

Attorney General Schimel: Host internet safety event for youth

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WAUSAU, Wis. – Today, Attorney General Brad Schimel and representatives from Google traveled to John Muir Middle School in Wausau to participate in the Online Safety Roadshow: How to Be Internet Awesome, which is a presentation developed by Google to educate middle school students about online safety.

“The internet provides countless benefits to society and has changed the way we learn and do business, yet it provides many opportunities for bad actors to target our children and access their personal information,” said Attorney General Brad Schimel. “I appreciate Google’s efforts to educate Wisconsin youth and give them the tools and resources to be safe online.”

Attorney General Schimel kicked off the presentation by highlighting the importance of online safety to students and also competed in the password faceoff challenge, where students compete to come up with the strongest password possible. Google’s internet safety instructors covered topics such as sharing with care, setting strong passwords, using settings, identifying online scams, and being kind online.

“With students having greater access to the Internet through cell phones and other devices, it is important that they learn to use these tools responsibly,” said Amber Tillman, a Google spokesperson. The Online Safety Roadshow: How to Be Internet Awesome teaches students how to be smart and safe online through a fun and interactive assembly.”

Tips for children, parents, and guardians can be found at Google’s website g.co/beinternetawesome or at Wisconsin DOJ’s website ProtectKidsOnlineWi.gov.