

Spring Benchmark Pros and Cons of Technology

What if you were able to go up into space to see our whole world? Would you think it was big or small? Without a doubt I think you would be astonished by how huge it is! But is our world really that big? With modern technology you are able to communicate with anyone on planet earth, from India to Italy. This is a common recourse that could be helpful to anyone, but is most assistaming to businesssed that must communicate internationally.

Is an easier way to communicate really worth risking childrens lives to obesity and diabetes? I think its not worth it! In 2004 16% of children between the ages of 6 and 19 were obese, a number that has tripled since 1980 because of technology use. A study in Standford shows that 20% of your calorie intake per a day is in front of the TV. When you're eating many lipids while plopped on the couch, it is most likely that you are not going to burn them off. Often life threatening health concerns tag along with obesity such as, high cholesterol, asthma, social discrimination, and so much more! Are all these dicases really worth watching the final episode of Shark Tank? Technology can't just hurt kids in health ways, but it can also play a role in doing poorly in school. When kids are used to multi-tasking all the time with Facebook open, while listenining to music, while playing Temple Run, how do you think they are able to focus on school work? Technology may help academics in some ways, but I think its opened up a new world of apps and music for kids. When you are doing schoolwork on the computer, I bet it is

tempting to go onto a different website to play games or check your emails. It could also be hard for you to not look up answers on Google or use a calculator. That's the problem, we start to rely on it, and we rely on it to much.

Have you ever come face to face with the choices of hanging out with your family or texting one of your friends? Sadly many kids would rather text than hang out with their family. 4 -6 year olds were asked if they rather watch TV or hang out with their dads. 54% of them said they would rather watch TV. I might be part of that 54%! The average parent only spends 3 ½ minutes a week having a meaningful conversation with their kids! That is unbelievable! This is because technology has taken over the lives of the human race!

“Bam! Bam! Boom!” Do these noises sound familiar to you? These are the sounds of a seven year old trying to murder someone on a video game. Little children are exposed to fake weapons way to much, and this could lead to bad things. A survey says at A.C Neilson Company that once a child has finished elementary school they have encountered 8,000 murders! Believe it or not this violence doesn't stop there! In the USA 20-25 are shown on children shows each hour. Then, we wonder why kids are so aggressive. Although, I will admit that technology has helped our world in so many different ways from killing diseases to entertainment it has also created many problems. For example, a huge problem for kids is cyberbullying . When it is so easy to communicate with people it is hard not to encounter this. Cyberbullying is a easy way to hurt someone without getting in trouble. This is becoming a huge problem in the US.

From ipads to iphone Apple is making more ways to use technology by the minute, but there is always an expense to new things. All these devices cost a lot of money, and are very fragile. If you don't have a case on your phone you are bound to break it! Also, overtime the speed of your device will go down. As a kid you are able to look up anything on Google. This could be a good thing and a bad thing. This can help kids get answers fast, but it could also give them wrong information and it could expose them to very inappropriate things.

Technology is faster, easier, and more convenient in a lot of ways, but I don't see how it is worth hurting children! Its almost as if technology is setting up kids to become monsters! Are we going to let this monster be created or are we going to put a stop to it?