

Belmont Central Elementary School

Bring Your Own Device
Parent Information Session

Welcome!

- ▶ For the 2014-15 school year, Belmont Central Elementary School has been selected to pilot Bring Your Own Device at our school by Gaston County Schools. Bring Your Own Device, also called BYOD, allows students to bring many of their own technology devices to school for use in our classrooms. We will now incorporate laptops, netbooks, tablets and iPods for educational purposes only.

Gaston County Schools Believe In...

▶ Diversity

Digital tools help serve a diverse set of needs with individualized solutions. We aren't limited by the physical resources in hand.

▶ Innovation

Digital tools allow students to create products that demonstrate content mastery and express new ideas in engaging ways.

▶ Collaboration

One of the essential skills for all learners, collaboration is possible on a whole new level as digital tools let students connect with people without regard to geography.

▶ Safety

Digital citizenship isn't just a set of rules students follow when they are online. It is a set of experiences that shape how they connect with resources abroad and communicate with others safely.

▶ Excellence

Digital tools provide an engaging way for students to demonstrate the excellence found within.

We Promise...

- ▶ Teachers will begin to utilize technology in new ways to effectively differentiate and personalize instruction to meet the individual needs of students.
- ▶ Teacher will provide technology support to students as needed to complete learning tasks.
- ▶ Technology will be used as an enhancement to rather than a substitute for classroom instruction.

School Responsibilities

- ▶ The district is providing each child with filtered internet access at school, recommended content and production applications and websites for learning, and student accounts for cloud storage, and a learning management system.
- ▶ Teachers will provide instruction in using various apps for learning before they require students to complete assignments with that particular tool as well as deliver lessons in responsible use.

Student Responsibilities

- ▶ Students will take care of the device they bring to school.
- ▶ Students are responsible for the work they do on the device.
- ▶ The devices are to be used as instructed. Use outside of appropriate times or that is inappropriate will result in consequences.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

- ▶ Parents are to review the Mobile Computing Guide with their students.
- ▶ Discuss your expectations for age-appropriate device use (Internet, camera, social communication, etc.) and model responsible use of technology at home.
- ▶ Monitor your student's activity of the device for responsible use and balance.

Proper Identification and Care for the Personal Mobile Computing Device

- ▶ Make sure to label the device coming to school with your child's full name, grade level and teacher.
- ▶ Protective cases for tablets and iPods are recommended.
- ▶ Remember to clean device screens with clean, soft clothes.
- ▶ Make sure charging and other cables are inserted and removed with care.

Using Your Personal Mobile Computing Device

- ▶ Devices should be charged at home and ready to use at school.
- ▶ Since these devices are personally-owned, students may connect to wireless networks at home. They have access to a student network at school. They must adhere to the AUP.
- ▶ FERPA is a federal law that requires students, like all others, to obtain permission to photograph or video others or events at school.
- ▶ Work done may be saved to the student's Google Drive account.

Applications on Personal Mobile Computing Devices

- ▶ Students should only use applications approved by their teacher while they are at school.
- ▶ Students are permitted and will be encouraged to download educational applications. These will be of no cost to the student, parent or school.
- ▶ Inspection of the device will only occur if there is probable cause as defined by GCS board policy and the conduct with the device is impacting the learning environment.

Digital Citizenship

- ▶ Digital Citizenship is a concept that helps students understand how to use technology appropriately in a society full of technology.
- ▶ The district expects students to use technology appropriately and responsibly whether in electronic communication or participation.
- ▶ The district has electronic precautions in place in order for students to participate safely and securely in this environment and enjoy the rights of a digital world in an educational setting.
- ▶ Conversations about appropriate use will occur in our classrooms and need to happen in your home as well. Resources to help do this are available online.

Closing Thoughts

- ▶ We are excited about learning and growing in new ways with increased access to technology.
- ▶ The school website has a section on BYOD that is expanding to include more resources and showcase how students use technology at Belmont Central Elementary.

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