CHROMEBOOK PARENTAL CONTROLS

Intro: Chromebooks were made for Internet access and they are hard for parents to control. Meaning, if you have any concerns about your kids and their online activity, then a Chromebook is going to give you fits.

Step 1: Set up OpenDNS on your home's router.

Step 2: Set up the Chromebook following these steps:

1. The first user to set up the Chromebook becomes the "owner" of the Chromebook and can set up special privileges. This is similar to being the "admin" for a Windows environment. In order to set up the proper controls over the Chromebook, a parent should be the "owner".

2. The "owner" should turn off "guest browsing" and turn on "supervised users". On a Chromebook, this is done by clicking on your profile image in the lower, right corner of the device. Next, select "**Settings**" which is the silver cog and towards the bottom, find and click "**manage other users**" under "**People**" and uncheck the "**enable guest browsing**" and be sure to <u>keep</u> checked "**enable supervised users**". These are very important steps, because Chrome doesn't maintain web history for guest browsing, making it easy to conceal inappropriate activity and supervised users are a primary control for filtering and monitoring web activity.

3. In order to set-up supervised users, follow these steps:

   o If you're signed in to your Chromebook, click the status area where your account picture appears, usually in the lower right, then click **Sign out.**

   o On the main sign-in screen (usually left side, bottom), click **Add user**.

   o On the right side of the screen that appears, click **Create a supervised user**. If you don't have any accounts on your Chromebook, you'll need to add an account before you can create a supervised user

   o Sign in to the account that will manage the supervised user and click **Next**

   o Create a username, password, and picture for the supervised user and click **Next**.

   o **Note:** If you don't have owner permissions on your Chromebook, you may need to reset it to add supervised users. You'll know you've done it correctly if you

receive a confirmation email telling you "Your supervised user [name] is set up" from Chrome.

4. Once supervised users are set up, you can manage them by visiting the supervised user dashboard, where you can use a blacklist to block certain sites, **lock Google's safe search** (which is a must), and capture all web activity. The supervised user cannot delete his/her web browsing history. Utilizing supervised users creates a highly effective filtering and monitoring mix.

5. Finally, limit log-in capabilities to approved users by clicking your profile image again in the lower right corner, and then "**Settings**". Select "limit the following users" for log-in. You should see your administrative log-in and any supervised users you just created. If you don't limit who can log-in, than anyone with a Google profile can log-in to your Chromebook.