

West Bloomfield School District

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The West Bloomfield School District is excited to provide a 1:1 Mobile Learning Environment for all 5th Grade Students and a 1:2 Mobile Learning Environment for all K-4 Students for the 2014-15 school year.

Fifth grade students will have 1:1 access to Chromebooks. Each student will be assigned a Chromebook to be utilized on-site. All K-4 students will have access to Chromebooks and NEXUS tablets within their classroom. Access to these tools, along with additional technologies, will also be available in the school iCenter (formerly the Media Center). A summary of the K-12 Instructional Technology Enhancements are attached for easy reference.

Our teachers will be using these “technology tools” to help deliver and engage students during lessons. However, it is important to note that these tools will not replace the high level of student-teacher interaction or exemplary instructional delivery from our teachers.

As a part of this process, you and your child will need to read and sign the following district technology policies related to the use of mobile devices and the West Bloomfield School District WiFi Network:

- Acceptable Use Policy
- Caring for a District Provided Device

You will also be asked to give permission for your child to receive a secure Google Account (not email), which will allow them to access educational tools and resources provided in the Google Apps for Education suite.

These policies and related documentation can be found on the district website at <http://wbsd.org/Page/4942>.

Additionally, the access and functionality of the Google Account varies by grade level (see below) and complies with all federal legislation around privacy and internet safety.

K-4 WBSD Student Account Access Profile:

- Can only share files (Google Apps) with teachers (wbsd.org) and other students (student.wbsd.org)
- Access to Google Drive (docs, slides, sheets, forms, drawings, classroom)
- No access to Gmail

Grade 5 WBSD Student Account Access Profile:

- Can only share files (Google Apps) with teachers (wbsd.org) and other students (student.wbsd.org)
- Access to Google Drive (docs, slides, sheets, forms, drawings, classroom)
- Access to Gmail, calendar, and contacts (within the wbsd.org domain only)

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Parent Information Meetings are scheduled for the following dates for elementary parents:

Wednesday, October 22, 2014 6:00-7:00 p.m. West Bloomfield High School - Media Center (iCenter)
Tuesday, October 28, 2014 6:00-7:00 p.m. West Bloomfield High School - Media Center (iCenter)
Wednesday, November 5, 2014 11:00-12:00 p.m. Administrative & Community Services Building –
Main Conference Room

Please go to the appropriate link(s) below to access and complete the previously mentioned forms electronically. If you are unable to complete the forms electronically, hard copies will be available at each school.

Doherty Elementary <http://goo.gl/VUpHxD>

Gretchko Elementary <http://goo.gl/8ol83P>

Roosevelt Elementary <http://goo.gl/b599zD>

Scotch Elementary <http://goo.gl/uSt67k>

Sheiko Elementary <http://goo.gl/K0TvYL>

Building principals are available if you have any questions or need any additional information. You may also contact the Curriculum & Instruction Department for assistance at 248-865-6479.

Doherty Elementary	Robin Kocher, Principal	robin.kocher@wbsd.org
Gretchko Elementary	Sally Drummond, Principal	sally.drummond@wbsd.org
Roosevelt Elementary	Art Ebert, Principal	arthur.ebert@wbsd.org
Scotch Elementary	James Scrivo, Principal	james.scrivo@wbsd.org
Sheiko Elementary	Sonja James, Principal	sonja.james@wbsd.org

This school year began with the successful implementation of 1:1 mobile devices at the secondary level (middle and high school). We are already seeing increased student engagement and collaboration regarding the use of these instructional technology tools. Teaching and learning is being impacted in a positive way.

I hope this year has gotten off to a fantastic start for you and your child(ren). The West Bloomfield School District is committed to providing a year filled with high engagement and rigorous, relevant learning for all students!

Sincerely,

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