

Ponoka Elementary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians of students in grades 4/5/6 during 2018-19,

re: Chromebooks for 2018/19: WCPS Chromebook Parent Purchase Plan

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 and teachers with each other within their classroom and with experts in various fields around the world in a safe and monitored environment
- support students with a wide variety of learning styles and needs.

To continue to provide a learning environment that prepares students for a world that requires competency with digital tools, students in Grade 4, 5, & 6 at Ponoka Elementary School are expected to have a device at school in order to effectively participate in a 1:1 environment (1 device for every student). 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 previously purchased

Option 2: Your child can participate in the Wolf Creek Parent Purchase Program and order a new Chromebook device. We have sourced out BCom Computer as a vendor that will deliver directly to the school. They have the option of paying the full purchase price or in four payments. Details on the purchase program are attached.

If you should wish to choose Option 2, please note the following to help you through the Instructions package:

- 1) School Access Code: Success4all! (#3 on page 2. You will need this to setup your account)
- 2) When completing the "Personal Details" section, be sure to provide: Student full name, grade (as of Sept 2018) and school information.

Option 3: You can contact the school for more information about applying for financial support.

If you have any further questions about our 1:1 program, please contact me at PES by e-mail (tim.bowman@wolfcreek.ab.ca) or by phone (403) 783-3583.

All my best!

Tim Rowman

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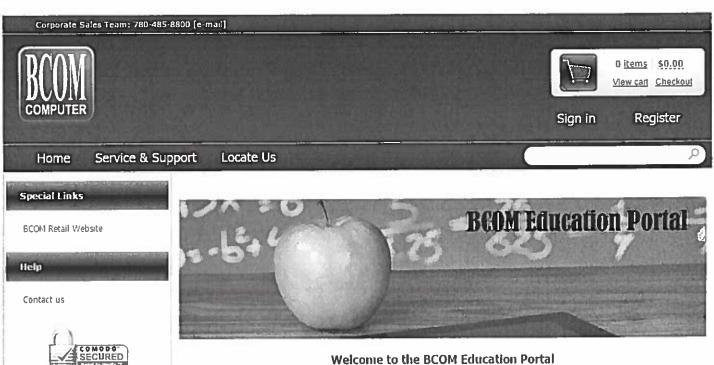
"Ponoka Elementary School....a community where learning comes first."

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/



Please register with your school access code or sign-in to access the Educational product list.

* Instructions*

1.)The first time you visit the Wolf Creek

Parent Purchase Portal you will need to create a profile by clicking on the **REGISTER NOW** button.

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Clicking on the REGISTER NOW button will bring up a page where you will be asked to enter a school access code and some user information such as an email address and password.

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★ 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:

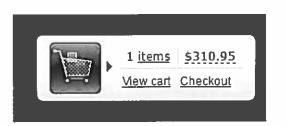
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We ask that our Wolf Creek families keep this access code confidential as it pertains specifically to a program designed for Wolf Creek students. As per our agreement with BCom we are not able to extend the Parent Purchase Program to families who are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

School Access Code * Success4all!

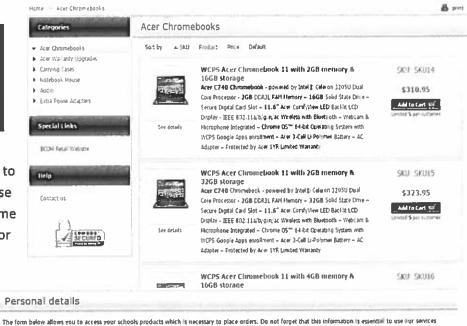
Once you have successfully created an account on the Parent Purchase website, you will get access to a made for Wolf Creek selection of Chromebooks, accessories, and warranty options.

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.



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.



Provide Student Name Teacher *	Cindy Lou Who - Mrs. Esteves - Iron Ridge Elementary
& School for each Chromebook	Johan Bach Who - Mr. Lougheed - Lacombe Composite High School

The fields marked with are mandatory

Parent Name: " Parent Phone:

Password Change password

Additional Information

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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Country	Canada •
Postal code	
Phone	
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Personal details

Shipping & Payment

Place order

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Delivery method

Pre-arranged delivery to WCPS Central Office. WCPS Technical Services will handle initial set-up then distribute Chromebooks to students. For labelling purposes, we collect student information during the checkout process.

Payment method

- Credit Card
- BCOM Spread Payment Plan

Visa or Mastercard Only.

Visa or Mastercard Only. A payment processing fee applies which is equal to 5% of the order total. Divides the total into four payments, with the first payment processed at time of order, second payment in 30 days, third payment in 60 days, and final payment in 90 days.



6. The next screen / step in the process will provide you with some specific information about shipping and also the available payment options for the Parent Purchase Program.

BCom Computers offers the choice to:

- pay the total cost of the order all at once or;
- a payment plan where the total cost of the device and any optional accessories and warranty can be paid over the course of 4 payments.



The 4th payment of \$83.15 is to be paid 9H days after the date of initial purchase

Please see the terms and conditions below
The 1st payment of \$87.00 is to be paid on the date of initial purchase
The 2nd payment of \$87.00 is to be paid 30 days after the date of initial purchase
The 3nd payment of \$87.00 is to be paid 60 days after the date of initial purchase

7)Once you have entered your credit card information for payment, you will need to check off "I accept the Terms and Conditions ..." button and press the Submit Order button at the very bottom of the page.

You will receive an emailed receipt at the address you provided when making your account.

Wolf Creek Public Schools will work with BCom Computer to ensure that turn around and delivery times are reasonable and meet our expectations. Your student's device will be delivered by Wolf Creek Tech Services Staff to your son / daughter's school.



Laccept the "Terms & Conditions", "BCOM Spread Payment Terms", and "Privacy statement"





Chromebook Parent Purchase Program Information 2017-2018

Wolf Creek Public Schools is proud of the many ways that our staff and students utilize technology in order to enhance teaching and learning in our schools. We have a long history and a proven track record of working with our school communities in order to be able to positively leverage the potential of digital technology tools to support learning. Everyday our schools utilize 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!

Bring Your Own Device Program

Wolf Creek Public Schools believes that students should be able to bring their own device to school with them to support their learning. We are proud to have been promoting this kind of learning support for our students since 2009. Students across our division benefit from ready access to school owned technology, but we have found over years of observation and working with our students that students feel most comfortable with, and often are able to best support their learning with, a device that they personally own.

Our parents have been very supportive of this evolution of a bring your own device approach in Wolf Creek. In many many schools as parents seek to provide supports for their children as they learn in today's classrooms, our teachers and administrators have been fielding parent questions around "what kind of a device should I purchase for my child"?

History and Background

Back in 2011, Wolf Creek School division piloted the first use of Chromebooks and Google Apps for Education in our schools. This pilot quickly grew as we received feedback from students, teachers, administrators, and parents around the potential for this kind of device to purposefully support student learning. In 2012, we introduced the Parent Purchase Program to our Wolf Creek Schools and this initiative has been taken advantage of by over 1000 Wolf Creek families since that time.

Through a partnership with a well known manufacturer of Chromebooks, Wolf Creek Public Schools has been able to develop an online process whereby we can pass along special pricing to our families on

Chromebooks. While it may be true that our families will be able to occasionally find lower pricing on similar devices at a sale at a nearby retailer, by purchasing through our online process parents can be assured that the devices they purchase will work within Wolf Creek's network environment and be set up and delivered to their student's school by Wolf Creek Tech Services staff.

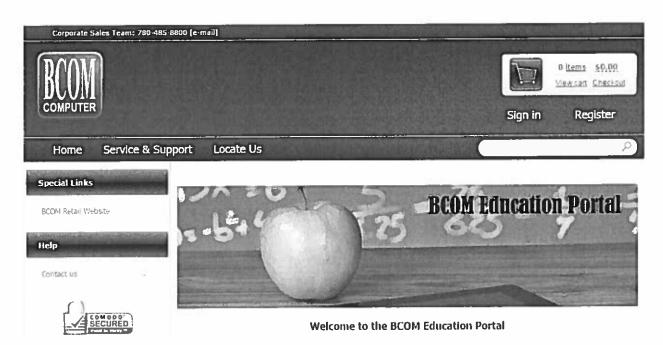
Online Purchase Process Continues

For the 2018-2019 school year, Wolf Creek Public Schools is excited to be working again with BCom Computer, as the reseller of 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.



Please ask your child's teacher or principal for a document with step by step instructions for how to use the Parent Purchase Program website.

See the next page for some Frequently Asked Questions and further details.

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 Chromebooks 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,
- 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: www.b-com.ca

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 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 few 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"?

Additional Questions?

If you have any questions around how Chromebooks or other digital tools are being utilized in your child's school to support and enhance learning, please do not hesitate to talk to your child's teacher or the administrators at the school.