

September 10, 2007

Dear Parent/Guardian:

In the ongoing quest to promote the success of our students' technology skills, PVUSD has allocated school email accounts for Explorer Middle School students and teachers. We are very excited to be part of this pilot program and are confident our students will learn valuable life, social and workplace skills, while developing computer proficiency in transition beyond high school.

PV Learners is a tool provided for students and teachers that allows them to network globally and engage in project based learning. Students will have an email account which will continue through graduation from high school. Each account has a calendar function for organizing the student's day, week, and month. The Start Page contains current headlines, weather, word of the day, brain teasers, and a variety of other widgets/tools. The students will learn how to use email as a communication tool and enhance their writing skills.

Access to network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner and in accordance with the PVUSD Student Handbook; "Electronic Devices" use policy at the following web site:

(<http://cmweb.pvschools.net/siteweb> > Parents > Student Handbook; page 5).

Student email accounts have been established through Google Services and are subject to the terms and conditions of Google. For more information visit:

(<http://start.pvlearners.net> > Google Terms of Service).

Students will be responsible for their own conduct and will agree to act responsibly. The PVUSD Technology Department will provide and maintain all student accounts and its administrators will have access to student content. Should any suspicion of this account being misused occur, it will be investigated and subject to the findings; access may be suspended or terminated at the discretion of its administrators. Please feel free to contact me, if you have any further questions or concerns. We are delighted to provide this opportunity for your child and look forward to expanding their horizons into the 21st Century of Learning!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marianne M. Bursi".

Marianne Bursi
Principal, Explorer M.S.

Permission form for PV Learners.net

Date: _____

Parent name: _____

grant permission for my student _____

to use the PV Learners.net tool.

Parent Signature _____

Student Signature _____

Please return this form to Mrs. Guthrie, in the front office at Explorer Middle School.