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Principal's Message

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Profile Update

To assist is in keeping our database current, please return the attached Profile information form with any needed corrections. If all information listed is accurate, you do not need to return the form. Thank you for your cooperation,

Cellular Phone Policy

Please review the following cell phone policy. Due to a publishing error the entire policy was not printed in our handbook.

The Chocksett Middle School's policy on cellular telephones is designed to ensure that the use of cell phones does not interfere with teaching and learning during the school day. It was developed in cooperation with the Chocksett School Council. This policy applies to all students.

1. Students are permitted to use cell phones *only* during the following times:
 - after school hours in the front lobby or outside of the building
 - at after-school or sports activities, only with the permission of the coach, instructor or program director
2. The use of cell phones for any purpose – including telephone calls, text messaging and other functions = *is not permitted* at any other time on school grounds.
3. Cell phones *must not be visible* during the school day.
4. Cell phones *must be completely turned off* (not simply on silent or vibrate mode) during the school day.

Penalties for students that violate the policy will be as follows:

- **First offense:** The cell phone will be confiscated and returned only to the student's parent or guardian.
- **Second offense:** The cell phone will be confiscated and returned only to the student's parent or guardian. *The student may not bring a cell phone to school for the remainder of the school year.*
- **Repeated violations of this policy:** Students will be subject to additional disciplinary action up to and including suspension.

Bullying Prevention and Intervention

Please review the enclosed documents regarding the districts' updated information and an amendment to our Chocksett Handbook concerning Bullying Prevention and Intervention.

“Principal’s Coffee & Chat”

A “Principal’s Coffee & Chat” will take place on Friday, October 22nd @ 9:00am in the Chocksett School Library. This is time for us to meet informally to discuss any school related issues. It also gives us an opportunity to get to know one another, disseminate information and share ideas. Additional Coffee & Chats will occur throughout the school year. The times will vary between day and evening.

As always, if you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Margaret Morgan, Principal