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To empower people to make choices
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AbSSLC News

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Week of December 18th, 2023

Don't let a Scam Ruin your Christmas!

12 SCAMS of Christmas



Look-Alike Websites

When stores sell out, you may find the items online on different websites than the official retailer's. Remember, it's easy to mimic a real website. Some sellers will take your money and run, leaving you without the gift or money to buy it elsewhere.



Fake Shipping Notifications

These can have attachments or links to sites that will download malware on your computer to steal your identity and your passwords. Don't be fooled by a holiday phishing scam.



Social Media Gift Exchange

Purchasing one gift and receiving 36 sounds like a great deal, but this seasonal scam is actually a pyramid scheme, which is illegal.



Phony Charities

Everyone is in a generous mood during the holidays, so scammers take advantage of that with fake charity solicitations in email, on social media sites, and even by text. Check out charities at give.org before donating.



Grandparent Scams

Seniors should be cautious if they get a call from a grandchild claiming to be in an accident, arrested or hospitalized while traveling in another country. Never send money unless you confirm with another family member that it's true.



Letters From Santa

Several trusted companies offer charming and personalized letters from Santa, but scammers mimic them to get personal information from unsuspecting parents. Check with bbb.org to find out which ones are legitimate.



Temporary Holiday Jobs

Retailers and delivery services need extra help at the holidays, but beware of solicitations that require you to share personal information online or pay for a job lead. Apply in person or go to retailers' main website to find out who is hiring.



Unusual Forms of Payments

Be wary of anyone who asks you to pay for holiday purchases using prepaid debit cards, gift cards, wire transfers, third parties, etc. These payments cannot be traced and cannot be undone.



Free Gift Cards

Pop-up ads or email offering free gift cards are often just a ploy to get your personal information that can later be used for identity theft.



Travel Scams

With busy holiday travel, bargains may be tempting. Be cautious when booking through online ads, never wire money to someone you don't know and ask for references.



E-Cards

Electronic cards can be great fun, but be careful. Two red flags to watch out for are: the sender's name is not apparent; you are required to share



Puppy Scams

Be very careful buying pets online, especially during the holidays. You may get a puppy mill pooch with problems, or you may get nothing at all because it was a scam.

AbSSLC News @ Home!



Scan the QR Code above or [click this link](#) to receive the AbSSLC News in your home email!

Christmas Lane 2023

The 34th edition of Christmas Lane runs through Saturday (12/23) with all of the inside/outside exhibits (and Santa) with the 24th-26th being outside lights only as Santa is (a) delivering presents and (b) recuperating from a long Christmas season.

Don't let this time go by without making some amazing family memories!

See Something | Say Something

Campus Entry/Exit Gate Issues – and a Change

We continue to have on-going issues with staff speeding at/around the Entrance & Exit Gate area – there are also the continued comments (from some) about how stupid our process is, the entrance gate *makes them late*, etc. The gate process – and speed limits – is for the safety of those who live and work at the campus.

Although not directly related to the gate area, upcoming changes in Campus Outings will have some additional checks being done at the gate as Staff/Individuals leave & return to campus. It is important that you understand that the staff at the gate will be doing these checks which may cause a delay in traffic. Saying that the gate (or these checks) *make you late* isn't exactly correct – you just need to adjust your time.

Shout Outs!

Activity Center 6390 would like to give a shout out to **Bobby Caskey** in housekeeping! He has gone above and beyond with cleaning the center! He always has a smile on his face when we see him and we really appreciate that! Thank you Bobby!

Shout Out to **everyone** that participated & enjoyed the 111th Annual Christmas Parade on Friday! Parades are always a huge hit but it takes everyone to make it work!

Employee of the Year - Maintenance Buddy Lindsey



(l to r) Doug King, Buddy Lindsey & Kenny Dry

Buddy Lindsey was selected as the 2023 Maintenance Department Employee of the Year at a recent luncheon. As described in the award presentation, Buddy is one who will help anyone, at anytime and do anything asked. He is and should be an inspiration to all.

Congratulations Buddy!

Shout Out!

Have you seen someone do the above & beyond or just want to recognize great work?

It's easy to do a Shout Out!

- "Reply" to any of the update texts you receive through the AskAdmin Text Group
- Email Jeff Goza with their name and your comments
- Text their name and your comments to 325.370.4525

Let's **Shout Out** and recognize others!