

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year. We are looking forward to a rewarding year of reading with your children in our media center. We are always growing our reading collection with new and exciting books for your children to check out and read and will be adding more activities and learning centers for enrichment in the coming months. Our goal is to create students that become lifelong readers.

We ask that you participate in this process with your children and be aware of what they are checking out and reading. The evidence about the benefits of parents being involved in their children's education in general, and their children's literacy activities in particular, is overwhelming. Research shows that parental involvement in their children's learning positively affects the child's performance at school in both primary and secondary schools, leading to higher academic achievement, greater cognitive competence, greater problem-solving skills, greater school enjoyment, better school attendance and fewer behavioural problems at school.

With that being said we are updating our policy to benefit our students as follows:

We are eliminating the late fees for grades K-6.

Grades 7-12 will incur a \$.10/day late fee on books that are not returned by the due date.

If a book is damaged, but repairable, student will be charged 20% of the replacement cost to repair the book.

If a book is damaged beyond repair, has been wet/molded, or lost the student will be charged the full replacement cost of the book.

Students will not be allowed to check out another book until fines are satisfied.

If there is a financial hardship, please contact your child's librarian for assistance.

We hope that all the media center's policies help ensure that books are available and in good condition for the enjoyment of all our students.

Again, let us express how much we are looking forward to serving your child's reading needs through the media center this year.

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