

Media & Website Consent for Storage & Access of Information

Dear Parent/Guardian,

An important part of our class work this year will involve using Internet-based tools and apps to create and share our learning – and with a focus to continue building a lifelong digital portfolio. These portfolios may include photos, videos, webpages, blogs, forms, etc. Many tools require your child to create a personal account, using their School District provisioned email account - student#@learn71.ca. Please note that your child will use Internet-based tools for both classroom activities and homework assignments, and will continue to hold accounts after our coursework is completed.

Your written consent to your child's use of Internet-based tools is required by British Columbia's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA). If you choose not to provide your consent for your child's use of Internet-based tools, your child will not be penalized in any way and alternate activities and forms of sharing their learning will be provided, as appropriate.

It is important to be aware that the majority of the Internet-based tools noted below are online services hosted outside of British Columbia and possibly Canada. While stored outside the country, information in your child's accounts may be subject to the laws of foreign jurisdictions, including, in the United States, the USA Patriot Act. Be assured that the school district analyzes all services to ensure they have the best possible security measures for the storage of our students' data.

As general safe practice, when interacting with any online service at school, students are taught to take care and avoid posting personal information or personal location that could be used to identify themselves or other persons. School District teachers and administrators are continually reviewing programs and applications (apps) and add them to our best practices list once they pass inspection regarding Terms of Use and Personal Privacy. As a result, the currently listed applications in each area of student work shown below may be added to in the future.*

- To explain and document their overall learning in literacy, students and teachers may be using MySite, Weebly, Book Creator, Comic Life, iMovie, and Picassa, Achieve 3000, Smarty Ants, Dreambox, Mathletics and Learning A-Z
- To explain and document their learning, students and teachers may be using MySite, Weebly, Prezi, Kidsblog, Edublog, Picassa, Seesaw, Freshgrade or Wordpress.
- To communicate with other learners, students may be using MySite, Weebly, Wordpress, Kidsblog, Blogger, Skype, Zoom or wikispace.
- To store and manage assignments and other information, students and teachers may be using Mysite, Dropbox, YouTube, Evernote, Springpad, Picassa, or Google Drive/Docs, Office 365, Seesaw, Canvas, Freshgrade

* For your reference, the list of approved apps and programs is posted at <http://its.sd71.bc.ca/>

Consent: I understand that the information my child's teacher and my child may create and store could be stored in or accessed from a location outside of Canada, and I hereby consent, on behalf of me and my child, to my child's information identified above being stored in, or accessed from, a location outside of Canada.

Permission to use the tools indicated above is granted for the duration of my child's time in School District 71 (Comox Valley).

If a parent or guardian has any questions or concerns with this information then please contact your program administrator to discuss.