



BEAR CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As part of a District initiative, some teachers at our school have recently started using a product called **FreshGrade**. This product allows us to capture evidence of learning in the classroom. Very shortly with your consent, you will have the opportunity to begin receiving **ongoing** information regarding your child's learning. This information may take the form of informal notes, pictures, or links to video or audio. You will receive these updates via email. Feedback you receive will detail:

- ✓ *Your child's accomplishments,*
- ✓ *Areas of learning your child needs to focus more on,*
- ✓ *Ways you can support your child's learning.*

Most important is that you, as parents, receive information in a timely manner so you can provide support and communicate with your child's teacher when it is most needed. We hope that by the time Term 1 comes to a close, you will have a more clear understanding of your child's progress.

What you need to know as parents?

FreshGrade provides teachers with a online space to collect formative assessment on your child's progress in various subject areas. While the teacher has access to your child's account, the account is private and requires a username and password. **FreshGrade** is a company based out of British Columbia. However, the website is hosted by a U.S. based server, and the information collected may be stored there for a period of time. Like ALL information stored on U.S. based servers, **FreshGrade** information may be subject to U.S. law, including the Patriot Act. This is the same for other commonly used sites, such as YouTube, Edmodo and Weebly, which other schools in the Surrey School District are using.

In order for your child to participate, we require your permission based on the information provided above. Please read and sign the permission form below. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher or administration at the school. We look forward to working and learning together with you during this process!

Sincerely,

☐ **YES**, as the parent or guardian of the student named below, I give my consent for my child to be part of the school **FreshGrade** initiative. In order to share information about your child's learning **WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS**. Please share this information below.

☐ **NO**, as the parent or guardian of the student named below, I do not give my consent for my child to be part of the school **FreshGrade** initiative.

Student Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Email: _____