

Michigamme Elementary School

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FAMILY HANDBOOK

2015/2016 School Year



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“Every Little Chief is a Big Achiever!”

Vision

Michigamme Elementary is an outstanding learning community devoted to academic success and positive character building.

Mission

The mission of the Michigamme Elementary School community is to nurture positive self-esteem leading to the development of maximum learning potential and academic skills in a caring, supportive environment. Each student will be encouraged to become a critical thinker, an effective decision maker, and a productive citizen in our society.

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School Registration

New students can be registered at the school office. Children registering for kindergarten or from out-of-state must have a birth certificate, immunization record, and two proofs of residency. It is also important that parents provide the school with information regarding home addresses, telephone numbers, contact persons in case of emergency, etc. This information should be completed in its entirety on the Medical Emergency card which will be a part of your initial enrollment package, and re-done annually.

Textbooks & Supplies

Textbooks and workbooks are provided to each student at no cost. However, at the end of each school year, a replacement charge will be assessed if a child has lost or misused school property. Lost library books and above-listed materials will be charged replacement costs at the time of the incident. Refunds will be provided when/if materials are found.

At the beginning of each school year, classroom teachers will provide students with a list of supplies they will need (e.g., crayons, glue, colored pencils). Other school supplies may be purchased before school on Mondays throughout the school year at the school store sponsored by the Student Council.

Please contact the principal through the school office if you need assistance in getting supplies for your child.

Port Huron Schools School Year Calendar 2015/2016 School Year

Staff Meetings/Teacher Prep	September 1-3
Classes Begin – Full Day	September 8
Half-Day Teacher PSD	September 25
Half-Day Teacher PSD	October 30
Parent Teacher Conferences	November 17 - 19
Half-Day Students for Conferences	November 18 - 19
Half-Day Students and Staff	November 20
Thanksgiving Break	November 25 - 29
Half-Day Teacher PSD	December 18
Winter Break	December 19 - Jan. 3
Teacher Records Day	January 22
Mid-Winter Break	February 12 - 15

Half-Day Teacher PSD	March 24
Easter Break	March 25 – 27
Spring Break	April 2 - 10
Half-Day Teacher PSD	April 28
Half-Day Students and Staff	May 27
Memorial Day Break	May 30
Last Student Day	June 16
Last Teacher Day	June 17

School Hours

The daily schedule for Michigamme Elementary is as follows:

First Bell	8:17 a.m.
Tardy Bell – Instruction begins	8:25 a.m.
Morning ECSE	8:25 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.
Afternoon ECSE	12:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Grades K – 5	8:25 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Half Days	8:25 a.m. – 11:48 a.m.

Lunch periods are 30 minutes each plus passing time.

School Lunch Program

Every Kdg. through 5th grade student is provided with a thirty minute lunch period, which includes recess. All Michigamme students are eligible to receive free breakfast and hot lunch again this year. Applications for free or reduced meals are not needed. Milk is available for 40 cents per carton for students who bring lunch from home. Students may enter at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast. Ice cream is typically available for purchase on Wednesdays.

Early Dismissal

In the event that it is necessary to close school due to severe weather conditions, power failures, heating/water problems, etc., parents will be alerted by all local radio stations as least one hour before the unexpected dismissal is to occur. In the event there may be no one at home, please be sure that your children have an alternate place to go. Please keep the Early Dismissal Form updated.

On scheduled half days students will be dismissed at 11:48 a.m.

Report Cards

Report cards will be sent home with all students in grades K-5 a few days after the end of each marking period throughout the school year.

Elementary schools will have three marking periods this year. Marking period end dates are:

1 st Marking Period	November 13, 2015
2 nd Marking Period	March 4, 2016
3 rd Marking Period	June 16, 2016

Skyward (online) will be used to connect parents with the school this year. All primary guardians will receive the information regarding this in September.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held during the month of November. During some conference days, students will attend school during the morning session only, with parent-teacher conferences being conducted during the afternoon session or in the evening. Your appointment time will be scheduled by your child's teacher.

Parent attendance is important and tells your child that education is important. Ongoing parent-teacher communication is encouraged to help our students know we are all working together in their best interest.

School Telephone

Only emergency calls are to be made by students on school telephones. Emergency calls do not include such things as forgetfulness or calls home for permission to go home with a friend after school. We are happy to deliver important messages at an appropriate time during the school day. However, each telephone call is a disruption to the classroom involved. Therefore, we strongly encourage parents to take care of routine matters before your child leaves for school. Leaving voicemail messages for your child's classroom teacher is encouraged.

All emergency messages should be left with the office as voice mail messages may not be received until after your child leaves the building. Contact the office (as early in the day as possible, please) for any changes in your child's transportation.

Picking Up Students

Please remember that school is in session until 3:15 p.m. If you enter the building to pick up at the end of the day, please wait by the benches near the office and **not outside the classroom doors for the safety of all children in our building.** The doors closest to the office area are the only doors unlocked during school hours.

Should an emergency occur or a doctor/dental appointment be scheduled during school hours, students need to be signed out of the office. **Students will be called to the office when the person picking them up arrives.**

If your child usually rides the bus home and you plan to pick her/him up, your child's teacher MUST receive a note signed by you informing her/him of this change. We cannot take a child's word for such a request. **The best practice is to call the information into the school office AND send a written note.**

Elementary children easily become confused regarding changes in their schedule or can get an idea about something they want to happen and give us information at the last minute that is difficult to check on. The policy is: **Without a written and signed note, the child is to use their regular transportation system.** Please help us keep your child safe by also contacting the office (sometimes children forget to take notes out of their backpacks).

Attendance

Regular attendance is a must if your child is to realize her/his fullest educational potential. Children build life-long work habits early in their lives. Missed days of school can create academic problems and set the scene for poor work attendance practices as an adult. Students are expected to be in their classroom at 8:25 a.m. and stay until 3:15 p.m.

We realize illnesses do occur and your child is best cared for at home. When this happens, **please call the school office prior to 9:00 a.m. to report your child's absence.** Missed assignments should be completed within a reasonable time, usually two days, upon returning to school. Absences not excused by phone or a note are recorded as "Unexcused".

Students in attendance for fewer than 91 minutes during either the morning or afternoon sessions will be marked absent. If your child will be arriving late and needs a lunch ordered, please call by 9:00 to have the lunch ordered.

If a child's absences become excessive or form a pattern parents will be contacted by the teacher. A letter will be sent to parents when a student reaches eight days of absence in a semester. We will work with families to improve the student's attendance, but in cases of continued absences a truancy hearing may be held.

Homework

Port Huron School's policy suggests that elementary students receive homework three times a week as follows:

Kindergarten	15 minutes
Grades 1 – 3	20 to 30 minutes
Grades 4 – 5	40 minutes

The amount of time spent on homework assignments will be reasonable and reflect the ability of each student. Parents are encouraged to be involved in the educational process and support the homework process as it is important to a child's growth and acceptance of responsibility. Parents need to provide a positive environment for their child to productively complete homework assignments.

In cooperation with the community churches that often schedule Wednesday evening events, Port Huron Schools encourages teachers not to assign work that is due on Thursday or tests that might hinder participation in such Wednesday night church events.

Birthday Treats

Parents may send treats to school to celebrate their child's birthday. However, there will be no planned birthday party in the classroom which would consume instructional time. In most instances, the treat will be passed out to students just prior to the school lunch period and will be enjoyed in the lunchroom.

Flower and Balloon Deliveries

Flowers or balloons delivered to the school for a student will be kept in the office. We will invite the student to the office to see them as close to the delivery time as possible.

Michigamme PTA

All Michigamme parents are encouraged to join and become active participants in the Michigamme PTA. Many activities are scheduled each school year by the PTA officers in an effort to promote a close working relationship between home and school.

Parent (School) Advisory Council

All Michigamme parents are encouraged and welcome to attend Parent (School) Advisory Council. The purpose of the advisory council is to provide parents with an opportunity to discuss, with the building principal and other school personnel, educational issues and parental concerns which may arise during the school year. This is scheduled in conjunction with the monthly PTA meetings

Educational Assemblies & Field Trips

Assemblies and field trips are chosen for their educational and entertainment qualities. They help our students build better understandings related to the subjects they are studying. The cost of these activities is not part of the regular educational budget provided to the school. The Michigamme PTA provides generous support for these activities, but families may be asked to help cover some of the costs of field trips. Please contact the office if you need assistance.

Field trips are an extension of classroom learning for the students. Parents who chaperone may not bring other children on field trips.

School Visitors and Pets

We urge parents to visit Michigamme Elementary and become better acquainted. If you would like to observe your child's classroom, please contact the school office so that arrangements can be made.

All visitors to the building are required to report to the school office and sign in. When leaving the building, please return to the office to sign out. Pupils attending other schools may not visit Michigamme Elementary during the school day.

Pets/animals may only be brought for special educational reasons and if prior permission/request has been given by the classroom teacher. All animals MUST be transported to and from school by a responsible adult and MUST be caged or leashed in a humane manner and have all updated vaccinations that will assure the safety of the children in the building.

Physical Education Classes

All students will participate in a regular physical education program during the school day. If there are medical or physical reasons why your child cannot participate, please provide a doctor's note to the school.

It is required that each student wear soft soled tennis shoes during gym class. In addition, if it is necessary for your child to wear glasses during gym class, a parental permission form must be submitted to the physical education teacher.

Lost and Found

The Lost and Found is located in the cafeteria. All found articles of normal value will be at that location. In an effort to eliminate the possibility of lost articles, parents should label coats, sweaters, gloves, hats, lunch boxes, shoes, etc. All lost articles not claimed by the end of the school year will be donated to a charity organization.

School Dress Code

Students are expected to dress in a manner acceptable to parents and the school. They should dress comfortably, yet appropriately. Clothes and accessories should not be distracting to learning. Items that are not considered appropriate are halter tops; tube tops; tank tops with straps less than 2 inches wide; muscle shirts; or tops too short to tuck in, allowing bare midriffs; shorts or skirts that are less than the child's extended fingertip length; spandex; and clothing with violent, negative, disrespectful, drug, and/or alcohol related messages. Appropriate footwear is suggested for the safety of our

children. Flip flops and open sandals may be a danger on the playground with woodchips. Soft soled shoes are required for participation in gym activities. Shoes with rollers, including Bella Ballerina shoes are not permitted at school.

Students are expected to be dressed for the weather conditions. Outside recess is part of the planned school day, unless it is raining or temperatures dip into the danger zone. Students need to come dressed with changing conditions in mind. During the fall and winter, layering of clothing is strongly encouraged so they can be warm, dry, and comfortable outside and inside.

PLEASE LABEL ALL CLOTHES – ESPECIALLY BOOTS AND ALL OUTERWEAR.

School Parking

Traffic congestion is a problem at Michigamme Elementary. Anywhere from seven to nine buses are attempting to position themselves for the orderly and safe dropping off and picking up of our students while many parents are attempting to do the same thing. Please be aware of the following procedures and kindly cooperate when you are dropping off or picking up your children. **If you need to enter the building, you must park in one of the available parking spots.**

NORTH LOT: Parents of students in grade K – 3 should use this lot. During the morning, the circle around the perimeter is for quick drop off only. Do not leave your car in this area. Please pull ahead as far as you can, have your child(ren) exit onto the sidewalk, and leave right away. Do not block the marked crosswalk. During the afternoon dismissal, if waiting in that area, do not leave your car. In both cases, please exit the area slowly as pedestrian traffic and unpredictable movement by our students can cause dangerous situations. **Traffic flows one way in a counter clockwise direction in this lot.**

BUS CIRCLE (FRONT OF MAIN ENTRANCE):

No private vehicles should enter this area from 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. and 2:40 – 3:20 p.m., or if buses are present.

SOUTH LOT: This provides the closest entrance for all 4th, and 5th graders. There is room for dropping students off on the right side of the parking lot and space for cars to pass (carefully) on the left, in this lot. Students should exit the right side of your car and walk to the crosswalk. Please exit the parking lot as soon as possible to prevent congestion. At the end of the day please pull as far forward as possible if waiting for a student. **You must park in a parking spot if you will be getting out of your vehicle.**

Building Entrances - Visitor Procedure

For the safety of our students all doors other than the main entrance will be locked after the morning announcements. Visitors wishing to enter the school after that time are asked to use the front doors by the office (south entrance) and register in the school

office. **All visitors going beyond the office MUST sign in for the safety of all of our students.** Be sure to exit by the office and sign out as well.

Handicapped Entrance

Our main entrance has a handicapped accessible ramp. This is the only unlocked door after 8:30 a.m. The north entrance is also suitable for those using mobile devices requiring a flat surface. Should you need to enter at the north entrance, please ring the bell located on the left window frame of that entrance and a staff member or selected student will open the door. However, visitors are asked to use the main entrance door for easier access to checking in at the school office.

Medication (Administered at School)

If it is requested that school personnel administer medication to your child during the school day, a Medical Authorization form must be obtained from the school office, completed by your medical provider, and returned to the school office. Medication cannot be administered until the proper form is on file. All medications must be in their original prescription containers and brought to the office by an adult. **All other medication must be handled between parent and student without assistance from school personnel.**

Illness and Control of Communicable and Infectious Diseases

(Prepared with the aid of the County Health Department)

Disease	Exclusion from School for Following Period
Scabies and Pediculosis (Body and Head Lice)	During period of communicability (Nit free.)
Chicken Pox	Until all lesions are healed. (Dry and crusted over).
Scarlet Fever	Until clinical recovery.
Infectious Hepatitis	During the first two weeks of illness and at least two weeks after disappearance of jaundice.
Infectious Mononucleosis	Until symptoms disappear or until medical authorization is given to return.
Pink Eye-Conjunctivitis	Until completely healed or medical authorization is given to return.
Impetigo	Until completely healed or medical authorization is given to return.
Ringworm	Until area is non-infectious or completely healed or medical authorization is given to return.

We make every effort to control communicable diseases at Michigamme Elementary. Please help us by keeping your child home when the following symptoms occur: Fever ■ Sore Throat ■ Ear and Eye Discharge ■ Chills ■ Upset Stomach* ■ Open Sores ■ Swollen Glands.

**In persistent cases, contact the teacher for a conference*

School-wide Positive Behavior Support

To maintain a positive learning environment for all of our students, Michigamme Elementary has implemented a School-wide Positive Behavior Support Plan. The school environment includes all areas in the building, all school grounds, bus stops, and while students are traveling to and from school.

Our goal is that Michigamme students will be respectful, responsible and ready. All behavior expectations will fit into one of those three main headings. Our building team has developed a matrix detailing expectations for each area of the school and what it looks like to be respectful, responsible and ready in that area. An example:

Bus/Bus Stop*

Respectful: Follow directions of driver
Keep hands, feet and objects to self
Use kind words and actions

Responsible: Stand in designated area
Follow safety rules
Approach bus only when stopped
Stay seated facing forward

Ready: Be ready to enter or exit the bus
Be on time

*Also see Bus Transportation section on page 20.

You will notice that the expectations are stated in a positive manner, telling what should be done. A copy of the complete matrix is available. Ask in the office.

We will be using the first few days of school to teach the expectations in each of the areas of the school. Expectations will also be reviewed throughout the year. Students will be acknowledged for meeting the expectations.

Each teacher will have a plan to assist students who choose not to or are unable to meet the expectations. Major behavior concerns will be handled through the office and District policies will be followed where appropriate.

The purpose of school is for children to learn. We will do everything possible to help each child and work with their parents. However, we cannot tolerate behavior which may cause physical harm or disrupts the learning process. Our emphasis will be on helping girls and boys learn and demonstrate respectful, responsible and ready behaviors as well as problem solving techniques. We know your children are your most valuable possession and we value each child, as well.

Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying

Port Huron Schools prohibits acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying and is firmly committed to its prevention and elimination. Refusing to tolerate harassment, intimidation, or bullying is expected of district administrators, teachers, volunteers, and all other employees. The principal of each school is responsible for ensuring that the policy is implemented.

Harassment, intimidation and bullying means any written, verbal, or physical act, or any electronic communication that is intended or that a reasonable person would know is likely to harm one or more individuals either directly or indirectly and that would be perceived as ridiculing, insulting or demeaning. This includes, but is not limited to acts perceived as being motivated by religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, disability, height, weight, or socio-economic status, or any other distinguishing characteristics, including those based on an association with another person who has or is perceived to have any of these characteristics. For example, derogatory and demeaning comments to a person about their sexual orientation or use of racial slurs are prohibited.

Students who believe they have been the victim of harassment, intimidation, or bullying or know a student who they believe has been the victim of harassment, intimidation or bullying have an obligation to immediately report what they know to the building principal or his/her assigned designee. The incident may be reported verbally with the administrator serving as scribe, or the victim/reporting individual may fill in the HIB Complaint Reporting Form available at each school. The matter will be investigated promptly. False reports of harassment, intimidation, or bullying will result in appropriate remedial action.

Consequences and appropriate remedial actions for a student who commits an act of harassment, intimidation, or bullying may range from positive behavioral interventions up to and including suspension or expulsion. Remedial measures shall be designed to correct the problem behavior, prevent another occurrence of the behavior, and protect the victim of the act.

At the conclusion of the investigation, when there is a finding of a violation of this policy, the investigator will provide notification to the parent or legal guardian of a victim of bullying and the parent or legal guardian of a perpetrator of the bullying by phone, email, or letter.

Nondiscrimination Policy

Port Huron Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, height, weight, religion, or marital status in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies:

Tracie Eschenburg
Executive Directive of Staff and Student Services
2720 Riverside Drive
Port Huron, MI 48060
(810) 984-3101

Smoking

In accordance with Public Act 140 of 1993, there will be no use of tobacco products at any time in any building, vehicle, property, or grounds owned, leased, or controlled by Port Huron Schools. This includes private vehicles parked on school grounds and during all field trips.

Safety Drills

Fire Drills – Michigamme Elementary complies with the state requirement of holding five practice drills throughout the year. The purpose is to remind children of the need for being prepared, in case of emergency, and how to accomplish a safe evacuation.

Should an actual emergency occur, the media will be notified immediately through Port Huron Schools' Administrative Offices, which will relay transportation information to parents. Do not call the school. Listen to your local radio station for important information.

Tornado Drills – Each year, Michigamme Elementary, in cooperation with our local emergency preparedness program, conducts two Tornado Drills. Students are taken to the safest areas of the building possible and taught to assemble in a protective manner.

When threatening weather conditions prevail, it is permissible for parents to come to school to pick up their child(ren). Parents must sign out in the office before taking their child(ren). Students will be released only to parents or other adults listed on the student's Medical Emergency Information card.

Do not call the school during a tornado or an evacuation emergency. We need the phone lines to make necessary safety contacts. Stay tuned to local radio stations for further instructions.

Lockdown Drills - Each year the school is required to conduct three (3) practice lockdown drills. We may also practice an Evacuation Drill during the school year.

Bus Transportation

School bus service is handled by the Transportation Department. All questions concerning buses or bus stops should be directed to that office. (984-6567)

A large majority of Michigamme students utilize bus transportation as their means of getting to and from school. **Riding a bus is a privilege and standards of behavior on a bus are similar to classroom behavior.** Misbehavior on a bus or at a bus stop creates a hazard to the safety and welfare of all students.

Should a bus violation happen en-route to school, the driver will issue a Bus Violation Report to the student before the student gets off the bus at school and the student must see the Principal before riding the bus home. The parents must also sign the violation report to enable the student to ride the bus the next day. Failure to do this will result in the student's loss of riding privileges until the matter has been handled properly. If the incident occurs on the way home, the procedure is reversed.

Port Huron Schools' policy is to warn students first and then issue a Bus Violation Report if the warning has not been effective. If a student receives two Bus Violation Reports in the same semester, the student will be deprived of riding the school bus for three to ten days. Repeated violations (3 or more) may result in loss of bus transportation for the remainder of the school year. These rules also apply to behavior at the bus stop.

Students needing to travel to a location other than their normal drop off bus stop require a Transportation Deviation Permit before boarding the bus. Permits are available only through a written request signed by the parent and are issued by the school office. Deviations must be for childcare changes and not for social visits. **Please request transportation deviations as early in the day as possible to allow time for the office to complete the paperwork and give the form to the student.**

Walkers are dismissed after busses leave the school property so they are not on the roads when the busses pull out. Walkers should walk on the shoulder of the road facing traffic at all times. Students may ride bicycles to school but are not allowed to ride them during the school day.

Involved Parents Make a Difference

There are many things that parents can do that will help their children in school. Some of the more basic things are:

- Provide resources at home for reading and learning to take place. READ to or with your child each day.
- Be involved with your child's learning by talking with them about it during family times, such as dinner.
- Model good discussions by talking positively about your day or your work. Talk with them about how you solve problems in a positive manner.
- Do things with them that help them understand their world, such as math games, reading signs/maps, planning vacations, letting them see and experience various points of interest locally and while traveling in other areas, etc. Also, talk with them about feelings and how to make themselves and others feel good even when situations may be troublesome.
- While watching TV, talk with them about what they saw and help them sort out fact from fantasy.
- Above all, talk with them, sharing your wisdom and accepting their perspectives too.
- Encourage your children to try to do their best in school.

- Emphasize the importance of learning and school.
- Set a good example.
- Support Michigamme's rules and goals.
- Contact your child's teacher if you have a concern.
- Be aware of what is going on at school and become involved in school activities.
- Join Michigamme's PTA. Assist whenever possible with activities/programs that arise.

Student Placement – Teacher Request

Student placement each year is done in a manner that will help students gain new educational experiences that will help them grow academically and socially. We use several factors when making that placement. Ability levels, interests, peer relationships, teacher recommendations, girl/boy ratio, etc. We are very fortunate to have a building filled with caring and capable teachers who strive to help each of their students reach their maximum potential.

The district permits parents to make requests for particular teachers; however, the listing of more than one teacher is required. Additionally, it is better to make a request for a certain teaching style that works best or identify one that doesn't work well for your child. Individual teachers may not be available during the following year due to any of a host of reasons. **An attempt will be made to honor requests as long as they allow classes to be balanced appropriately. However, a request is not a guarantee for a specific placement.**

A form will be included in the school newsletter providing a time frame, complete with deadline, for making such requests. Requests made after the specified deadline will not be considered.

Schools of Choice

Port Huron Schools will review all requests for In-District Schools of Choice. All applications that are received by the designated deadline in May for the following school year will be reviewed. Applications requiring immediate action (e.g. daycare, moved and wish student to remain at the school she/he has been attending) will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Applications will be reviewed based on the following:

- Classroom availability.
- Need for Schools of Choice (will be prioritized as follows):
 1. Student is currently a Kindergarten – 12th grade student and is already attending the school being requested.
 2. Daycare provider is in the area of the school being requested.

3. Other requests

- Student's attendance and/or discipline record. If an applicant has had any record of poor discipline, poor attendance, or poor parent cooperation, the requested school may deny the application. Also, if a student develops a discipline and/or attendance problem while attending on Schools of Choice, the application may be revoked.

Once approved, students may remain at the requested school without having to reapply every year. However, should the grade your child is attending exceed the number of students permitted in a class, it may be necessary for your child to return to the school where you reside. Should this procedure be necessary, the most recent applicants would be the first to be transferred.

The parent is responsible for providing transportation for the student. Port Huron Schools is not responsible for transporting students on the Schools of Choice Program.

School of Choice forms are available for downloading at the District Web Site; in any school office; or at Port Huron School's Administrative Office located at 2720 Riverside Drive.

Internet Access

Port Huron Schools has made computer networks, including the internet, available to all students in an effort to support the District's mission and goals. The District believes that computer technology and its use can enhance and improve learning in the classroom. The District respects each family's right to decide whether or not to allow their child access to the internet and other online information services. **Parents who do not want their child to have access to the internet are required to notify the building principal in writing.**

Cell Phones/Electronic Devices

PHS does not encourage students to have cell phones on school grounds, but understands the wishes of some parents to have the ability to communicate electronically with their children. The use of cell phones and other personal technology devices is allowed in class if approved by the teacher and the device is being used for appropriate educational purposes.

These devices will not be allowed in the lunchroom or on the playground and should remain in the student's backpack, unless being used with teacher approval.

The student who possesses a cell phone shall assume responsibility for its care. At no time shall PHS be responsible for theft, loss or damage to cell phones brought onto its property (including during confiscation). Inappropriate use of electronic devices is strictly prohibited.