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Memo to: Grade 5-8 Parents/Guardians

From: Mr. John Nittolo, Superintendent; Mrs. Beverly Meyer, Technology Coordinator

Re: Chromebook Initiative 1:1 2017-18 school year.

Date: Aug. 15, 2017

Green Hills School is pleased to advise you that beginning Sept. 7th, 2017 we are launching our 1:1 Chromebook initiative for students in grades 5-8. This initiative will give our students access to their Chromebooks 24/7 as they are permitted to take their devices from class to class and from school to home and back.

At GHS we have seen that technology is a tool that has been used to personalize learning, give students more choice over what and how they learn and at what pace, and actively engage and motivate our students. We also want to provide the kind of instruction in our classrooms that is collaborative, promotes independence and produces responsible digital citizens.

Please see the attached Informational Sheet regarding the Chromebooks that will be issued to your child/children this school year.

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PARENT/GUARDIAN CHROMEBOOK FAQs

What type of Chromebook and accessories will be issued to my child?

What training and/or support will my child receive?

Students will be receiving an Asus C202S chromebook which they were using in various classes all of last year. It has the most rugged design of those we looked at. They have a rubber bumper going all the way around the lid and rubber also lines the lower half's margin. The C202S is also water-resistant. Asus says it can handle a small spill of up to 2.23 ounces because the innards are protected by a solid, mylar-lined plate built underneath the keyboard. Students will also be issued a charger which they are to keep at home. The battery life of the device is 9 hours so if the Chromebook is brought to school fully charged, there is no need for the charger to be brought to school as well. We will have a few chargers available in each 5-8 homeroom for emergency purposes.

Who owns these Chromebooks-the students or the school? What happens if my child breaks or loses his or her Chromebook?

The Chromebooks are the property of Green Hills School. Students are expected to adhere to the Green Township School District policies governing technology both at school and at home. The District is offering parents the option to purchase insurance under a District Group policy for \$17.64 per device (no deductible) for accidental damage, theft per the **attached Insurance Coverage document** issued by the Worth Ave. Group. To purchase visit: <https://www.worthavegroup.com/gpo/greenhills> **The deadline to purchase coverage is September 25, 2017.** Uninsured devices that are damaged, lost or stolen will be charged to the parent/guardian at the cost of \$199.00 to replace the device.

Will there be Internet filters on the Chromebooks? How will these work when my child has to do research for projects or assignments on the Internet at home?

The same filters that are at work at school will be in place for the student's device at home. However, the home filters only apply to the Chromebooks in the 1:1 initiative for grades 5-8. Other devices used at home need to have parental controls in place.

What happens if my child forgets his or her device at home?

We realize that there will be times that your child may forget their device at home and we'll have some spare older devices for check out available in our library for the day. However, if this is a consistent problem, we will work with you and your

child to come up with a plan so that your child does not lose the benefits of access to the device at school and at home.

What should I do if there is a technical issue or something is not working with the school issued Chromebook? Who do I direct my questions to?

Have your child bring the device back to school and contact Mrs. Beverly Meyer bmeyer@greenhills.org. We will evaluate if the issue is repairable under the warranty and issue a replacement during repair or return of the device.

Will my child be able to keep the Chromebook over the summer?

Students will have the option to keep their school-issued Chromebook over the summer 2018-19. A separate Summer Chromebook Sign-out policy will be put into place outlining the Policy and Procedures as we move closer to the end of the school year.

What about the rest of the students regarding access to devices?

Each grade 3 and grade 4 classroom will have a cart of Chromebooks to use throughout the day. They are the same devices they have been using since 2nd grade (Samsung Chromebook). The two 2nd grade classrooms will share a cart of 24 Asus Chromebooks generously purchased and donated by the PTA in 2016. Grade 1 students were introduced to Chromebooks in 2016-17 and each classroom had 3 devices that were used in stations. A Cart will be available for Grade 1 classrooms to check out as needed. Kindergarten each has 6 iPads and will be introduced to Chromebooks in the 2017-18 school year.



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Your school has chosen Worth Ave. Group as the vendor of choice to insure school-issued device given to students and faculty. Insurance with Worth Ave. Group will protect the device against an assortment of damages. This insurance policy will provide full replacement cost coverage. This policy is also transferable to a replacement unit.

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- ⊙ Standard Wear & Tear
- ⊙ Cosmetic Damage
- ⊙ Unexplained Loss

Coverage Details

Device	Coverage	Deductible	Price
ASUS C202SA Chromebook	\$199.00	\$0.00	\$17.64

Policy Term: September 7, 2017

Deadline to purchase coverage: September 25, 2017

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