

Dear GWCFC Parents,

We are excited to let you know about a new program we're introducing at our school: YONDR Pouches! The YONDR pouch is a secure locking device designed to temporarily store cell phones during school hours, while keeping their devices safe and in our students' possession. These pouches will help our students stay focused and engaged during the school day by keeping their phones secure.

Here's why we believe YONDR Pouches will be great for our students:

1. **Better Focus:** Without the distraction of their phones, students can concentrate more on their schoolwork and participate actively in class.
2. **Improved Social Interaction:** Without phones, students will have more opportunities to build friendships during breaks and lunchtime.
3. **Safer Environment:** With fewer distractions from phones, we can reduce instances of cyberbullying and create a more positive atmosphere at school.
4. **Healthier Habits:** By limiting screen time, students can engage in healthier activities like reading, sports, and other hobbies.

We will be assigning our students' YONDR pouches on the first day of school. Our expectations are for our students to power off and pouch up their phone each day before entering the building.

At dismissal, they will be able to unlock pouches at the exits of our building.

We understand that you may have concerns about staying in touch with your child. Rest assured, in case of emergencies, you can always contact the school directly, and we will make sure your message gets to your child promptly.

We believe that using YONDR Pouches will help our students achieve their best academically and socially. Thank you for supporting this initiative and helping us create a better learning environment for everyone.

Sincerely,

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