

Dear Future Grizzlies,

On behalf of the Garrison Forest School Technology Department, we want to welcome you to the Forest! At Garrison Forest School, we use technology to support learning. Computers and other technologies allow us to find information that informs our thinking and connects us with others. Technology is ubiquitous on campus and in our classrooms, and because it changes so quickly, your teachers are often learning with you and from you.

Garrison Forest School is proudly a G-Suite (formerly Google Apps for Education) school. This means we work “in the cloud,” and use Gmail, Google Drive, and Google Sites, to name just a few of our digital tools, everyday. Our chosen device for students in grades 5-8 is the Chromebook. Chromebooks are lightweight, boot-up in seconds, have a long battery life. Even better, you can access your files from any computer connected to the internet.

Our department works to review and test new Chromebook models as manufacturers and our vendor make them available to us. Our vendor is in close contact with the manufacturers and will inform us of the cost as soon as they know. The Chromebook we require generally ranges from \$350-\$500 and we will share specific pricing as soon as it becomes available to us.

Additional information will be available on our website in mid-May. If you have any questions about purchasing your computer, feel free to contact robertammons@gfs.org.

Again, welcome to the Forest!

The GFS Technology Department