Aldershot Elementary Information and Communication Technology and BRING I.T.

School Year 2017/2018

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

Aldershot Elementary is continuing to build 21st Century classroom environments by fostering the skills needed to learn for today and the future. We feel we broaden students' access to technology by inviting and encouraging students in our grade 7 and 8 classes to "Bring I.T.". This means students are welcome to bring in their personal technology (e.g., laptops, chromebooks, smartphones, iPads, iPods, eReaders, etc.) to use during class time for instructional purposes.

Setting up for Success:
In the first few days of school, each class will co-develop success criteria and norms to facilitate the safe and respectful use of technology for each learning environment. These norms must be adhered to within each classroom learning environment. Norms pertaining to *all* students, in *every* learning environment, will be shared with families on our Aldershot Elementary website. A copy of the Halton Acceptable Use Guidelines is available on our HDSB website (http://www.hdsb.ca/StudentResources/Pages/AcceptableuseGuidelines.aspx).
The use of electronic devices will be at the discretion of teachers in each classroom learning environment.

Aldershot Unplugged and Tech-Free Nutrition Breaks:
Please recognize that BRING IT recognizes personal technology as a tool for learning and **not** a device for any other purposes in the classroom environment. Some classes, at times, may be considered "unplugged" and given this, students will be expected to have their devices turned off and put away.
Our Nutrition Breaks, from 9:50am – 10:30am will always be "tech-free." Games, cards and conversation both inside and outside are encouraged. This means that phones and other devices will be locked in lockers and put away. The Halton Board is not responsible for the loss, damage or theft of any personal equipment brought to school and we encourage users to label or engrave all devices.

Aldershot Information Communication Technology (I.C.T)
The use of student owned technology is completely optional and not required. All students will continue to have access to school laptops, desktops, chromebooks, as well as other technology in the school. Students will be encouraged to share devices while conducting research and projects in small groups.
Students have access to Halton Cloud, where they are responsible for organizing and managing folders and materials. Students are also encouraged to explore and use Google Apps that better facilitate their learning.

Aldershot Network
Students will have access to the HDSB network, which will permit them to use the Internet, accessing myhdsb.ca and Halton Cloud. Students will not be able to print from their personal computers; however, they can use their school e-mail and Halton Cloud to access documents and projects. Students are not to use the network to watch television or explore sites of interest that do not connect directly with what is happening in the learning environment.

Aldershot is Kind
Students will not engage in any communication that is negative and hurtful to others. Social media can be fun, but must be used thoughtfully and responsibly. Students must keep their own "digital footprints" in mind, and we expect our students to conduct themselves online so as not to disrupt or negatively affect the moral tone of our school.

Respect the Day
We are asking that students connect with home/parents and friends outside of instructional times. Students who need to call home are permitted to access a phone in the office; as well, should you have a message, please contact the office and we will pass it on to your child.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns,

B. Hudson, Elementary Vice Principal

Please detach and return to your child's homeroom teacher:

(please print)
Student Name: _____   Homeroom:_____

☐ We have read the above and understand the purpose, expectations and risks of bringing personal electronic devices to school.

☐ As an Aldershot Student, I will be a positive user of technology reflected in how I adhere to class norms, organize and manage my learning and communicate with others.

☐ As a Parent/Guardian, I will support my child and the school by asking questions and "checking in" with online activity. I have access to passwords and there is a plan for sharing and talking about how personal technology is used both at school and as a social tool.

Student Signature: _____ **Parent Signature**: _____