



The Bolles School Parent Association/Bartram Campus presents

The 411 on Texting & Sexting [OMG]

A Parent Education program for middle school families to explore how technology and emerging cultural norms are framing the discussion of character and traditional values

Read and learn online on your own time, then engage - in person - with other parents!

About this Program

Texting can be a way to talk to your teen or “tween” on their terms. While this technology-driven form of communication offers companionship and the promise of connectedness, it can make a youngster feel frightened and overly exposed.

Compounding the potential of more damaging psychological and, in some cases, legal consequences, is “sexting.” This practice usually refers to sharing nude photos or sexually explicit messages via cell phone, but it’s happening on other devices and the web, too.

This program is designed to give you, parents of middle school students, relevant, practical, and powerful information about a contemporary topic that may be impacting your family more than you know. The program is delivered in two parts:

Start Online...

Begin by clicking on the following links to review leading-edge information and articles:

Texting for Parents - an introductory guide from The Partnership for a Drug-Free America

Texting May be Taking a Toll - from *The New York Times*, by Katie Hafner, May 25, 2009

Tips to Prevent Sexting - published by ConnectSafely.org

...then attend the discussion

Thursday, November 19, 2009

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Bartram Campus Library

(Bring a brown-bag lunch. Bottled water will be provided.)

About the Facilitator



Brynne Plant is a graduate of Vanderbilt University, where she earned a BA in Human and Organizational Development and a Masters in Human Development Counseling. She is passionate about helping youth navigate their way through life. While in college she worked as a program coordinator, reaching 400 middle school students each summer. Additionally, she counseled students and faculty at the Vanderbilt University Counseling Center as a graduate intern and spent six years as a foster care specialist and supervisor prior to coming to Bolles in October 2008.

In addition to facilitating the discussion, Mrs. Plant will present findings of a survey of teens and young adults commissioned to better understand the intersection between sex and cyberspace.

**Do you
know
Text
Talk?**

F2T
Free to talk

H&K
Hugs & Kisses

GUDLUK
Good Luck

IDK
I don't know

JK
Just kidding

L8R
Later

LOL
Laugh out loud

NE1
Anyone

NP
No problem

OMG
Oh my God

Thx
Thanks

TTYL
*Talk to you
later*

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You're