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Dear Parents of Coronado Schoolchildren,

Optimist International has recently partnered with the IKeepSafe Internet Safety Coalition in order to provide a valuable resource for both parents and children to learn about the inherent dangers of the internet - and how to implement both common sense and current software measures to keep your children safe.

April is Optimist Internet Safety Month, and we invite you to visit [www.ikeepsafe.org](http://www.ikeepsafe.org) to educate yourselves on this issue. As internet savvy as you may already be in defense of your children, we guarantee you will learn more while there. Once you are comfortable on the site, we encourage you to introduce it to your children. Additionally:

- **For parents of our girls especially:** Be sure to talk with them about the risk inherent in chat rooms - and the enormous chance they take by having JUST ONE written or verbal exchange with someone they do not know.
- **For parents of our boys especially:** Be sure to talk with them about the potentially addictive nature of internet pornography and the harm it can do to their character. Let them know that absolutely nothing good can come from its use.

**The most important chats your kids will have don't take place online - they are ongoing chats with you about all they experience on the internet.**

Thanks to your support and participation in the annual Sports Fiesta every July, we've been providing financial assistance to many youth and school programs/teams here in town since 1971. I am proud to be part of an organization that has partnered in this very, very important new effort!

John Bowen, President  
Optimist Club of Coronado

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