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HIDDEN APPS: *What parents should know*

With kids heading back to school, it's a great time for parents to check in on their family's digital habits. Many apps available today include features that can hide photos, messages, or files behind password-protected folders or appear as everyday tools like calculators or note-taking apps. While these apps can have legitimate privacy purposes, they can also make it more difficult for parents to know how their children are using their devices.

One of the best ways to stay informed is by having regular conversations with your child about online safety and periodically reviewing the apps installed on their phone together. Parents can also use tools like NimBL IQ to manage screen time, pause internet access, and help encourage healthy digital habits at home. Technology changes quickly, but staying engaged, asking questions, and keeping communication open remain the most effective ways to help children navigate the digital world safely.

BACK TO SCHOOL MADE EASIER WITH NimBL IQ

As the school year begins, families are balancing homework, extracurricular activities, and more devices than ever connected to their home network. The NimBL IQ app gives parents the tools they need to easily manage their home's Wi-Fi from anywhere. With features like parental controls, screen time scheduling, device management, and network monitoring, NimBL IQ helps create a safer, more balanced online experience for the entire family.

Whether it's pausing the internet during homework or bedtime, managing access to apps and websites, or simply seeing which devices are connected to your network, NimBL IQ puts you in control with just a few taps on your phone. It's an easy way to help your family stay focused, connected, and protected throughout the school year. If you haven't downloaded NimBL IQ yet, now is the perfect time to get started and make back-to-school a little less stressful.

***"More control, safer connections,
and less back-to-school stress."***

Wondering what apps your child is using or whether they're age-appropriate? Visit [Common Sense Media](#) for trusted reviews, safety tips, and guides on today's most popular apps, games, and social media platforms. It's a great resource to help families stay informed and have meaningful conversations about online safety.

Supporting Students, Strengthening Our Community

At Baldwin Lightstream, we are proud to support the people and organizations that make our community such a special place. Each year, we set aside funds to help provide school supplies for local students, ensuring kids have the tools they need to start the school year with confidence.

This year, we are honored to partner with Always Picked Last (APL), a wonderful local nonprofit. Since its beginning, APL has made a meaningful impact by helping ensure kids have the school supplies they need to succeed. We are grateful for the opportunity to support their mission and help local students start the school year off right. Together, we are investing in the future of our community, one student at a time.

Learn more: alwayspickedlast.com



SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR APL



MEET THE STAFF SPOTLIGHT JOHANNA DIENER

Hard to believe summer is already winding down. This year marks 11 years for me here at Baldwin LightStream, and I've truly loved every moment of serving our local communities over the years.

Around my house, we're currently in full back-to-school mode. I have a 7th grader and a high school junior heading back to class soon. As much as we enjoyed the summer break, we're all pretty excited to get back into a solid daily routine. Here's to a fantastic fall and a smooth start to the new school year for everyone!

Office Manager



A Fresh Start for a New Season

There is something special about the start of a new school year. As summer winds down and the days become a little cooler, it feels like a fresh beginning for everyone, not just students. It's the perfect opportunity to get organized, establish new routines, and enjoy everything our community has to offer, from local events and Friday night football games to colorful fall weekends spent with family and friends.

A new season also gives us a chance to reflect and set new goals. Whether you are focusing on personal wellness, professional growth, spending more quality time with family, or simply becoming more involved in your community, small changes can make a big difference. Here is to a season of fresh starts, new opportunities, and making the most of everything this time of year has to offer!