

Dear Parents,

With the Zeeland schools having sent an iPad home with students this year, I thought it would be good to send out a tech tip for those of you who are feeling a little behind the curve when it comes to this technology.

The rule in my house is that no media device is private. This means that I keep all my history on all of my devices so that my wife or ministry assistant or any one on my youth staff can check it at anytime. This means that someone can check every Internet ready device that I own as often as they want.

While this is a good rule to have, it is even more important to have Internet safeguards and filters installed on every media device in your home or that your child has access to.

These parental supervisors are very easy to install and do all the work for you.

While teens may feel like this is an invasion of privacy, allowing unmonitored Internet usage is like allowing your child to wander alone in a neighborhood with porn shops and strip clubs that are open for anyone. I once looked up some Disney song lyrics for my daughter and half of what the Google search yielded was porn site links. All those kinds of things are on the Internet and are easier to find or stumble upon than one may think.

The great news is that you don't have to be good with computers to be able to install safeguards. It will take anywhere from 1 minute to 10 minutes of your time depending on how familiar you are with these devices.

Each parental web monitor listed below has good features. The more expensive ones allow you to see if the Internet history has been altered or if the parental setting has been changed and will actually block suggestive content. These send you alerts notifying you of activity.

I would recommend letting your child know that you have installed this on their iPad or iPhone and that you will be able to see all the sites that they log onto. This helps keep them accountable, as all of us should be. You can blame me if your child is upset with this change. I have this protection on all of my Internet ready devices and have the same level of accountability.

Please let me know if I can help you in any way. I hope this is helpful to you and if you have other questions, you can ask me or Google questions you may need answered right away.

-Rev. Lance Young

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Steps to protecting your child on their Ipad:

1. Turn on the Ipad. The on/off button is on the top right hand corner of the device.
2. Slide the lock button to the right to unlock the screen (If needed)



3. Touch the “Application” icon



4. Touch the “Search” icon



5. Type in the search engine line- “parent internet”
You will be given a few choices.

(I recommend- Mobicip Safe Browser (\$4.99) or Safe Eyes Mobile (14.99) or iNet Safety Bubble (19.99))

3. Tap the price you want (“4.99” or whatever) and then tap “install”. You will then be directed to your itunes account. If you don’t have an itunes account. Get one! (You will need a credit card but the account is free and only charges you when you purchase something. Every purchase will require your private password)

(You can read about the app before you buy it by touching the picture (icon) of the app.

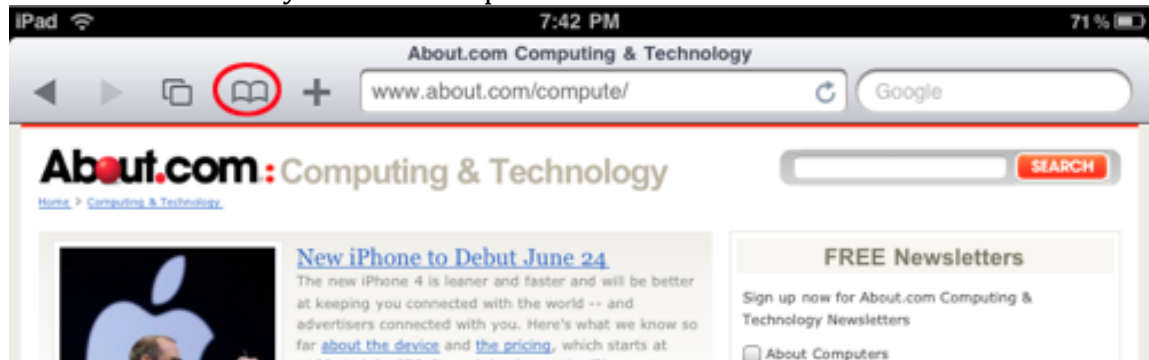
4. Once you have decided which one you want, tap the blue (\$4.99) button (or how ever much it costs) and then the Green “install button”. It will prompt you from there.

To check history on an ipad:

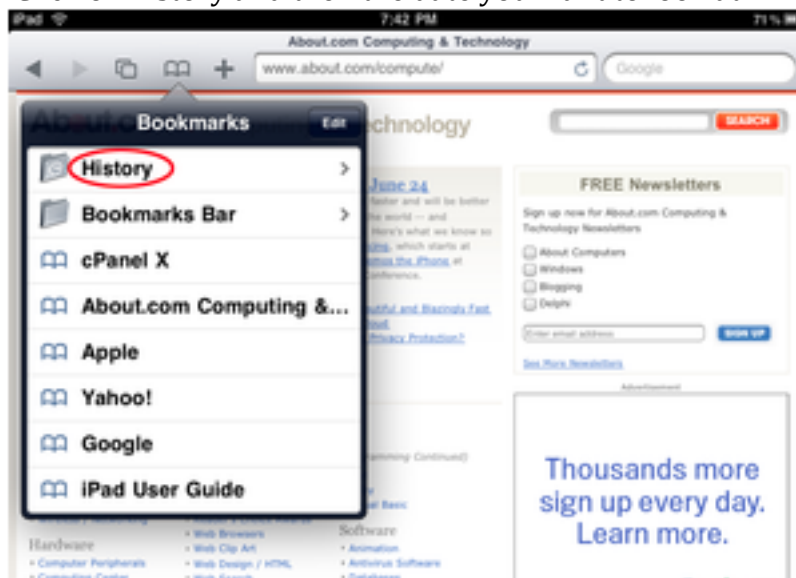
1. Click on the Safari icon at the bottom of the screen. If you don’t see it, run your finger down to the bottom of the screen and it should appear.



2. Click on the history icon at the top of the screen.



3. Click on history and then the date you want to look at.



4. If it is blank, then it had been deleted or the history setting has been turned off under "settings".