

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our school's 1:1 Chromebook program is designed to provide all students with universal access to digital learning tools, ensuring equitable access to resources and learning opportunities. Chromebooks give students access to accessibility tools (ie. translation, text to speech, [Read&Write](#), etc), and extend learning beyond the classroom. Tools such as Dreambox, PebbleGo, Keyboarding without Tears, Code.org, RAZKids/ Learning A-Z, Learning Ally, BrainPop, and other online resources provided through the [STORM](#), can be used to help students extend, practice, and reinforce skills outside the walls of the classroom.

These devices also provide a safer internet environment for students through device filtering by Securly. As with all technology integration, we aim to empower students to become digital creators and critical thinkers, instead of just consumers of information. We want to open pathways for learning that help students learn today as well as develop skills needed for the future.

We understand that some parents have concerns about the additional weight of the Chromebook in students' backpacks. We recognize that when combined with books, lunches, and other school supplies, this can create a heavy load for our younger elementary students to carry.

We are committed to working with families to find solutions that support student well-being and learning. If your child has specific circumstances that make it challenging to transport the Chromebook daily, please contact your child's classroom teacher to discuss potential arrangements.

We believe that the benefits of the [Student Chromebook 1:1 Program](#) are significant, and we are committed to working with families to ensure that it is a positive experience for all students.

Sincerely,

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