away.

Lighting accounts for almost 20 percent of the average homeowner's monthly electric bill, but many people overlook this key opportunity to save energy and money. To reduce lighting bills, homeowners can choose lighting controls from Lutron Electronics. An incandescent bulb dimmed by 25 percent will use 25 percent less electricity and last four times longer than a bulb that has not been dimmed. Even better, dimmers allow homeowners to set the right light level for the mood and activity in a room.

Consider a dual-fuel system.

Installing a part-electric, part-gas hybrid heating and cooling system provides more control over your home's energy usage by automatically sensing and operating in the most economical mode. For example, as outdoor temperature increases throughout the day, the Heritage Hybrid (TM) comfort system from American Standard Heating & Air Conditioning will use an electric heat pump to efficiently cool your indoor air. When the weather turns cooler and heating with natural gas becomes more efficient, the furnace takes over. With a hybrid comfort system, you can save some serious cash -- even when confronted with unpredictable utility costs.

Make smarter choices.

Choosing the right home appliances is vital as well. No matter which room of the house we're talking about -- the kitchen, laundry room or otherwise -- an outdated or inefficient unit can drain your bank account and increase carbon emissions. To combat this, look for Energy Star certified appliances that way you know you're getting the most energy efficient products available.

Thankfully, increasing your home's energy efficiency doesn't have to be hard work or a strain on your pocketbook. By making a few smart choices, you can sit back and rest, in comfort, knowing you are doing your part to help reduce your home's carbon footprint.

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