



Internet News

Houseparty, Fortnite partner to let gamers video chat while playing

This article covers a phone app that you use with Fortnite to let players chat in game. Be aware that this would allow anyone to talk to each other. It's safer just to talk to people you know in real life, and avoid unwanted messages.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-fortnite-houseparty-idUSKBN27Y1F6>

Twitter launches disappearing 'fleets' worldwide

This story introduces twitters new 'fleet' function where you can make a "disappearing" post much like a snapchat or instagram stories. Know that these things don't really disappear, Twitter will most likley have copies of them, as wil internet service providers, and people can always screenshot them.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-twitter-fleets/twitter-launches-disappearing-fleets-worldwide-idUSKBN27X1TD>

Teen banking app Step reaches for the stars to raise \$50 million

This article talks about the banking app Step. This app allows you give your kid a debit card, but you have a lot of control over it. If you want to start teaching your kids about financial literacy and how to responsibly spend money, Step might be something to look into.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-step-funding/teen-banking-app-step-reaches-for-the-stars-to-raise-50-million-idUSKBN28C25I>

Saffron's Tips

Communication is Key!

The best thing you can do to help your kids stay safe online is to talk to them about it!

Keep open dialogue, encourage them to ask questions, and give honest answers. If they are asking about something, it's probably because they have seen it online or have heard about it somewhere, and it's always better to tell them the truth rather than hide something from them.

This helps build trust, and will encourage kids to come to you when they have concerns and need to talk.

Get Involved!

Know what apps and services your kids are using. Follow them, have them follow you, try playing their favourite video game with them. You can be aware of their online presence and enjoy the internet with them at the same time!

Social Media Rules:

Most social media platforms require users to be at least 13 years old to have an account.

Keep all of your settings private and don't post personal information.

Resources



Bark is very similar to Google Family Link in the services they offer. The difference being that Bark costs \$99 USD annually. However Bark is one of the better services out there, so if it is affordable for you, it would be worth trying.

<https://www.bark.us/>



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Common Sense Media is a great resource for figuring out if something is appropriate for your kid. They use reviews from parents and kids to give age recommendations on video games, movies, apps, and more. They also have some handy tips for parents.

Check them out for sure!

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/homepage>

Get in touch with Saffron if you have any questions!



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