



RED RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DIVISION DIVISION SCOLAIRE VALLÉE de la RIVIÈRE-ROUGE

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Dear Parents,

On behalf of the Red River Valley School Division it is with great enthusiasm that we provide you with more information regarding our "One to the World" technology initiative. Children in grades 5 and 6 in the 2013-14 school year will be the first to be a part of this innovative project.

The vision behind this initiative is to engage our learners in an enriched learning environment. Our goals are to educate students to become critical consumers of information as they navigate through the endless amount of information available to them and to promote the responsible use of technology.

As part of the first phase of this project and in partnership with parents, every child in grades 5 and 6 will be assigned a personal laptop in September 2013. Parents and students will be required to sign a Declaration of Use Agreement, a User Agreement and pay a user fee of \$200. The fee allows the student the option to keep the laptop at the end of the 4th year.

It is understood that for the purpose of this partnership, the term "User" shall be defined as the student who is assigned the laptop. The laptop remains the property of the school division until the end of the agreement.

The benefits of this partnership for you and your child will be:

- increased learning potential
- increased student engagement
- acquisition of 21st century skills
- unlimited access to the laptop for the duration of the agreement, including summer breaks
- technical support
- full 4 year warranty
- the option to keep the laptop at the end of the agreement, at no additional cost

The Declaration of Use Agreement and User Agreement outline the details of the partnership and appropriate use of the laptop. Once these two agreements have been signed and returned to the school parents will be invoiced by the school division.

The parents' financial contribution is a total of \$200.00. Payment options include:

Option A - a one-time payment of \$200

Option B - a \$100 payment in September of 2013 with additional payment of \$100 in September 2014

Option C – 10 monthly post-dated cheques for \$20 each, beginning in September of 2013

All payments should be made payable to Red River Valley School Division and are due September 9th, 2013.

The Declaration of Use Agreement will be reviewed with your child, by the classroom teacher, at the beginning of each school year.

At the conclusion of the agreement, students will be assigned a new laptop. At that time parents will once again pay an assessed fee and sign a new agreement.

Schools will be hosting parent information sessions before the end of the school year. These sessions will provide additional information and answer any questions you may have about this exciting initiative. For more information please contact your school principal.

Yours truly,



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