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Dear Parent or Guardian of ÉBPS Middle Years (gr 5-9) Students:

In the school environment, technological devices like chromebooks or tablets enhance the learning environment. Recently we have noticed that cell phones have become a distraction, or an interruption to the learning of the student using it and to those around them. All students and parents sign the online Responsible Use of Technology Agreement in PSD, ensuring that any personal or school technological devices are to be used in accordance with educational purposes and proper ethics in digital citizenship, this includes personal cell phones. As we have had an increase of students not engaging in class, misusing cell phones in the hallways and bathrooms and that our focus is on student learning, we are changing our approach to cell phone use at Ecole Broxton Park School for this year and will evaluate this for next year. Teachers have already spoken with the students regarding the changes.

Moving forward, no student will be allowed to use a cell phone in the hallways, common spaces, or bathrooms during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 3:05 p.m. Cell phones must be off and secured in the students backpack or classroom pocket chart, unless given permission by their classroom teacher for educational purposes. Students will be permitted to use their devices when outside during recess times, but they are still bound by the Responsible Use of Technology Agreement. We do recognize that cell phones can be a safety or communication tool for families. Parents are encouraged to utilize the school phone number (780)962-0212 to relay any messages that may be urgent in nature to their child or the students can check their messages at the recess times.

If a student is found to be in use of a cell phone in the hallway, common spaces, or bathroom, the student will be required to return to their classroom immediately and place their cell phone on their teacher's desk, where it will remain there until the end of the day. At the end of the day, the student will sign a form indicating that they have picked up their cell phone and will review the school's cell phone use expectations. Should this behavior occur again, parents will be notified to pick up their child's cell phone from the office. We recognize this is a change and some students may need a few reminders, so we will be implementing the need for parental pick up after March 19, giving students a chance to learn this new behaviour.

Our goal is to create a safe environment, conducive to learning, and free of distractions that hinder the learning process. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the administration at 780-962-0212.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in helping our students in their digital citizenship education.

Sincerely,



Mme Treena Neumann -
Principal



Mme Cheri Day - Assistant
Principal



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