



COLONIES NORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

In an effort to prepare our students with skills for the 21st Century Colonies North is starting a blogging initiative. A blog is a **web log** allowing students to participate in a moderated online discussion with their classmates and teachers. Class Blogmeister is a tool designed to encourage students to use technology in a safe environment.

Students will use a secure site called Class Blogmeister. Class Blogmeister is safe for our students because the teacher has to approve each response before it is posted to the internet. **Students do not give personal information, and will never use their real names, only pseudo names.**

You are welcome to view our blogs by going to www.nisd.net/coloniesnorth and click on Learning Links → Blogging at Colonies North. You will find helpful information about blogging and links to our class blogs.

Students must have WebPublish permission in order to participate in a blog. Please visit Northside's Internet Acceptable Use website for more information.

<http://www.nisd.net/cmptecww/auweb/> A Parental Permission Form for Web Publishing is included with this letter. Please fill out the attached permission form and return to your child's teacher.

In addition to parental permission, we also believe it is important for students to make a commitment to follow all rules and participate appropriately in the blogging program. We've included a Student Blogging Agreement that all students must sign and return.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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Thank you,

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