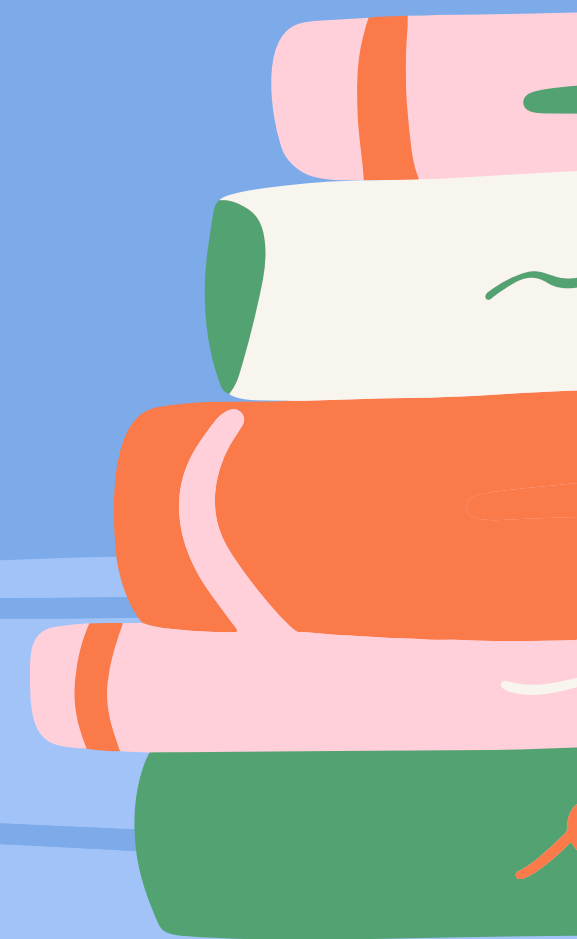


BRET HARTE ELEMENTARY PTA

TECH TALK NIGHT





OUR KIDS ARE LEARNING HOW TO MANUEVER IN A NEW DIGITAL WORLD

With distance learning, online gaming, phone games, apps, and social media, here are some helpful websites and guides to manage your child's digital world

PTA has provided the following websites to help you start a conversation about the online world.



SMART TALK

Start a conversation and put your internet rules into writing with your child



COMMON SENSE MEDIA

Reviews for what your kids want to watch, before they watch it. Trusted ratings created with families in mind.



CONNECT SAFELY

Tips and guides for parents on the latest games and social media websites

THE SMART TALK

The Smart Talk gets parents and kids together for a conversation about being responsible with new technology.

How it works!



1 Have your kid join you. Making decisions together gets everyone on the same page.



2 Answer a series of questions. These will set a few ground rules for all your devices.



3 Print your very own agreement. Then post it where the whole family can see, like on the fridge.





Every kid wants a smartphone. And a tablet. And all the other popular technical devices. So, how do you know when it's time to get them one? How do you set ground rules you can actually enforce?

With The Smart Talk website you can figure out if your kid is ready and keep them safe and savvy when they go online.



WHAT'S THE RIGHT AGE TO GET A KID A SMARTPHONE OR OTHER DEVICE?

THE SHORT ANSWER: THERE REALLY ISN'T AN EXACT AGE THAT'S BEST. IT'S DIFFERENT FOR EVERY KID. ONE THING PARENTS CAN DO IS CONSIDER THEIR KID'S MATURITY LEVEL. HERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS TO HELP DETERMINE IF YOUR KID IS READY:

DID YOU KNOW?

75% of children age 8 and under have access to some sort of smart mobile device at home.



- Does your kid show a sense of responsibility, such as letting you know when they leave the house? Do they show up when they say they will?
- Does your kid tend to lose things, such as backpacks or homework folders? If so, expect they might lose an expensive(!) phone, too.
- Does your kid need to be in touch for safety reasons?
- Would easy access to friends benefit your kid for social reasons?
- Do you think they'll use cell phones responsibly — for example, not texting during class or disturbing others with their phone conversations?
- Can they adhere to limits you set for minutes talked and apps downloaded?
- Will they use text, photo, and video functions responsibly and not to embarrass or harass others?

How to set ground rules to make sure your kids use their devices responsibly

With your kid by your side the site will ask you a few questions to answer together. Some will help you agree on healthy limits. Some of the questions are meant to be conversation starting so you can more easily discuss online safety and privacy issues. They even ask a couple extra credit questions to make this a custom experience. When you're done, you'll have a personalized, official family agreement that you and your kid can feel good about. Just print it out, sign it, and put it on the fridge for everyone to see.





Connect Safely

ConnectSafely.org is an organization dedicated to educating users of connected technology about safety, privacy and security.

Resources include safety tips, parents' guidebooks, advice, news, and commentary on all aspects of tech use and policy. We offer in-depth guides and "quick-guides" for parents, educators, youth and policymakers along with resources for seniors and other adults.

HIGHLIGHTS OF CONNECT SAFELY

RESOURCES:

LEARN ABOUT POPULAR PLATFORMS

QUICK-GUIDES FOR PARENTS

WEBCASTS

SEARCH BY TOPIC:

SOCIAL MEDIA

GAMING

WELLNESS & SAFETY

PRIVACY

SECURITY

SCAMS & ONLINE-ABUSE



Common Sense Media



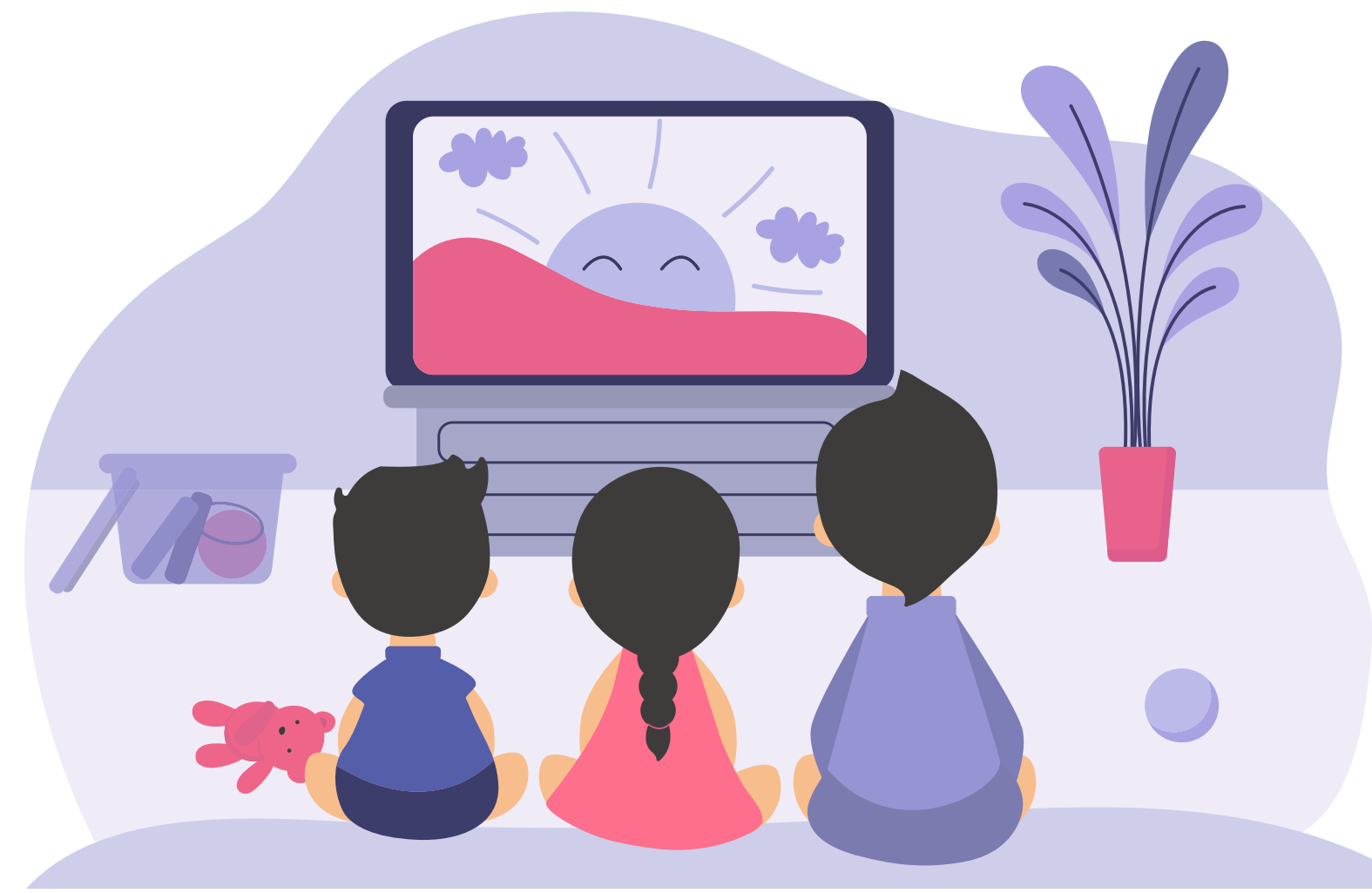
Reviews for what your kids want to watch (before they watch it) Trusted ratings created with families in mind.



Browse thousands of age-based reviews.

Or browse by category:

- [Movies](#)
- [TV shows](#)
- [Books](#)
- [Apps](#)
- [Games](#)
- [Parenting](#)



Jurassic Park

Movie review by [Randy White](#), Common Sense Media



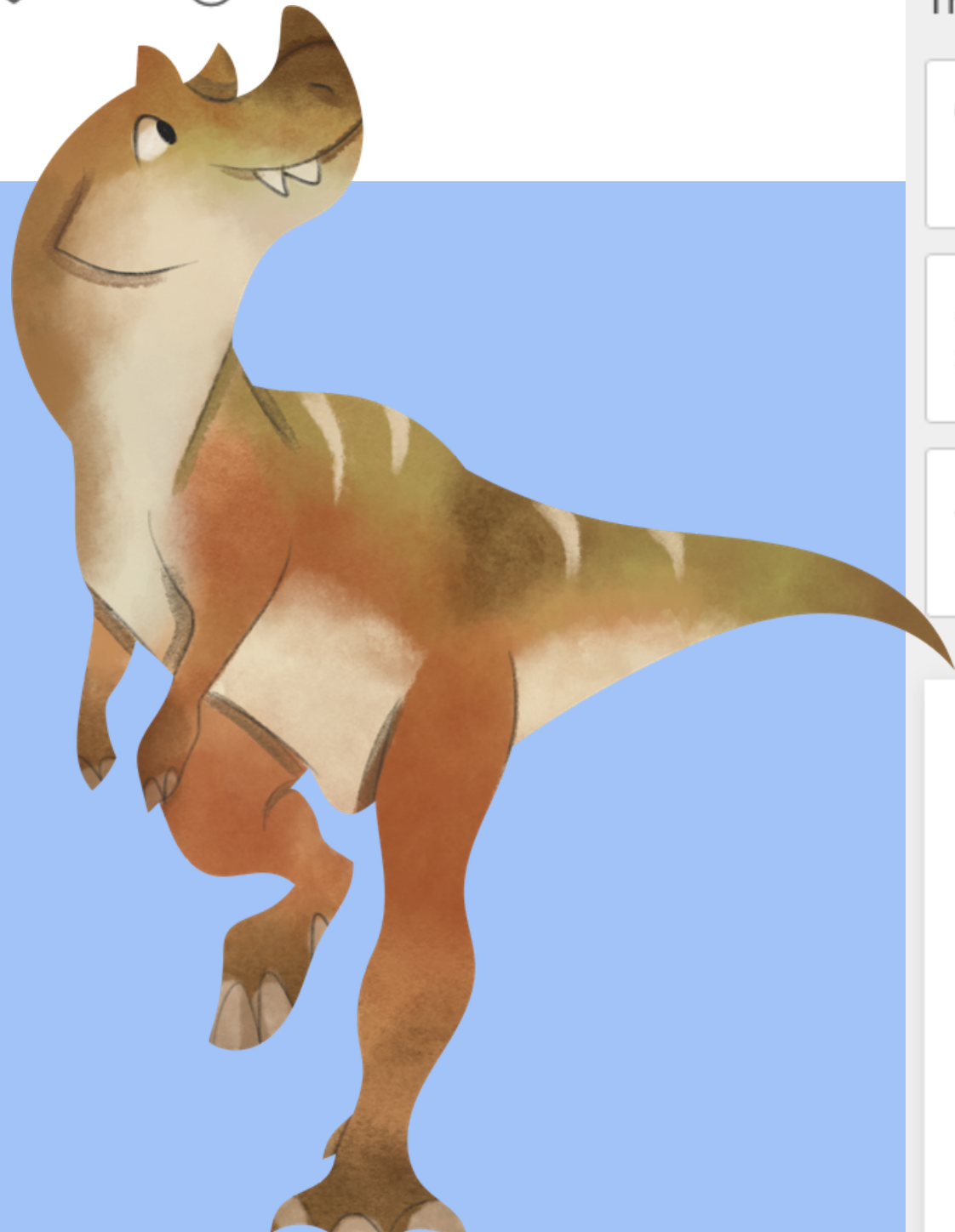
Common Sense says

age 12+

Terrifyingly realistic dinos run amok in sci-fi landmark.

PG-13 | 1993 | 127 minutes

Save | Rate movie



Parents say

age 9+

Based on [71 reviews](#)

Kids say

age 10+

Based on [315 reviews](#)

A LOT OR A LITTLE?

The parents' guide to what's in this movie.

Positive Messages >

Positive Role Models & Representations >

Violence >

not present
Sex

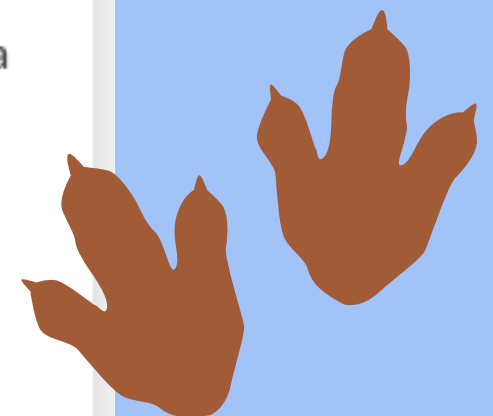
Language >

Consumerism >

Drinking, Drugs & Smoking >

WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

Parents need to know that kids who watch *Jurassic Park* will see lots of people -- and a few innocent animals -- being hunted and eaten by very realistic-looking dinosaurs, but there's little actual blood and gore (although one somewhat gruesome scene involves a severed arm). There's tons of suspense, many "jump" scenes, and some chases/crashes; basically, the characters -- including children -- are in near-constant peril. Expect a bit of mild swearing (as well as one "s--t") and some smoking and



HIGHLIGHTS OF COMMON SENSE MEDIA

By Age

- [Preschoolers \(2-4\)](#)
- [Little Kids \(5-7\)](#)
- [Big Kids \(8-9\)](#)
- [Tweens \(10-12\)](#)
- [Teens \(13+\)](#)

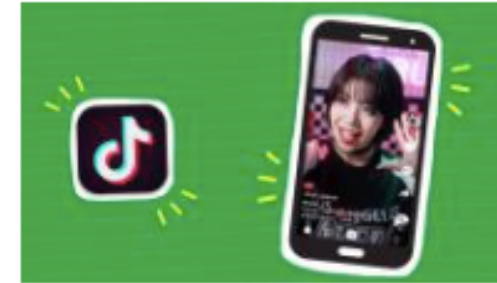
By Topic

- [Cellphones](#)
- [Screen Time](#)
- [Social Media](#)
- [Privacy and Online Safety](#)
- [Learning with Technology](#)
- [Violence in the Media](#)
- [More ...](#)

Parents' Ultimate Guide to ...

- [Minecraft](#)
- [Google Classroom](#)
- [Fortnite](#)
- [YouTube](#)
- [Snapchat](#)
- [TikTok](#)
- [Roblox](#)
- [YouTube Kids](#)
- [Zoom](#)
- [Messenger Kids](#)
- [Parental Controls](#)
- [More ...](#)

What's New



Parents' Ultimate Guide to TikTok

- [All Articles](#)
- [Family Media Agreement](#)
- [Parent Trapped Podcast](#)
- [Free Weekly Webinars](#)

Best Movies: Our Recommendations for Families

Need some fresh ideas for your next family movie night? Our editors help you choose the best movies for kids -- movies the whole family will love. Our movie lists offer top picks for Disney films, animated features, and many other kids' movie categories. All of our picks are entertaining and rated to help you decide whether they're age-appropriate for your family.

All ages | [Preschoolers \(2-4\)](#) | [Little Kids \(5-7\)](#) | [Big Kids \(8-9\)](#) | [Tweens \(10-12\)](#) | [Teens \(13+\)](#)



Best Kids' Movies on Movies Anywhere

Find the best picks on this platform for your family.



Best Kids' TV Shows and Movies on Peacock

NBCUniversal's streaming platform offers fantastic series and fun films -- ads optional.



Best Kids' Movies on Netflix

The latest and greatest streaming movies for families.



Best Sports Documentaries

Be inspired by these true sporting stories.



MORE RESOURCES

Visit the Bret Harte website for links to videos on creating parental controls, using certain apps and programs, and how to block inappropriate websites.

Visit
the Bret Harte
Website

www.bretharteburbankpta.com

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Find a quiet space for class. Turn off the TV or any music in the background. Keep mobile phones on silent and away from you. Don't eat or drink during class to avoid distracting your teacher and classmates.



OTHER CLASSROOM REMINDERS

Don't be afraid to ask questions

Feel free to ask your teacher if you don't know something or if something is unclear.

Be courteous and polite

Think before speaking. Say "thank you" and "please" when appropriate.

Keep up with lessons and homework

Review your notes. Stick to a study routine so you won't get behind with class assignments.

Submit assignments correctly

Follow your teacher's rules and instructions on how to submit your work online.

Take breaks from being online

Find time to recharge and engage in offline activities. Find balance and make time for your hobbies as well.

Support each other

Be kind to everyone. Let's encourage and lift each other up.



THANK YOU FOR JOINING US