



Dear Parent,

We are excited to inform you about the 1:1 laptop program available for your child this year! It marks the beginning of an era where students will have immediate access to information via their own computers. We hope this initiative will bring the 21<sup>st</sup> Century to the forefront, as well as engage your children in additional critical thinking, collaboration and communication activities.

During the first week of school, we will be distributing an Apple MacBook Air to each 8<sup>th</sup> grade student. The laptop computer and bag will be used in the classroom and home for educational purposes. Teachers will vary in their expectations for computer use, but your child will be using this tool for instruction, assignments, projects, research and assessment throughout the day.

**For your student to receive their laptop, a parent or guardian must attend a one-hour training session with their child prior to the distribution of computers.**

During this training, you will hear presentations on Laptop Care and Internet Safety. Additionally, you will be able to ask questions and gather input on how to assist your child in managing this new responsibility. Three meeting times will be available and they are listed on the backside of this letter. We ask that only parents/guardians and the students attend this meeting due to limited space.

Enclosed with this letter you will find several forms and documents: The 1:1 Laptop Acknowledgement Form, 1:1 Laptop Handbook, and a Personal Technology Plan. Please complete these forms and return them by mail or bring them to the parent meeting.

We look forward to working with you as we embark on this wonderful new opportunity. If you have any questions, please contact one of us at your convenience.

Respectfully,

Scott Grimes, Superintendent,  
Darwin Yossi, Director of Technology,  
Scott Blum, HS Principal  
Lori Phillips, Meadows Principal