

Dear Sycamore Creek Families,

We are excited to announce that your teacher has decided to make their classroom a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) classroom! Sycamore Creek, will allow any teacher the opportunity to allow their students to bring their own technology devices (laptops, smartphones, Nooks, tablets, iPads, etc.) into the classroom. These devices are to be used at the discretion of individual teachers to enhance lessons and learning. Teachers will incorporate devices at appropriate points within their lessons to build ideas, enlist creativity, grant quick access to information, and allow students Internet access for developing knowledge and collaboration in the classroom.

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The BYOD initiative at Sycamore Creek Elementary School involves students, teachers, parents, and administrators working together to create the type of environment that will allow students to enhance critical thinking skills through collaboration with peers. We're looking forward to seeing creativity blossom as students develop stronger communication skills through engaging and challenging projects that will require the use of 21st-century skills. It's not about the devices themselves, rather about embracing them as a tool for enhancing the excellent instructional practices already taking place!

Information regarding BYOD in your student's classroom will be presented to at the open house by your student's teacher. Expect to learn more about why your teacher chose to make their classroom a BYOD classroom, and what BYOD will look like in their classroom.

The various devices that may be available in a BYOD classroom are instructionally useful in different ways. To make informed instructional decisions based on the particular type and amount of devices available, teachers will need to have an idea of what tools may be coming into their classrooms. If you foresee sending a device to school with your student, please write down your name, your student's name, and the number of each device type you are willing and able to bring to class on an as needed basis, and return it to your student's teacher.

We are grateful for this opportunity, and look forward to sharing more information with you during open house.

Name of Parent (Last, First)  Name of Student  Last, First)	Laptops and Netbooks	Chromebooks	Tablets	Smartphones	We will not be sending a device for our student.
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