September 2012

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students

This year we are going to begin using a blog. If you are not familiar with a blog, it is a web log. We will be using blogging as an educational tool to share and build understanding of the topics we discuss in class. Please see the below rules and sign and return.

**Blog Rules:**

1. In order to use the blog, students are expected to act in a safe manner by not giving any personal information out in their posts. Students agree not to post or give out family names, passwords, user names, email addresses, home address, telephone numbers, cellphone numbers, or other information that could help someone locate or contact them in person.

1. Students using the blog agree **not** to share their user name, password, or pseudonym with anyone besides their parents and teachers.

1. Students using the blog are expected to treat the blog space as classroom space. Speech and language that is inappropriate for class is also inappropriate for the blog. While it is hoped that students engage in conversation with other class bloggers, it is expected that they will conduct themselves in a manner reflective of a representation of themselves and their school.

1. Although the blog is a forum for student expression, it is first and foremost a tool for learning and will be edited for content and appropriateness.

1. The blog is to be a vehicle for sharing student opinions, ideas and thoughts with real audiences. Please note that not all responses to a post will align with the opinion of the person posting. Be prepared to agree or disagree.

1. Students who do **not** abide by these terms and conditions may be subject to any school policy and lose their opportunity to take part in this project.

Sincerely,

Ms. Fowler

Student Signature Print Name:

Parent/Guardian Signature Print Name:

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