



RUGGLES LANE SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

I wanted to take this opportunity to clarify our policies regarding cell phones and other electronic devices. For many reasons, students are not permitted to bring electronic devices to school. This includes, but is not limited to, iPods, iPads, mp3 players, hand held games, tablets, laptops, etc. At the foundation of this policy is the fact that we are fortunate that the Quabbin District provides us with a multitude of technology resources for student use. Therefore, we do not need devices to be brought from home. In addition, it is very easy for these items to get lost during the school day. Any devices brought to the school will be confiscated and kept in the Office until a parent/guardian picks up the device.

The exception to this policy is for cell phones as we recognize that many children need to be able to contact their parents/guardians before or after school. Any student who brings a cell phone to school is required to turn it off and leave it in his/her backpack. In addition to making sure phones do not disrupt the educational environment, this practice ensures that our safety plan is followed as all phones are to be turned off and not used during an emergency. Should a cell phone be used during the school day, it will be kept in the Office until a parent/guardian picks up the phone.

As with all policies, at times, exceptions need to be made based on student need. Should your child need an exemption to this policy, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please fill out the form below and return it to your child's teacher by Friday, September 25. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's classroom teacher.

Regards,

Julie Vincentsen
Principal

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