

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA
ANNA BLAKISTON DAY SCHOOL
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September 5, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Greetings from the A. B. Day Middle Years Homeroom Association! We are the “TEAM” of educators responsible for teaching **Math, English Language Arts, Science** and **Social Studies** to the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students at Anna Blakiston Day School (A. B. Day). We are delighted to have your child in our classes and we look forward to this being a most successful year; however, your help is needed. The way you can help is to ask your child every school day if homework and/or classwork was assigned, and if so, make sure your child completes the assignment(s). Below are the expectations for all Middle Year classes:

- ❑ **BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS:** Our non-negotiable rules are **being respectful of others, completing assignments, arriving on time, no cutting class.** Additional classroom rules will be collectively determined between the students and the teacher. An incentive program to reward students for exhibiting positive behaviors and to encourage those students who exhibit non-compliant behaviors will also be established.
- ❑ **SUPPLY LIST:** Please see the reverse side of this letter for the Middle Year’ supply list. ***Please note that consistently coming to school without the proper school supplies may interfere with your child’s ability to complete classwork assignments resulting in negatively affecting your child’s class participation/classwork grade.*** In addition, we will be assigning projects throughout the school year that will require your child to have access to a computer, the Internet and a printer. Projects are to be completed at home and in class when time permits. Should your child need assistance in using this technology, please let us know so that accommodations may be made to enable the timely completion of assignments.
- ❑ **CHROMEBOOKS AND CHARGERS:**
 - According to our technology distribution records, EVERY STUDENT was assigned and received a laptop and charger for in-person and virtual learning. The computers are to remain assigned to each student until the child either graduates or is transferred to a school outside of the School District of Philadelphia.
 - **Laptops are to be charged at home and ready for use prior to the start of each school day.**
 - If your child’s **charger** is lost or damaged, it is the responsibility of the of the parent/child to replace the charger for continued use. **The School District of Philadelphia will not be responsible for charger replacements.** If your child’s **computer** is lost, stolen, or damaged, your child is to inform our Digital Learning teacher, Mr. Thomas, immediately of this occurrence so that proper steps can be taken to ensure your child will be able to complete computer/online assignments. For your convenience, below are recommendations for charger replacements:

45W USB-C Chromebook Charger Fit for HP Chromebook 14 14A G5 14-ca061dx 14-ca020nr 14-ca060nr 14-ca043cl 14-ca052wm 14-ca051wm X360 11A 11 G6 EE 11 G1 11-ae051wm 11-ae000

Amazon's Choice in Laptop Chargers & Adapters by DERUI



65W Adapter Laptop Charger for HP Chromebook 11 14 G3 G4 X360 Series Notebook 11-v020wm 11-v025wm 11-v010wm 14-q010dx 14-ak013dx, 19.5V 3.33A 65W HP Chromebook Charger Round Blue Tip Cord

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Finally, you may also help by keeping your child's homeroom teacher abreast of any circumstances that may impede your child's progress in school. You may contact us by email or calling the school office at **215-400-3520**. Each teacher's room number and email address is provided below for your convenience. You are also encouraged to attend our **"BACK-TO-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE"** on **THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2023, from 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.** This is a good opportunity for you to meet the Middle Years staff, observe your child's learning environment, personally ask questions, and receive additional information about academic/behavioral expectations.

Your help and support will not only make your child more successful in school this year but will instill good study habits that will last a lifetime. Thank you in advance for your support and here's to a wonderful 2023-2024 school year!

Sincerely,

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THE 2023-2024 MIDDLE YEARS SCHOOL SUPPLIES LIST

Ms. Hall
Middle Years
G7-8 Math Teacher

Ms. Keels
Middle Years
G7-8 ELA Teacher

Ms. Felix
Middle Years
G6-7 Math Teacher

Mr. Jackson
Middle Years
G6-7 ELA Teacher

Mr. Lilienfield
Middle Years
G6-8 Social Studies Teacher

Mrs. Podolsky
Middle Years
G6-8 Science Teacher

GRADES 6-8 GENERAL HOMEROOM/CLASS SUPPLIES:

- SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA ASSIGNED CHROMEBOOK
- SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA ASSIGNED CHROMEBOOK CHARGER
- ONE (1) SET OF HEADPHONES OR EAR BUDS FOR COMPUTER USAGE
- WATERPROOF BACKPACKS
- Paper Towels Tissues/Kleenex
- Lysol Wipes
- Hand Soap or Hand Sanitizer
- Band-Aids
- Pencils (#2, Mechanical)/Pencil Sharpener (that collect shavings)/Eraser
- Colored Pencils/Markers
- Highlighters
- Pens
- Dry Erase Markers

For 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Math:

- (4) Folders {1 for each Quarter}
- (4) MATH 1-Subject Spiral Notebooks (one per quarter)
- Plenty of Pencils (#2 or Mechanical)
- 1 ream of copy paper (*optional*)

For 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Science:

- (4) SCIENCE 1-Subject Spiral Notebooks (one per quarter)
- #2 Pencils or Mechanical Pencils
- Plenty of Pens
- (1) Scientific calculator for Math and Science calculations

For 6th, 7th and 8th Grade English Language Arts (ELA):

- 2 pocket folders (one for “Reading” and one for “Writing”)
- (4) ELA 1-Subject Spiral Notebooks (one per quarter, if not using a loose-leaf binder)
- 1 pack of college ruled loose leaf paper
- Plenty of Pens: **DARK BLUE & BLACK INK ONLY** (classwork and homework in colored ink WILL NOT be accepted.)
- Plenty of #2 Pencils
- 1 ream of copy paper (*optional*)
- 1 bottle of white out (*optional*)

For 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Social Studies:

- (4) Folders {1 for each Quarter}
- (4) Social Studies Spiral Notebooks (1- Subject, 1 for each Quarter)
- #2 Pencils or Mechanical Pencils
- Plenty of Pens
- 1 ream of copy paper (*optional*)