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learning."

Emery, Holly Kimble and Robbie Kimble used Nexus AI to analyze the survey's responses, pulling data from each respondent to determine the daily average screentime from the first day of school to Sept. 24, 2026. Some data was obtained from students' Chromebooks.

The following number of families responded for each grade level:

Kindergarten (nine), first grade (four), second grade (five), third grade (10), fourth grade (eight), fifth grade (six), sixth grade (11), seventh grade (seven), eighth grade (12), ninth grade (two), 10th grade (six), 11th grade (six) and 12th grade (five).

The following screentime ranges were observed during school hours (7 a.m. to 3 p.m.):

Kindergarten (12-56 minutes), first grade (28-34 min.), second grade (26-55 min.), third grade (45 min. to 1:49), fourth grade (47 min. to 1:25), fifth grade (24-55 min.), sixth grade (11 min. to 2:19), seventh grade (1:10 to 2:17), eighth grade (58 min. to 2:17), ninth grade (2:10 minutes to 2:41), tenth grade (1:06 to 4:02), eleventh grade (48 min. to 2:06) and twelfth grade (eight min. to 2:19).

Holly Kimble noted that they would also pull the sites that students with over an hour of screentime visited.

Emery, Holly Kimble and Robbie Kimble acknowledged that some numbers may have been skewed due to testing or college classes.

They then stated that the parents of students with less than an hour of screentime averaged were messaged with the information found in their results. The activity of students with more than an hour will be looked into further.

The following is a list of parents' concerns about screentime and the frequency of their responses:

Handwriting, spelling and fine motor skills (24 responses, 40 percent);

Academic performance and knowledge retention (16 responses, 27 percent);

Lack of balance of or excessive daily screen time (15 responses, 25 percent);

Desire to return to textbooks and/or traditional learning (15 responses, 25 percent);

Effects on physical health (e.g. eye strain or headaches) (11 responses, 18 percent);

Attention, focus and behavioral issues (11 responses, 18 percent);

Special needs, IEP or 504 students (nine responses, 15 percent);

Unmonitored or off-task content (e.g. YouTube, AI or games) (six responses, 10 percent);

Parental visibility and involvement (five responses, eight percent);

Social skills and peer interaction (five responses, eight percent);

AI usage and academic integrity (three responses, five percent); and

Homework equity (e.g. access to home internet) (two responses, three percent).

Emery and Holly Kimble and Robbie Kimble addressed these concerns by discussing their balanced educational approach.

Through this approach, Mason County Schools would encourage handwriting, spelling and fine motor skills by using IMSE Orton-Gillingham training to help educators teach students who are learning to encode sounds. Additionally, cursive handwriting is already required in grades two and three, manipulatives are promoted in math and hands-on experimentation is utilized in in science classes.

Emery and Holly Kimble and Robbie Kimble further noted that all grades still use print materials and workbooks, having removed individualized, computer-generated online learning plans two years ago. Classes in grades K-5 do not send Chromebooks home.

Although district assessments are conducted digitally, the only technology that has been purchased for student use in grades K-5 is Amira, which they noted should only be used for 30 minutes per week.

Emery, Holly Kimble and Robbie Kimble then stated that to avoid the potential effects of excessive daily screentime on social skills and peer interaction, they encourage active engagement among students through discussions and group work.

Additionally, Mason County Schools has encouraged parents to reach out to their family doctors to address potential medical concerns. The school may also make accomodations for students with special needs.

Parents concerned about unmonitored or off-task activity are advised that the school will use GoGuardian to create a report of every site students access during school hours. Unapproved sites will be blocked.

Regarding academic integrity, Emery and Holly Kimble and Robbie Kimble stated that they have previously worked with a district team to develop an AI policy, as well as purchased a tool called Magic School that creates learning guardrails for teachers and students.

Finally, the three noted that, as a district, "homework is not endorsed." However, parents are encouraged to communicate with the school if they require assistance with internet access.

Holly Kimble, Robbie Kimble and Emery concluded their discussion by acknowledging that parents' concerns are valid and expressing that they plan to share how the school's balanced approach "prepares our students for the future" by highlighting K-12 content areas in through social media posts and potentially offering live virtual sessions by teachers and educational leaders.

Their next steps will include conducting more research into screen usage, meeting Kentucky's academic standards for technology and developing digital citizenship skills.

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sale, and it really would need the right buyer, and I thought, "Oh Shirley, let's partner together. I have this great idea. I think it will really work. You know, we're about 90 minutes from Cincinnati, about 90 minutes from Lexington. Although downtown Vanceburg doesn't really have the foot traffic, I think people will come for something like this.'"

After outgrowing its start at the Kangaroo Ridge Farms coffee shop across the street, the 12,000-square-foot space opened in July 2026 with enough room for over 50 vendors, with additional plans for a local-inspired commercial kitchen and a stage.

Kaus noted that most of the Collective's 30-plus vendors are local to the region, from the bar soap and BBQ from Trinshaw Acres to earrings from Bless My Soul. The space also hosts regular community programming, such as biweekly open mic nights, a book club, Coffee and Cameras photo walks, and monthly First Friday food trucks, as well as vendor-led weeknight classes and craft nights.

"So, we have things as low as a dollar, and then some of the more pricey antique furniture is several hundred dollars, but there's definitely something in everyone's price range and something for everyone," Kaus said. "We have vendors who do the really trendy squishies and candy and those kind of things, and then people who are doing collectible glassware. So, there's a little bit of everything."

She further encouraged people to visit the Collective's social media pages and check out its vendor spaces, noting that the business is currently facing a lack of foot traffic in the downtown Vanceburg area.

Visitors may also support the Carter House Collective by joining the Kentucky Coffee Trail app, a tourism platform connecting over 70 independent coffee shops across the state's nine tourism regions. Funded by a $10,000 Invest 606 and $6,000 SOAR Innovation grant, the platform was previously nominated for Kentucky New Business of the Year and featured in the Courier Journal and USA Today.

The Carter House Collective is located at 12 W. 2nd Street, Vanceburg, KY 41179. Its hours are Wednesday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

To become a vendor, visit thecarterhousecollective.com/pages/become-a-vendor.

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2026 Fall Food Drive

Submitted by Greg Hanson

Please support the Mason County Food Pantry in this time of economic challenges with the upcoming fall food drive November 7 and 8.

Saturday, November 7 local Youth and Community Groups in Mason County will be distributing bags in the Maysville/Mason County area for non-perishable food donations.

The bags will be collected Sunday after 12 pm on November 8 and taken to the Mason County Food Pantry (located at 1679 Forest Ave. Maysville).

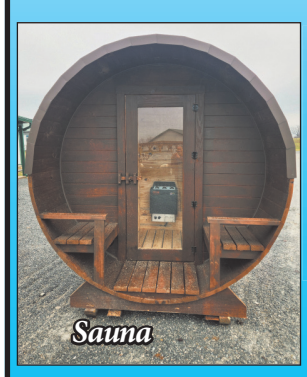
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