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Dear Parents

The Ball's Bluff Elementary School community is participating in an exciting initiative in Loudoun County Public Schools: Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT).

Through this initiative we seek to support effective teaching and learning strategies, as our staff and students utilize their own devices to foster collaboration, communication, critical thinking, and creativity. Staff will receive ongoing professional development before and during the implementation process. Students will continue to receive education from the **Common Sense Digital Citizenship** curriculum, a guide that helps students navigate successfully though a connected world. Additionally, our staff will present and remind students about the guidelines for student use of technology in BYOT environments.

Families who choose to participate in the BYOT program are responsible for providing devices that will connect and access the school's wireless network. Technical guidelines are available on the LCPS BYOT webpage at www.lcps.org/BYOT. If your student does not have a device to bring to school or the device they own is not meant for travel, they will not be excluded from instruction in the BYOT setting. In that case, students will have the opportunity to use a school-issued device.

Our implementation of BYOT is for students in **grades 3, 4, and 5**. However, if children in the primary grades bring in their own devices, this letter needs to be returned to the classroom teacher signed before we will permit the child to use his/her device. We are asking students to provide their own headphones or earbuds and they are to have their devices charged each day. Students will be responsible for the security of their personal devices. LCPS and/or Ball's Bluff Elementary will not be responsible for loss, damage, or theft of any personal electronic device. Teachers will determine when the use of technology is appropriate for instruction in their classrooms.

BYOT has become the norm in LCPS. We believe the impact in our classrooms will be positive immediately, and we do not want to miss the instructional opportunities BYOT will provide for our students.

Sincerely,

Melinda D. Carper, Ed. D.
Principal

If you choose to participate in the BYOT program, please complete and return to your child's teacher before a personal device is brought to school.

I understand that LCPS and/or Ball's Bluff Elementary will not be responsible for loss, damage, or theft of any personal electronic device my child brings to school.

Student's Name: _____ Student's Teacher: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____