



WEST BAY
ELEMENTARY



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

West Bay students are encouraged to bring in a laptop or Chromebook to school in Grades 4-7.

Devices are used to access information and create and collaborate.

Students have access to abundant information to support their inquiries and it is essential that they develop their Research and Thinking skills to find and evaluate relevant and credible information.

Students also use Google tools to collaborate and create. They use Google Classroom to receive assignments from their teachers and Google Docs or Slides to create or co-create works of writing or presentations. Using digital tools allows students to review and reflect on their work and make improvements and produce their best work.

We have a balanced approach to technology that recognizes the benefits afforded by digital access as well as the skills that are best developed when not on a screen.

West Bay has Chromebooks (thank you to the PAC for purchasing them) but we encourage families to provide their child with their own device as school devices are in high demand and students typically work more efficiently on their own computers.

Chromebooks or other simple laptops are ideal for students at West Bay and in our secondary schools. Please see the next page for suggestions of what devices are helpful.

Thank you for your consideration and please be in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

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Principal

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DEVICE RECOMMENDATIONS

Whatever you buy/bring, it must have:

- Chromebook/laptop with a minimum of 128 G of storage and a minimum of 8G of RAM.
- Internet capability
- built-in speakers
- headphones (please do not send wireless earbuds)
- a power cord with your child's name on it (purchasing a second power cord is helpful)

Whatever you buy/bring, it would be nice if it had:

- a movie making program (iMovie or Microsoft Moviemaker)
- a protective case or cover

Things to avoid:

- sending a device that is too old so that nothing new runs on it
- sending a device that has so many parental controls that your child is unable to access sites and programs we will use
- smart phones/tablets/iPads are not appropriate choices

Recommendations:

- Chromebook (affordable option)
- Apple or PC laptop

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