

To: The Parents and Guardians of our SMS 6GC Students

From: Mr. McClure and the SMS 6GC Staff

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Regarding: Your Student's Chromebook

Parents & Guardians:

It's time! ☺

Over the past 3½ weeks, your student has been introduced to his/her Chromebook as an instructional tool to facilitate learning. They have been shown the proper way to carry, store, charge and care for their devices. They have been receiving instruction in *responsible* use of the device and what it means to be a good digital citizen in today's technological world.

For sure, these lessons and procedures will continue to be reinforced throughout the course of the year as the students continue through the learning and maturation process. For now, however, given their demonstrated level of receptiveness and readiness, the teachers and I believe they are ready to advance into the next phase of our 1:1 pilot initiative this year . . . bringing the devices to and from school each day.

We wanted you to be aware that beginning on Tuesday, September 2, 2014, your student will begin bringing his/her device home on a daily basis. To help make this successful for everyone, we are asking for your cooperation in helping us reinforce with your student just a few procedures regarding the care and transport of the device:

1. Power/Charger chords for the device are to remain at home. They are not to be transported back-and-forth to school. ***Your student will not need to***

***charge the device while at school if they remember to charge it each night at home.***

2. Do not try to use other power/charger chords with your student's device. This could easily damage the device.
3. The Chromebook carrying/protective cases are not bookbags. The devices that have been broken at the high school (no broken devices yet at the 6GC 😊) have resulted from students trying to carry other items (pencils, calculators, books, notebooks, etc.) in the Chromebook case. The only thing that should be in the case is the device.
4. Discourage your student from setting other items on top of their Chromebooks. If the Chromebook remains "on top" of the other items your student is carrying, this will reduce the chance of a cracked Chromebook screen or other damage to the device.
5. We are encouraging students to carry the Chromebook cases as a second bag, by itself. Placing Chromebook cases inside of book bags with other books and items increases the chances of damage to the device.

Thank you for helping us reinforce these procedures with our students. And, as always, thank you for partnering with us in the education of your child. We are off to a fantastic start!

Wishing you and your family a restful Labor Day weekend,



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