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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The York Region District School Board believes that Literacy in the 21st Century is the acquisition of knowledge, skills and attitudes that enable achievement, personal well-being and full participation in an interconnected and changing world community. Our ongoing quest to be fully literate members in the information age requires that we connect literacy with current and future tools, and that we encourage life-long learning and prepare our students accordingly. Technology will be used extensively in our classrooms this year to promote the 21st Century Learning Standards of:

- Creativity and Innovation
- Communication and Collaboration
- Research and Information Fluency
- Critical Thinking, Problem Solving, and Decision Making
- Digital Citizenship
- Technology Operations and Concepts

Implications in Our Schools

Wireless Access and BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

Wireless access is available in all of our schools. Students are welcome to bring their own mobile Internet devices to school to be used in the classroom only, for educational purposes, as per their teachers' instructions. Students will be responsible for the care and security of their personal devices. The school WILL NOT be responsible for any damage, loss, or theft. Students must also adhere to the *Information Technology Acceptable Use Agreement* as outlined in the GUIDE TO THE 2014-15 SCHOOL YEAR FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS (pamphlet distributed to students in September)

Web-based Technologies

Web-based technologies may be used in the classroom. Your child's teacher will communicate a list of which web-based technologies will be used as well as their applications.

Safety and Security

Discussions will take place in our classrooms throughout the year about how to use information technology appropriately. These will include discussions on topics such as online safety and privacy, critical assessment of media and web sites, cyber-bullying, and how to deal with inappropriate/uncomfortable situations that may arise when online.

Digital Citizenship

Discussions will take place in our classrooms throughout the year about the impact(s) of digital footprints (what students do when they are online), and how a positive attitude towards using technology supports collaboration, learning and productivity.

Please have your child return the signed bottom portion of this letter to your child's homeroom teacher.

Sincerely,

Lori Hall
Principal

We have read, talked about and will abide by the *Information Technology Acceptable Use Agreement* as outlined in the GUIDE TO THE 2014-15 SCHOOL YEAR FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS. (pamphlet distributed to students in September) I give permission for my child to bring in his/her mobile Internet device to school, to be used in the classroom only, for educational purposes as per his/her teachers' instructions. I understand that any misuse of the device contrary to the *Information Technology Acceptable Use Agreement* will lead to the removal of the device from school property. I also understand that the school is not responsible for any damage, loss, or theft of the device.

Student's Name: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____