



## *John F. Kennedy Middle School*

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Parents/Guardians:

Southington Public Schools is proud to partner with *Google Apps for Education*, which is used by thousands of schools and universities worldwide to make collaboration tools available for students. Students will be able to work collaboratively on documents, presentation and projects. All student work will be stored online and will be accessible from home, school, and anywhere there is an Internet connection.

Google accounts allow students and teachers to communicate and collaborate in a safe and structured manner. Students will take home their username and password information, and are encouraged to record this information in a safe place. They will access their Google Drive through <https://accounts.google.com/>. This account looks exactly like an email account; however the email function is disabled. Teachers and media specialists will be working with students to access their account, as well as discussing digital citizenship and online safety. Parents are encouraged to talk with children about online safety. Students should consider their school Google account as an extension of the classroom, subject to the same rules of respect and courtesy we expect in school.

The teachers will review the Southington Public Schools Administrative Guidelines for the Use of Technology with students, and I encourage you to discuss these guidelines with your child.

[http://www.southingtonschools.org/uploaded/district\\_information/internet\\_and\\_computers\\_policy.pdf](http://www.southingtonschools.org/uploaded/district_information/internet_and_computers_policy.pdf)

We continue to harness the power of technology and we welcome the opportunities the Google environment offers our students. Students create amazing work when they collaborate with one another. Our students continue to have 21<sup>st</sup> Century Readiness Skills provided in a safe and respectful manner, and it is wonderful to see where technology is taking education.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Steven Madancy  
Principal