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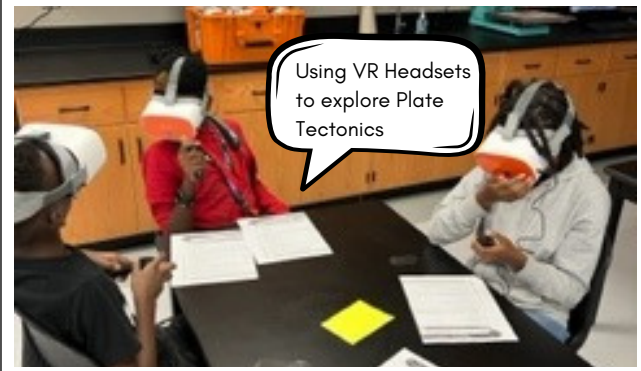*newsletter* **6 OCTOBER**

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

SAFETY, PRIVACY, AND SECURITY

When students go online, whether they're playing multiplayer games, using social media apps, or posting their latest creative expressions, it's important that they understand how to keep their private information safe.

1. ***Use privacy settings***- Sit down with your student to show the privacy settings on your apps and devices. Talk about why you keep certain information private or limited to a small group.
2. ***Read the fine print***- Find the privacy policy of your favorite app and read it together. Can you tell what information the company collects and what they do with it? Are they selling it? Storing it? Keeping it safe?
3. **Discuss online scams, clickbait, and "special offers"**- Share experiences of being targeted for a scam. Ever received a fishy email or text? Discuss the telltale signs of a hoax, including poor grammar, misspellings, Photoshopped images, and close-but-not-exact company logos.

COMMON SENSE MEDIA

FROM THE STEM LAB

Using VR Headsets to explore Plate Tectonics

PARENT POWER UP COURSE

The PowerUp Course for Parents is designed to provide information about our technology initiative and teach you how to navigate in our online classroom platform that we call Canvas. The PowerUp course is designed just like an online course that your child would take, minus graded assignments. So, you can receive credit for completing the course, please complete the form at the end.

- Click <u>here</u> to access the course.

VIRTUAL TRIPS - AROUND THE WORLD

Virtual trips can even allow your students to visit other countries. You can visit the home of Laura Ingalls Wilder, the <u>Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History</u>, or the National Monuments of the US. You can also visit ancient Rome, Russia, and even Space. Try a virtual field trip as a family and visit the World!