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Dear Parents,

As we embark in a new school year and continue to strive for an optimal learning environment at Key Biscayne K8 Center we would like to address an important aspect of our school day: the use of cell phones and communication devices.

While we recognize the convenience and necessity of staying connected in today's digital age, we have observed that the presence of personal devices in the classroom can sometimes lead to distractions that impact students' focus and academic performance. To ensure that our students can fully engage in their learning experiences, we kindly request your cooperation in helping us manage this matter effectively.

We encourage you to leave cell phones and communication devices at home during the school day for the following reasons:

1. **Minimized Distractions:** Personal devices can be a significant source of distraction, diverting students' attention away from their lessons and activities. By leaving these devices at home, students are better able to concentrate on their studies.
2. **Enhanced Learning Environment:** A device-free environment helps maintain a classroom atmosphere that is conducive to learning and collaboration, allowing students to interact more meaningfully with their teachers and peers.
3. **Reduced Disruption:** Cell phones and communication devices can inadvertently cause disruptions, whether through ringing, notifications, or the temptation to check them during class. By not bringing these devices to school, we can minimize such interruptions.
4. **Encouraging Responsible Use:** By reinforcing the practice of using phones only during designated times, we help students develop better habits for managing technology responsibly and understanding when it is appropriate to use their devices.

If you decide to send your child to school with a cell phone or communication device, it will be turned off during the school day and collected at the beginning of their school day. Five minutes before dismissal cell phones and communication devices will be returned to your child for their use after school. We understand that there may be circumstances where communication with your child during the school day is necessary, please contact our school office at 305-361-5418 as needed. *Please note, if your child is picked up early from school, they will not be able to pick up their cell phone or communication device until the next school day.*

We appreciate your understanding and support in this matter. Our goal is to create the best possible learning environment for every student, and we believe that by working together, we can achieve this.

Respectfully,

Julissa Piña

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