



# Flat Rock Middle School

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Dear Flat Rock Families,

I trust that this message finds you well and eagerly anticipating the holiday time upon us. We are quickly closing in on the end of the first semester in 11 days, and I know students and teachers are working very hard to close out 2017 in a positive and strong manner.

The purpose of this message is to inform you of an upcoming technology initiative that we have been very busy planning and preparing to put into action. As many of you already know, at FRMS we have never been hesitant to give our students the best resources possible when it comes to their education. In terms of technology, we have consistently increased our inventory of devices each year to enhance digital integration for learning in the classroom. Thanks to the funds provided by ESplost, we have seen the Connected Classroom initiative begin this year with our classrooms receiving Promethean Boards and teacher devices.

We are now ready to take the availability of technological resources to the next level. While we have been able to provide our students with devices to use in the classroom either through the use of Chromebooks or computers, the new technology strategy allows for more interaction and blended learning opportunities. Therefore, we have developed our plan and are set to begin a 1:1 device initiative. Chromebooks have already been ordered and we are set to put a Chromebook in every student's hand on January 31, 2018. This means that each student will have a Chromebook assigned to them, and they will have the ability to transport this device to and from school daily. We are very excited because we believe giving our students this resource will allow them to reach new heights in their education.

We will conduct four parent meetings specifically dedicated to share the details of the 1:1 initiative. The dates are: Thursday, January 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the gym, Saturday, January 6, at 10:00 a.m. in the gym, and Tuesday, January 9, at 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the media center. Attendance at the parent meeting and a signature of agreement on the contract is required in order for a student to receive a Chromebook.

In closing, I want to make sure it is understood that technology is only a tool for learning. The faculty at FRMS fully understands that nothing replaces a highly qualified and effective teacher in the classroom. That is something that will never change in this process and we stand committed to this standard.

Thank you for your continued support of the faculty and staff at Flat Rock Middle School. We will see you soon as we continue to move #FlatRockForward together!



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