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Dear Parents:

We have been made aware that unfortunately there is a "Pop Up" Avatar looking creature by the name of Momo that "just appears" while children and young adults are on their computers or other electronic devices.

Although this has not happened on our school computers, we think it is very important that we share this information with you.

EmpowerEducateKids.Org describes it this way: "Momo is a social media account that can be found on Facebook, YouTube and Whatsapp. When a person interacts with the account, they begin to receive pictures of Momo, a terrifying image of a bug-eyed toothless woman. Momo responds almost immediately with threatening messages and violent images to the user. She says that she knows personal things about the user, and uses fear and threats to challenge the user."

Because the "challenge" can involve discussions of violence and self-harm, there is also a risk that children could experience those emotions as well.

Parents, the emergence of Momo, and the unthinkable challenges that children are being confronted with is just another reminder to always watch what your child (ren) are viewing online or on their phones. We must be diligent in keeping our children safe.

Sincerely,



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