



August 7, 2014

Dear North Parents,

We are just two short weeks away from starting another fantastic year at CMS North with your child. I want to welcome you to the 2014-2015 school year where our purpose is to motivate, inspire and build individual greatness in all learners.

Our theme for Coppell Middle School North is “Creativity Begins with...i-Wonder”. North educators inspire creativity in our learners by designing learning experiences around the **3E’s**-Engagement, Enrichment and Empowerment. Critical thinking, real world scenarios, and the use of flipped instruction to allow for more **Engaging** opportunities in the classroom. Exposure to various technology tools as well as individualized and experiential learning give our educators the opportunity to provide a more **Enriched** curriculum for our kids. Time is provided for our learners to understand their next steps for individual growth as well as **Empowering** our learners by giving them a voice and choice within appropriate school and classroom activities. North Educators have attended trainings and curriculum writing workshops all summer to continue to provide a top notch education for your child. It is going to be a fantastic school year for our North family!

I want to personally invite you to get involved with our campus activities by signing up with PTO for volunteer opportunities through field trips, socials, front desk volunteers, hospitality, etc... You do not have to attend PTO meetings to volunteer, just sign up at [PTO Connect](#). I encourage each of you to find a way to participate in campus activities either through volunteering for an event, science fair mentors, field trip supervisors and/or the Write-a-Check campaign. Write-A-Check monies are the best way to support our campus financially. 100% of the proceeds go back to MS North!

We are so excited to get the opportunity to put an iPad in every learner’s hand by the end of the first semester. Technology devices or use of technology is not anything new to North educators or learners. Along with being a “bring your own device” campus, we have also had over 600 devices on our campus and in the classrooms for the last several years. This year many of our current devices are rolling out of inventory due to their “age” so the new iPads will be extremely beneficial to helping us meet our current and future classroom needs. I will be sending out more information as we begin school as well as holding workshops over responsible use of technology and the distribution of learner iPads. The trainings and workshops will be held as face-to-face meetings as well as some virtual opportunities to meet the needs of varying schedules.

We will distribute iPads at the following times based upon the readiness of the learners as evidenced in the Digital Literacy Experience that will be provided to learners and parents. There will be an “opt out” option for those who do not wish for their child to receive a personal device and you will receive information about that in the future.

The iPads will be rolled out through one of the learners’ content classes.

- 8th Grade-Week of Sept 29th (beginning 2nd 6 weeks)
- 7th Grade-Week of Nov 10th (beginning 3rd 6 weeks)
- 6th Grade-Week of Jan 12th (beginning 4th 6 weeks)

Please see the attached letter for more details on the upcoming dates as well as North policies and procedures.

We are looking forward to another wonderful year at CMS North. Let’s make this the best year ever!

Take Care,

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