Dear Parent(s),

Our class would like to use several online learning tools this year. Before using these tools, we wanted to make you aware of federal regulations that apply to operators of websites and require parental consent when they collect information on children under 13, as described below.

In order for students to use participate in using these, certain personal information must be provided to the web site operator. Under the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), these websites must provide parental notification and obtain parental consent before collecting personal information from children under the age of 13. For more information on COPPA, please visit <https://www.ftc.gov/tips-advice/business-center/privacy-and-security/children%27s-privacy>.

Schools are permitted to collect consent forms from parents of students, thereby eliminating the need for individual parental consent given directly to the web site operator. We are therefore providing you with this consent form.

One of these tools is Classcraft, an online learning tool that helps students become more motivated to participate in class. Please take a moment to look at the website we will be using: (http://www.Classcraft.com), as well as what personal information the site collects: (http://www.classcraft.com/privacy-policy/).

I would also like to incorporate the new Parent Accounts. If you choose, you can create an account (I will send out codes within the second week of class) and follow along with your child. You will be able to give them Gold Pieces for in-game use. Please note that the Gold Pieces do not give your child an advantage in the classroom. It allows them to upgrade armor and pets which are only for looks and do not give any advantage. The Parent Account would also allow you to see Classroom Content (reading material) that I assign the students, as well as their assignments.

Another tool we would like to use is TinkerCad, an online learning tool that helps students create 3-D objects. We have six 3-D printers in the classroom and we will be using TinkerCad to design or 3-D models to print. Please take a moment to look at the website we will be using: (http://www.tinkercad.com), as well as what personal information the site collects: (http://tinyurl.com/MRZtinkercad).

Thirdly, we will be using West Point Bridge Designer (WPBD). WPBD is a program that allows the students to design and test a bridge on their computer. There is an associated contest taking place 2nd Semester. Students in 1st semester classes will learn how to use the software, so that they may enter the contest on their own (even coming for help during SMART Block) as the contest progresses. Please take a moment to look at the website we will be using: (http://www.bridgecontest.org), as well as the privacy policy collects: (<https://bridgecontest.org/enter/rules/> Item 4). The use of the software does not require parental permission, but entry into the contest does.

After reviewing these sites, Please sign and return the form indicating whether you want your child to participate (OPT-IN) or not participate (OPT-OUT). We would like to begin using these tools the 2nd week of school, so I ask that you return the forms by Friday, July 15.

Sincerely,

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Parent/Guardian Name (PLEASE PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Classcraft OPT-IN \_\_\_ OPT-OUT \_\_\_

TinkerCad OPT-IN \_\_\_ OPT-OUT \_\_\_

West Point Bridge Designer OPT-IN \_\_\_ OPT-OUT \_\_\_