



# WILLIAM H. FARQUHAR MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Office of the Principal

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Dear Farquhar Family:

On behalf of the Farquhar Middle School administration, I would like to take a moment to address the use of 1:1 Chromebook technology at Farquhar and the various concerns that require immediate attention by our school community. This morning we conducted a 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter inventory and noticed the amount of accidental damage, abuse, and neglect with Chromebooks. In speaking with our student leadership, there is strong interest in continuing the current practice of students carrying their device throughout the day. In order to support this practice, we have researched and found a protective case that will limit minor breakages. The case can be purchased for \$23 and we are highly recommending it for all students. Parents can pay for the case using the online school payment link copied below:

<https://osp.osmsinc.com/MontgomeryMD/BVModules/ProductTemplates/Bvc2013/Product.aspx?productid=BY354-87>

This case was reviewed with parents at our Parent Teacher Association meeting. *We are asking students to submit payment either online or in person before December 21, 2018 with the school being able to order cases by January 2, 2019.*

Students without the protective case may be asked to not carry a Chromebook throughout the school day and will be required to sign out a loaner Chromebook in each class. As always, we ask students to treat the device with care, never handling it inappropriately or in such a way that could cause possible damage; if such damage occurs, students and/or their families may be financially responsible for their Chromebook. The school will make its best attempt to purchase replacement parts at the best possible price.

As a reminder with the Chromebook Agreement, we will be obligating students account for neglect and abuse. The following is an itemized list when damages occur:

- Itemized replacement/repair list and cost below:
  - Screen - \$100.00
  - Hinges - \$60.00
  - Keyboard/touchpad - \$60.00
  - Intentional or willful student negligence will result in the student being charged the full \$252.00 replacement cost to purchase a new Chromebook.

As a reminder, all students are asked to comply with the Chromebook Agreement, MCPS Acceptable Use Policy, and all MCPS policies when using their Chromebooks.

Sincerely,

Joel L. Beidleman  
Principal