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5414 50 St. Lacombe, AB T4L 1G4 Phone: (403)782-7410 Fax: (403) 782-7400 Email: <u>elue@wolfcreek.ab.ca</u> Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

RE: Chromebook Parent Purchase Plan

Welcome to the incoming grade four and new families to École Lacombe Upper Elementary School. 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, astronauts, 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 requiring 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 or to apply for financial support if needed.

It is our goal to have all grade four 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 school.

It has been our experience that the Chromebooks, when taken care of, are lasting for approximately 5 years. To help support their care we suggest the students use the secure storage and charging stations provided to them in their classrooms. It is our recommendation that the students leave their device at school during the school year because transporting it back and forth each night will create significant wear and tear on the device. The students will be able to use their device at the Jr. High when they go there as well, so taking good care of it is very important.

Below is some information on the Wolf Creek Parent Purchase plan and some frequently asked questions. Please feel free to contact the principal, Sonja Dykslag, at 403-782-7410 if you need more information or require financial support to secure a device for your child. 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,

Sonja Dykslag Principal, B.Ed., M.Ed.



Information on the Online Purchase Process

Wolf Creek Public Schools is excited to be working with BCom Computer, as the reseller of Acer 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.



Attached please find step by step instructions for how to use the Parent Purchase Program if you choose to select that option.

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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 Acer Chromebooks that can be purchased through the Parent Purchase Program come with a standard one year manufacturer's warranty. 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: <u>www.b-com.ca</u>

After purchase, how is the device delivered?

Chromebooks purchased through the Wolf Creek Public Schools online purchase process will be shipped from our reseller to Wolf Creek Public School's Division Office. Wolf Creek Public Schools Tech Services Staff will then configure each device so that the student's Chromebook is ready to connect to our wireless network and work within our Google Apps for Education environment. Once we have finished our set up work, Wolf Creek Tech Services will deliver the student's Chromebook to their school. Students are encouraged to order early as the delivery may take a couple weeks depending on available stock.

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"?

Wolf Creek Public Schools Creating Success For All Learners Chromebook Parent Purchase Program

Wolf Creek Public Schools is pleased to be working with BCom Computer to provide an option for our families to purchase a Chromebook that can be used to support their students' learning in Wolf Creek.

In partnership with Wolf Creek Public Schools, BCom Computer has built a section of their online store specifically for Wolf Creek parents and students. This website can be accessed by navigating to the following address:

,www.b-com.ca/wolfcreek/



3. In order to be granted access to the Wolf Creek specific section of this website you will need to enter the following case sensitive code into the School Access Code window:

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We ask that our Wolf Creek families keep this access code confidential as it pertains specifically to a program designed for Wolf Creek students. As per our agreement with BCom we are not able to extend the Parent Purchase Program to families who are not members of the Wolf Creek Public Schools community,



5. Once you have completed adding items to your virtual "shopping cart" and you choose to checkout, you will be asked to enter some personal information which is important for warranty, delivery, and set up of each Chromebook.

Each Chromebook ordered will be delivered to Wolf Creek Public Schools division office for final set up and delivery.

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4.	Once you have successfully created an account
	on the Parent Purchase website, you will get ac-
	cess to a made for Wolf Creek selection of
	Chromebooks, accessories, and warranty options.

If you have any questions about the devices, warranty options, or need any other information about the Parent Purchase Program please do not hesitate to touch base with an administrator at your student's school.

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IMPORTANT:

For each Chromebook purchased, please make sure you include the Student name, Teacher Name, and School information for each device separately so that we can ensure delivery of each Chromebook to the correct student.

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