



IRIC

IRON RIDGE INTERMEDIATE CAMPUS

EAGLE NEWS

May 2021

April 26 ~ May 7 - Virtual
Scholastic Book Fair

May 21 - CRM/Collaboration
Day

May 24 - Victoria Day

May 28 - May Assembly

June 2 and 3 - Walk for Kids Day

June 4 - Staff Collaboration Day

June 23 - Grade 6 Farewell
Assembly

June 24 - Year End Assembly

June 25 - Student's Last Day

June 28 - Staff's Last Day

MASK HYGIENE

Please remind your
child to bring home
their mask(s) each day
to be washed.



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**Happy Spring
Break to our
Extraordinary
Families.**



Did You Know?

School Fees can be paid online anytime by accessing your parent portal. If you are having any difficulties, please call reception. 403-885-6100 at IRIC.

PARKING REMINDER

Parent Parking is located on the South side of the school. Please use this parking lot when dropping off or picking up your child. Please do not park in the North Parking lot as that is designated for Staff Only.

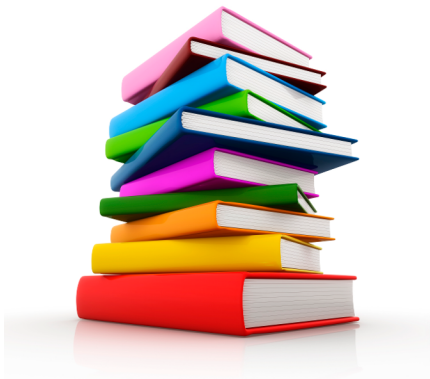
DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

IRIC NUTRITION PROGRAM



Students will need to be prepared for Alberta Weather each day, since most PE classes will be outside along with their cohort outside blocks. Thank you for helping your child be prepared.

April 19-23 was Rainbow Week at IRIC. We celebrated by offering students colorful and nutritious snacks throughout the week. This was made possible by our amazing sponsors: IGA, Lacombe Ford and the Alberta Nutrition Grant. Thank you to Jill for preparing these wonderful snacks.



Book Fair

Check out the amazingly books at virtual books fair

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5158738>



Virtual Book Fairs



Time to Shop!

Dear families,

It's here! Our school's **Scholastic Virtual Book Fair** has begun! Our very own shopping site will be open from **APRIL 26th - MAY 7th**.

Experience the joy of an online Book Fair by joining us at our **Virtual Family Event** and earn **FREE SHIPPING** every **Wednesday**! Make your favourite snacks, and come together as a family to view the fun, exciting and inspiring titles by clicking this link on **April 28th and May 5th between 6-8 pm**.

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5158738>

Share this link with Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles and friends, too! Extended family can participate in the **Virtual Book Fair** from the comfort of home.

All orders \$40.00 or more also earns **FREE SHIPPING**!

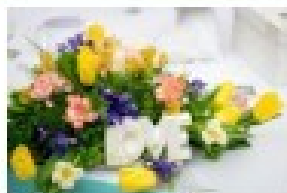
Remember, all purchases benefit our school and earn **Rewards** that can be redeemed for books and Education Resources for our school's classrooms and library.

Thank you for participating in our **Spring Scholastic Virtual Book Fair** and helping to instill the love of reading in your child!

Happy reading!

P.I.R.I.S

MAY 2021



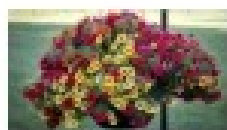
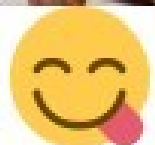
Parents of Iron Ridge
Intermediate Society

P.I.R.I.S has planned
our last fundraiser
for the year, just in time
for...



- ➔ Orders due May 28.
- ➔ Pick up in time for Father's Day, on June 18.
- ➔ \$20 for a 200g bag.

Order directly through your Parent Portal!!



OUR LAST FUNDRAISER
WE WERE ABLE TO RAISE
\$845!!!! THANK YOU FOR
YOUR ORDERS!

Interested in joining
P.I.R.I.S, or just
learning more about us?
Head on over to our
Facebook page to learn
more about the positions
available!!!!

Our AGM will
be held on:

MAY 31

Offering INCENTIVES
for new members!

JOIN US!

Email

pirisirec@gmail.com

**We have 2 board
positions coming
available: Bingo/Casino
Chair & President!**

**DON'T
FORGET!**

Bobtail Nursery **PICK
UP** will be at:

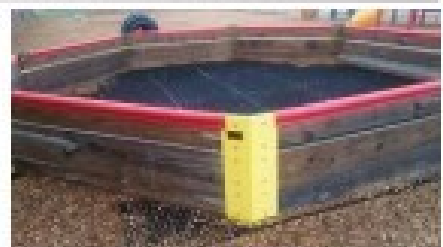
Bobtail Nursery May 1st - 5th

OR AT

IRIC on May 6th from
3:00-5:00



*Stay Tuned.
Coming Soon!*



We are close to getting started on our next build!
Thanks to all of YOU, we have raised funds to build a
GAGA PIT for our students! The kids are going to
LOVE it!!!!

Thank you from Your P.I.R.I.S Board of Directors

*Parents of Iron Ridge
Intermediate Society*

P.I.R.I.S. We are a volunteer fundraising body of Iron Ridge Intermediate Campus that works closely with the school in order to raise funds for all the *extras* for our school, students, and teachers: things such as playground equipment, books, sporting equipment, instruments, chrome books, soon to be Gaga Pits, and so much more!

BECOME A BOARD MEMBER

We meet once every 6 weeks, over Zoom currently, for about an hour; we plan fundraisers, vote on decisions pertaining to fundraisers and purchases, and plan volunteers for our bingos/casinos & construction builds (playgrounds/gaga pits etc.). We are also responsible for the hot lunch program (which is currently on hold due to the pandemic).

facebook

Join our Facebook group to meet the board and see what each position entails, as well as to keep up to date on P.I.R.I.S. events!
Search "Parents of Iron Ridge Intermediate Society (P.I.R.I.S.)"

Offering an INCENTIVE TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

Contact
pirisirec@gmail.com
to join!

Our board consists of the following positions, two of which need to be filled!

President - vacant
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Bingo/Casino Chair - vacant
&
Board Members

Join us on the P.I.R.I.S. Board of Directors!

COVID-19: STAY AT HOME GUIDE WHEN DO I KEEP MY CHILD HOME?



BEFORE LEAVING HOME: COMPLETE A DAILY SELF-HEALTH ASSESSMENT

Daily self-screening form available on your school website.

My child is sick. How long do they need to stay home?

CORE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

- Fever (38 °C or higher)
- Cough (continuous, more than usual)
- Shortness of breath/ difficulty breathing (continuous, out of breath, unable to breathe deeply)
- Loss of sense of smell or taste

THIS IS MY CHILD. NOW WHAT?

If your child has one or more of the Four Core COVID-19 Symptoms, they must do one of the following before they will be allowed to return to school.

1. Stay home and isolate for a minimum of 10 days from when symptoms began.

Isolation requirements are set by the Alberta Government. More information on isolation requirements are available at: www.alberta.ca/isolation.aspx

2. A student can return before 10 days ONLY if they receive a negative COVID-19 test result, AND symptoms are gone, AND they are not a close contact of someone with COVID-19.

Please Note: Siblings of a child with symptoms can still attend school, unless they too have symptoms, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19.

How do I book a test?

Parents can fill out the **COVID-19 AHS Online Self-Assessment Tool** at: <https://myhealth.alberta.ca/journey/COVID-19/Pages/COVID-Self-Assessment.aspx> or call Health Link 811.

What if my child tests positive for COVID-19?

AHS will contact you with your child's test results.

If positive for COVID-19, your child will have to isolate for a minimum of 10 days from the start of symptoms or until they resolve, whichever is longer.

Close contacts of confirmed cases (siblings, parents/guardians) are legally required to isolate for 14 days and monitor for symptoms.

AHS will work with the school and Division on contact tracing. Continued learning will be supported for students in self-isolation.

OTHER COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

- chills (without fever, not related to being outside in cold weather),
- sore throat/painful swallowing,
- runny nose/congestion,
- feeling unwell/fatigued,
- lack of energy,
- nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea,
- unexplained loss of appetite,
- muscle or joint aches,
- headache,
- conjunctivitis (commonly known as pink eye)

THIS IS MY CHILD. NOW WHAT?

If your child has **ONE** of the above other symptoms, they can return to school if they are feeling better, as long as it has been at least 24 hours.

Testing is not needed if they only have one of the above other symptoms, and it improves after 24 hours.

If they are not getting better, if they get worse or develop another symptom, keep your child home until symptom(s) go away.

If a child has **TWO** or **MORE** of the above other symptoms, they can return to school once symptoms go away, as long as it has been 24 hours since symptoms started.

A COVID-19 test is recommended for two or more other symptoms but not required.

What if my child has traveled outside of Canada in the last 14 days?

When entering or returning to Alberta from outside Canada, individuals are legally required to quarantine for 14 days unless enrolled in the Alberta COVID-19 International Border Pilot Project. More info at: www.alberta.ca/international-border-pilot-project.aspx

What if they had close contact with a case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?

The child is required to quarantine for 14 days from the last day of exposure.

More information at: www.wolfcreek.ab.ca/covid-19

For more information on the Government of Alberta COVID-19 measures: www.alberta.ca/covid19

TOWN (URBAN) BUS STUDENTS

Students living in Blackfalds

MUST re-register for busing each spring for the fall!



User Pay fees are applied to students who live less than 2.4 km from school.

User Pay students are accepted on a first come first served basis
and only if there is space available on a bus.

User Pay students will be put on a waiting list if their registrations are
received late and/or the bus in that area is full.

If you have moved you must notify the school of the address change prior to registering for busing.

**Cross Boundary students must re-apply each year by filling out the regular application as well as the
cross boundary application (cross boundary fees will apply).*

Fees are currently under review and will be release by the School Board in late spring 2021.
(Distances are calculated using a routing software and Alberta Education criteria.)

**REGISTER ONLINE USING YOUR PARENT PORTAL
OR THROUGH SCHOOLENGAGE**

DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING IS JUNE 15, 2021

For more information please contact Wolf Creek Public Schools Transportation Services

E-mail - transportation@wolfcreek.ab.ca

Phone - 403-785-0726 (Direct) or 403-341-4153 (Red Deer) or 403-782-8726 (Lacombe) ext. 1332

<https://www.wolfcreek.ab.ca/school-division/transportation/bus-status-page2>

COUNTRY (RURAL) BUS STUDENTS

**Blackfalds students who live in the country and are new to
busing (i.e. kindergarten students or students changing schools)**

**OR have moved to a new rural location are required to
register for transportation.**



To register your full legal land description AND complete
blue sign (911 address) are required on the application.

**Unsure of which school your child should attend, please call us
with your legal land description.*

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BLACKFALDS YOUTH WEEK



MAY 1 - 7, 2021

A WEEK FULL OF EVENTS! HERE'S THE SCOOP...

SATURDAY, MAY 1 - FRIDAY, MAY 7

YOUTH WEEK BINGO

Complete as many activities as you wish to throughout the week. Your goal is to cover 5 squares in a vertical, horizontal, or diagonal row. Document your activities and send your bingo card and photo proof of your completed activities to youth@blackfalds.com to be entered to win one of four \$50 gift cards to your chosen Blackfalds business. Everyone is welcome to participate however in order to win you must be a youth, between Grades 4 - 12, and have parent permission to enter. All entries must be received by end of day Friday, May 7.

SUNDAY, MAY 2 | 1:00 - 2:30 PM

ONLINE YOUTH ART

Come learn how to paint with paper and create a cupcake! Instruction and materials will be provided. This class is online only and is for Grades 4 - 12.

MONDAY, MAY 3

YOUTH YOGA

Yoga is a great way to connect to your mind and body while cultivating positive self-esteem and confidence. Learn breathing techniques, build strength and flexibility, and develop skills for focus and relaxation all while having fun in a positive, encouraging and supportive environment.

Sessions may be moved online as a result of changes in public health measures.

Grades 3 - 6 | 4:30 - 5:35 PM

Grades 7 - 12 | 5:30 - 6:36 PM

Location: Blackfalds Community Centre

MONDAY, MAY 3 | 4:30 - 6:00 PM

ONLINE YOUTH DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

Are you looking for adventure? Longing to pull off the perfect heist? Come to our D&D session online and role-play with us! Ages 12+.

We use Roll20 to play.

TUESDAY, MAY 4 | 4:00 - 4:45 PM

ONLINE JO FIT DANCE BEATZ CLASS

Join us for a fun dance class with simple moves to a variety of songs! Grades 4 - 12.

TUESDAY, MAY 4 | 4:30 - 6:00 PM

ONLINE YOUTH WRITE CLUB

We are writing a fantasy based story together online using Google Meets and Google Docs. Come and write with us! Ages 12+.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5 | 4:30 - 6:00 PM

ONLINE ROLL20 ROLE-PLAYING GAME

We made the rules, we made the characters - now we're making the adventure. Ages 8+.

THURSDAY, MAY 6 | 5:00 - 7:00 PM

KINDNESS IN THE COMMUNITY

Why is kindness important? Join us to talk about all the benefits of kindness. Let's incorporate the smallest acts of kindness into your everyday life and in our community, and notice the ripple effects. Grades 4 - 7. Sessions may be moved online as a result of changes in public health measures.

Location: Blackfalds Community Centre

**FOR REGISTRATION DETAILS,
PLEASE VISIT
[BLACKFALDS.COM/YOUTH](https://blackfalds.com/youth)**

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FCSS
Family & Community Services

Hats On!
FOR MENTAL HEALTH



can we talk?

W E D N E S D A Y
MAY 5th

2021



Wear a special hat to school, to raise awareness of the importance of good mental health. canwetalk.ca



The Alberta
Teachers' Association



Canadian Mental
Health Association
Alberta





Iron Ridge Intermediate Campus

Our Mission:
Empowering all Learners to be Extraordinary

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April 28, 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

RE: Technology Device Information

I am writing this letter to provide you with information regarding technology devices as we move ahead with planning for the 2021-22 school year at Iron Ridge Intermediate Campus. Our school is proud of the many ways that our staff and students utilize technology in order to enhance teaching and learning in our school. Everyday our school utilizes technology to:

- allow students to show their learning in a wide variety of ways;
- connect students with each other within their classroom, within the division, within the province and around the world;
- connect students and teachers with experts in various fields such as authors, writers and scientists;
- support students with a wide variety of learning styles and needs;
- and more!

We are proud to have been promoting this kind of learning environment for our students for many years. To continue to provide a learning environment that is 21st Century **we are recommending that all students come to school with a device to support their learning.** This device can be a personal laptop or a Chromebook. To support this learning environment there are a few options:

Option 1: Your child can bring his/her own device to school that you have purchased or have previously purchased.

Option 2: Your child can participate in the Wolf Creek Parent Purchase Program and order a new device for their use. Details on the parent purchase program are attached.

Option 3: You can contact the school for more information about how we can help support you.

It is our goal to have all grade four, five and six students using their devices within the first few weeks of school so we would like your child to have a device ready to go for the start of the new school year.

Our Vision: At Iron Ridge Intermediate Campus we develop compassionate leaders who realize their potential and enrich the world.

It has been our experience that Chromebooks, when taken care of, are lasting for approximately 5 years. Students will be able to use their devices at the Jr. High when they go there as well, so taking good care of it is very important. Students with their own devices have been able to transition between online and in person learning while we have guided them through the pandemic. Having their own device has been integral to our students' success over the past year.

Attached is some information on the Wolf Creek Parent Purchase plan and some frequently asked questions. Please feel free to contact the principal, Della Lastiwka, if you need more information. Thank you for your support, we hope you see this is a worthy investment into your child's education and understand that it is our goal to provide your child with a top notch educational experience that utilizes the technologies available in today's world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D. Lastiwka". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Della Lastiwka
Principal (IRIC)



Chromebook Parent Purchase Program Information - Parents

Wolf Creek Public Schools is proud of the many ways that our staff and students utilize technology in order to **enhance teaching and learning in our schools**. We have a long history and a proven track record of working with our school communities in order to be able to positively leverage the potential of digital technology tools to support learning. Everyday our schools utilize technology to:

- allow students to show their learning in a wide variety of ways,
- connect students with each other within their classroom, within the division, within the province and around the world.
- connect students and teachers with experts in various fields such as authors, astronauts, scientists,
- support students with a wide variety of learning styles and needs,
- and more!

Bring Your Own Device Program

Wolf Creek Public Schools believes that students should be able to bring their own device to school with them to support their learning. We are proud to have been promoting this kind of learning support for our students since 2009. Students across our division benefit from ready access to school owned technology, but we have found over years of observation and working with our students that students feel most comfortable with, and often are able to best support their learning with, a device that they personally own.

Our parents have been very supportive of this evolution of a bring your own device approach in Wolf Creek. In many schools as parents seek to provide support for their children as they learn in today's classrooms, our teachers and administrators have been fielding parent questions around "what kind of a device should I purchase for my child"?

History and Background

Back in 2011, Wolf Creek School division piloted the first use of Chromebooks and Google Apps for Education in our schools. This pilot quickly grew as we received feedback from students, teachers, administrators, and parents around the potential for this kind of device to purposefully support student learning. In 2012, we introduced the Parent Purchase Program to our Wolf Creek Schools and this initiative has been taken advantage of by over 1000 Wolf Creek families since that time.

Through a partnership with a well known manufacturer of Chromebooks, Wolf Creek Public Schools has been able to develop an online process whereby we can pass along special pricing to our families on Chromebooks. While it may be true that our families will be able to occasionally find lower pricing on similar devices at a sale at a nearby retailer, by purchasing through our online process parents can be assured that the devices they purchase will work within Wolf Creek's network environment and be set up and delivered to their student's school by our vendor partner.

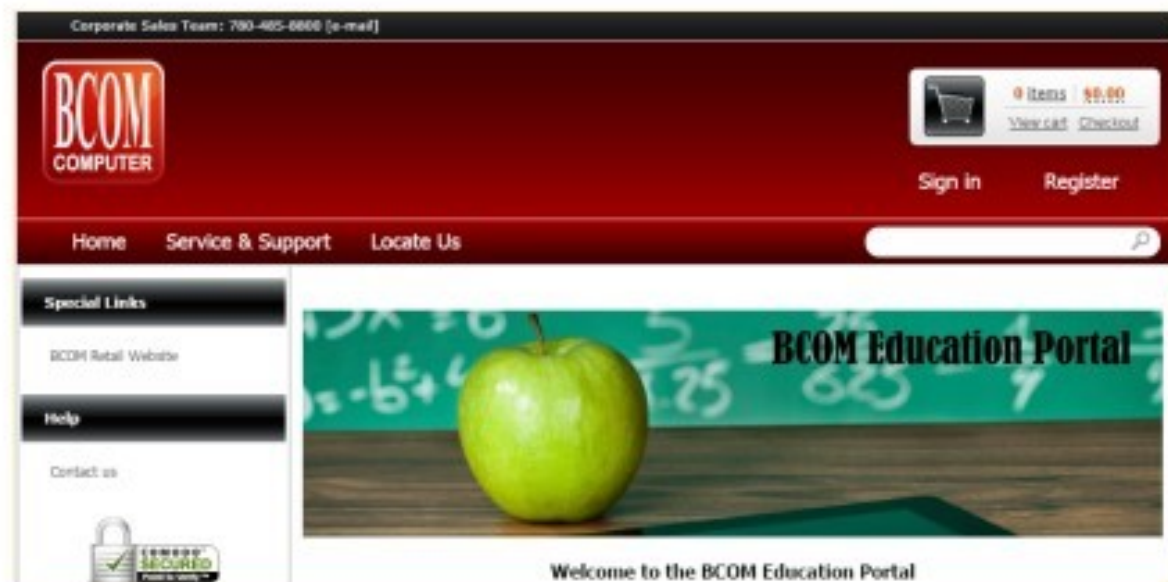
Online Purchase Process

Wolf Creek Public Schools is excited to be working with **BCom Computer**, as the reseller of Chromebooks, to continue offering the Chromebook Parent Purchase Program for our Wolf Creek families through an online Parent Purchase Program website.

In partnership with Wolf Creek, BCom Computer has built a Wolf Creek Public Schools online store specifically for our families which provides the ability to purchase a selection of Chromebooks, accessories and warranty options which have been chosen because they fit in well with our Wolf Creek context.

Families wishing to purchase a Chromebook through this program will need to visit www.b-com.ca/wolfcreek/home.php in order to create a parent shopping and payment profile.

A link to access the Parent Purchase Program website can be found on **your local school's website** under the **Quick Links** section.



Please ask your child's teacher or principal for a document with step by step instructions for how to use the Parent Purchase Program website.

Updated, April 2021

See the next page for some Frequently Asked Questions and further details.

[Wolf Creek Public Schools Chromebook Parent Purchase Program](#)

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the Payment Options?

Our reseller, BCom Computer, has made two different options for payment available to our families wishing to purchase through the Parent Purchase Portal.

1. A family can choose to use their credit card to pay for the total cost of their order all at once or;
2. A family might choose to pay the total cost of their order over 4 monthly payments.

This flexibility will hopefully allow as many Wolf Creek families as possible to access the Chromebook Parent Purchase Plan.

Costs for the devices will vary slightly during the year as it is tied to Canadian and US exchange rates. Prices will always be in Canadian funds. Detailed costs are available on the website.

What is the Warranty and the options for Warranty Upgrades?

The Chromebooks that can be purchased through the Parent Purchase Program **come with a standard manufacturer's warranty**. **Currently**, this warranty covers manufacturer's defects in the device for a period of one year. This standard warranty **does not include accidental or intentional damage** to any component of the Chromebook such as the screen, keyboard, case, touchpad, etc.

Optional Upgrades

BCom offers the following warranty upgrades as a part of the Wolf Creek Public Schools Parent Purchase Program:

1. An extension of the manufacturer's warranty from 1 year to 3 years. This extension does not cover accidental or intentional damage to the device,
2. An extension of the manufacturer's warranty to 3 years with accidental damage coverage. This coverage allows for the one time replacement of a device that has been accidentally damaged beyond repair.

These options are available through the Parent Purchase Program website at the time of purchase at various prices.

IMPORTANT: Once a device has been delivered to a student as a part of the Parent Purchase Program, it will be the responsibility of the student's family to work with BCom Computer to resolve any warranty claims, disputes, or concerns around payments. If needed, you can find contact information for BCom Computer by visiting their website at: www.b-com.ca

After purchase, how do I get my Chromebook?

Chromebooks purchased through the Wolf Creek Public Schools online purchase process can be shipped from our reseller directly to your home or mailing address of choice within Alberta. You

can also choose to directly pick up the Chromebook from our reseller's location at: BCom Computer Centre Inc. 15051 118 Avenue Edmonton, Alberta T5V 1H9.

Do I HAVE to Purchase a Chromebook through the Parent Purchase Website?

Absolutely not!

Wolf Creek Public Schools is a bring your own device environment and welcomes any device that a student may have that is able to support their learning appropriately by leveraging web based tools such as Google Apps for Education.

Our students' families have long asked us for our recommendations around devices that are relatively low cost but high impact in terms of supporting learning. This is how the Parent Purchase Program was born!

Our classroom teachers utilize Google Apps for Education in Wolf Creek and the Chromebook is a natural platform to be able to take advantage of the power of these collaborative tools. We have completed test and research with various Chromebook devices over the years and have selected devices that have good battery life, are generally robust enough to stand up to day to day classroom use, and have proven themselves as reliable over our considerable time using them in Wolf Creek.

We certainly welcome and support our families' choices to purchase a device to enhance their child's learning through our Parent Purchase Program or through any retailer of their choice. The Parent Purchase Program was designed as a service to our families so that there was one less decision for parents to make around "what device should we buy" and/or "where should we buy or device from"?

Additional Questions?

If you have any questions around how Chromebooks or other digital tools are being utilized in your child's school to support and enhance learning, please do not hesitate to talk to your child's teacher or the administrators at the school.