

Dear Parents,

We will be making our school a phone-free space to improve teaching and learning using a system called <u>Yondr</u>. Yondr has been implemented in over 1,000 schools across 21 countries to facilitate an engaged learning environment.

We believe that phones have great utility, however, we have also found that learning and social behavior improve drastically when students are <u>fully engaged</u> with their teachers and classmates.

The Yondr Program utilizes a simple, secure pouch that stores a phone. Every student who brings a phone to school will secure their phone in a personally assigned Yondr pouch when they arrive in their homeroom.

Yondr recently surveyed over 900 school partners to measure the effects of creating phone-free educational environments. These schools achieved notable progress in multiple areas:

- 65% of schools saw an improvement in academic performance
- 74% of schools saw an improvement in student behavior
- 83% of schools saw an improvement in student engagement in the classroom

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school directly at 520-424-3353 or attend our Back to School Bingo Night to learn more information.

If there is ever an emergency and you would like to get in contact with your child during the school day, please reach out to our school office staff! Either Linda or Lucy will gladly pass the message along to your student.

In an effort to best serve your child, we appreciate your full support in adoption of the Yondr Program at our school.

Thank you,

Mrs. Murrieta

