



Breaking News

Caught Red Handed: Googling

To “Google” Oneself

Have you ever Googled yourself? Come on, we all have. I am not talking about using Google Scholar or SearchEDU found on the school website, those are academic sites that you use to find resources for school.

I am talking about the real Google. The one where you can find images of cats that enjoy smoking cigarettes and people that have been photoshopped to look like their dogs. This story goes out to all the people that have Googled themselves to see if anybody has ever written anything about them online or posted an embarrassing photo. I hope this same situation doesn't happen to you and you use common sense when using the web to post information.
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Student Googles himself and finds weirdness... Mr. Fratantaro baffled again by student.

Irvine, CA - According to a group of students sitting in the Reading Cove in South Lake middle school's Library Media Center, Peter Stackeez was seen Googling himself during lunch. Eighth grader Lisa Kim, a witness to the Googling, noted, "My friends and I were working on our homework when we saw him first sit down. I didn't really think too much of it since he was in the 7th grade... but the next thing I know... I look over there and he was, like.. like Googling himself on the computer - it totally freaked me out." Peter Stackeez noted, "Yeah I admit it... I Googled myself. I went onto the school library website page with the list of search engines and I just hit on Google images like I normally do and typed in my name. I didn't know anybody was watching and I was bored.... the rest of my day was terrible because I couldn't get the image of that weird adult man wearing a Peter Pan costume. It just freaked me out. Why did he have to be

named "Peter"? I'm bummed because Mr. Blazer called my parents and now my dad thinks I am into dressing up like Peter Pan."

Mr. Fratantaro, the library media specialist, has consistently told the students that Googling yourself is not something you do in public. "It's like playing with fire... you never know what you are going to get. I tell these kids all the time that it's ok to come in at lunch and work on homework but who am I to be listened to? Google's a great site for starting but the web is so big and filled with so much weird stuff that you have to be able to evaluate a website even before using it in your own research paper." Sadly Mr. Fratantaro continues to teach students how to research properly but they cannot figure out that Googling yourself is something that you do in private and not in the middle of the library for everybody to see.