

Dear Parent and/or Guardian,

Welcome to our 1st year of BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) John Will Elementary! Students are allowed to bring their devices each day to school beginning February 7, 2014 and must take them home nightly. Your child's device should be labeled with their first and last name clearly visible to everyone. This year we are hoping for a great year with. Also, remember cell phones are NOT permitted on campus for use with BYOD.

When students bring their device to school to have it set-up the first time, please remember to take off security passwords. Our network is secure and your child will not be allowed to visit inappropriate websites. In order for us to set-up your child's device on the network, it cannot be password protected. Once it has been set-up to connect to our network, you may place your password back on the device. If you have a password for downloading apps to the device, it is your choice if your child has that password. We are not required to have that password. Occasionally your child's teacher might ask for a "free" app to be placed on the device, so if your device is password protected you will need to add this app at home.

This year we are implementing BYOD zones for student use. The zones are green, yellow, and red. Green zones are places where students may use their device at all times under teacher supervision. Yellow zones are places where students may use their device with caution under teacher's supervision. Red zones are places where students may NOT use their device at any time. Green zones are the classroom and gym. Yellow zones are the classroom, gym, labs, and library. Red zones are hallways, cafeteria, carline (morning and afternoon), van line (morning and afternoon) and bathrooms.

This year we will have the following consequences for breaking the "red" zone rule. First, your child will be given a warning, next your child will lose his/her privilege for the day, and last your child will lose his/her privilege for the week.

When your child breaks a BYOD zone rule, you will receive the following notice.

Dear Parent,

Your child was using their device today in a red zone. The red zone(s) checked is where your child was using his/her device.

cafeteria hallway carline/van line—morning and/or afternoon bathroom

The following is the consequence(s) given to your child for breaking the red zone rule:

Warning

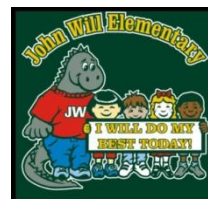
Lost privilege for the day, may be returned on: _____

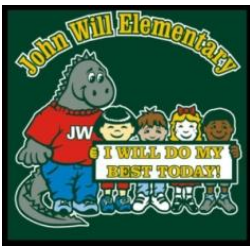
Lost privilege for the week, may be returned on: _____

If you have questions, please let your child's teacher know. Thanks for understanding that rules are put in place for the safety of the child and their device.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Booker,

Technology Teacher John Will Elementary School





BYOD John Will Parent Survey

January 22, 2014

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Mobile County Public School System students are some of the most eager and clever users of mobile devices. Contrary to popular belief, students are not just using technology to chat with friends or download music. Students use devices to study, take notes and collaborate with peers. Mobile County has acknowledged the need to capitalize on the technology presently in students' hands. Instead of banning students from bringing devices to school, Mobile County schools are beginning to permit them to use their own technology. That is, students can bring their own iPad, Kindle Fire or laptop to class. The idea, commonly known as "bring your own device" (BYOD), is known to Mobile County Public Schools as "miDevice".

John Will Elementary will begin to implement miDevice on all grade levels. We are anticipating this to happen February 7, 2014. In order to make this transition, we have a few questions for you to answer. Your input in this survey will help us determine how we will begin this new endeavor. Please fully answer each question. Expect further communication as we begin implementation.

1. What is your child's name?

2. What grade is your child currently in? PreK K 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th

3. Do you have internet access in your home? yes or no

4. Do you own a device such as an iPad, Kindle Fire, Laptop, or similar device with internet capabilities?
 yes or no

5. What kind of device(s) do you own?

6. Would you be willing and able to send a device to school with your child?

yes or no

7. If you do not own a device, would you be willing and able to purchase one for your child?

yes or no