

Technology & Internet Options in Cedaredge

This week, we have begun to ensure that prior to transitioning our learning model to include an online component, our students (in grades 4 and 5 to start and then working to include grades 2 and 3) have adequate resources and internet connectivity to be able to access resources online. With that in mind, we are looking to distribute Chromebooks to families most in need. What that means is that we are unable to provide 1-to-1 technology to all our students, so we may be asking families who already have Chromebooks, laptops and desktops, if their child can use those resources. For families with multiple students, we will also be looking to provide 1-2 devices for all students to share. Families checking out a Chromebook must sign our school district's contract prior to us providing the Chromebook. We appreciate your understanding.

For internet connectivity, our school district recently disbursed a document that included information for acquiring free or reduced priced internet during the COVID-19 pandemic (you will find this document amongst the resources we are sending out this week). Another option for families to explore would be adding a wireless Hotspot to your cell phone, that your child could then use to connect to the internet. As a school, on a limited basis, we are also willing to help families who are unable to pay for either reduced price internet or the monthly charge of a personal Hotspot. Please contact Mr. Renfrow for more information.

Another option for families, would be to take advantage of the many businesses in Cedaredge that are willing to allow families to access their businesses WiFi from the street or parking lot, such as while sitting in a vehicle. Families are more than welcome to use Cedaredge Elementary School's internet, you would just need to pull into our south parking lot to access the internet. Other local businesses and organizations who have stepped up to offer their internet to families and students include:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Cedaredge Public Library● Cedaredge Foodtown● Creekside Bed and Breakfast● Stay Wise Inn Cedaredge● The Lost Mesa Grill (password: GoodFood)● T's Grill (password: 28482848)● Creekside Cafe	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Apple Shed (password: ApplePieintheSky)● Grand Mesa Outdoors● Stoney Mesa Winery● Andersens Garage● Pioneer Town (password: pioneertown)
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We are grateful to these organizations for extending this offer to families and students in our community!