



**BRAVE
BOUNDARIES**



News & Updates

March 2026: Staying Safe on the Internet



Teacher's Corner

As spring approaches and St. Patrick's Day reminds us to notice small moments of luck, take time to check in with yourself. This season is about growth and fresh starts—including caring for you.

Even on busy days, small breaks matter: step outside for fresh air, take a few deep breaths, enjoy a quiet drink, or share a quick laugh with a colleague.

Remember, rest isn't earned—it's needed. Doing what helps you recharge allows you to keep showing up for your students. Wishing you a season filled with calm, joy, and a little extra luck.

Safety Tips for Students

1. **Not Every Rainbow Leads to a Prize**

If a post, ad, or game promises free stuff, pause.

Most "pots of gold" online are tricks.

Think: Why would a stranger give this away?

2. **Guard Your Gold This Spring**

Your personal info is valuable—protect it like gold.

Never share passwords, school names, or private details.

*Sneaky tip: Even small details can help someone guess your password.

3. **Spring Into Thinking Before You Click**

Links that rush you ("Hurry!" "Last chance!") want you to stop thinking.

Smart move: Slow down and check with a trusted adult.

Remember!

If a student discloses, **STOP** and **contact DCS** immediately at 800-800-5556

And our newest winner is...

We are excited to announce the winner of our recent newsletter contest — LORI WILSON, a first grade teacher at Luce Elementary. Congratulations! Thank you Lori for not only reading the newsletter, but also taking the time to share thoughtful feedback.

Thank you to everyone who participated and took the time to engage with our content. We truly appreciate your involvement.





Pot of Gold or Leprechaun Trick?

Objective: Students use body signals to show whether an online situation is SAFE or NOT SAFE and explain their thinking.

Activity:

Body Signals-Teach these first

- Pot of Gold (Safe)
Thumbs UP
- Leprechaun Trick (Not Safe)
Thumbs DOWN

Game Flow:

1. Teacher reads a scenario out loud.
2. Students think quietly for 5–10 seconds.
3. On cue ("Show me your luck!"), students freeze in their choice.
4. Teacher scans the room.
5. Call on 1–2 students to explain why.

Scenarios:

A game pops up and says:

"Log in again to win free coins!"

Correct response: Leprechaun Trick

Answer: Thumbs DOWN

Someone you don't know online asks to move the chat to another app.

Leprechaun Trick

Answer: Thumbs DOWN

You stop before posting something because you might regret it later.

Pot of Gold

Answer: Thumbs UP

A link says,

"Hurry! Only 5 minutes left!"

Leprechaun Trick

Answer: Thumbs DOWN

A friend asks for your password to help you level up.

Leprechaun Trick

Answer: Thumbs DOWN

