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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Great news! Middle school students in grades 6 and 7 will have the educational opportunity to have access to their Chromebooks by taking them home during the summer months. We hope they will continue to use these devices this summer as a tool to assist in completing summer reading and math activities. Here are some district tips for summer Chromebook use.

Care

- Keep Chromebooks away from pets or young children.
- Avoid heat and direct sunlight - never leave a CB in a hot car or trunk.
- Avoid all liquids – beware of wet swimsuits and towels.
- Keep Chromebooks plugged into a surge protector when charging.
- Students should not apply markings of any kind such as stickers, engraving, permanent ink pen or tape to any part of the Chromebook.
- ID stickers that are on the Chromebook when issued must stay on the Chromebook.

Monitoring Activity

- Families should continue to monitor use at home by checking the Chromebook browser history and observing student use.
- Families always have the right to limit use over the summer.
- For security purposes, the student's password should not be shared.

Repairs/Damages/ Protection

- Please set aside any Chromebook that becomes damaged over the summer in a safe area with the power cord. Your child should bring the Chromebook with them on the first day of school for repair.
- The district will repair or replace the device, but students and parents will be responsible for the cost of those repairs or replaced devices as outlined in the MPS Parent/Guardian Student Agreement. However, the liability on families can be reduced significantly by taking part in the MPS Protection Plan. For a one-time fee of \$50 the plan will cover the cost of repairs for two incidents throughout your child's tenure in middle school. Choosing to enroll in the Chromebook Protection Plan is optional. Protection enrollment information will be sent home with your child this September.

Moving

Please remember these are district-owned devices not personal devices. If your child will not be enrolled as a student at Meriden Public Schools next fall, please return the Chromebook and charger to your school office at the end of the school year or during the summer.

Returning to School

We hope that your child finds educational value in utilizing their chromebook over the summer months. They should return to school in the fall with their chromebooks charged and ready to learn. Thank you.