# Hello Hampden Families We need your help!!!

As you know, Computer class has been transformed into Explorations.

In addition to learning different programs, the students will also be using technology to design, explore, learn, and share their creative problem solving skills.

Remember that time you created your own game as a kid or repurposed your couch as a fort.





Today many of us use technology to gather insight. We use many different technologies and tools to help solve problems. We then sometimes share it with many of our friends and family digitally.

Our children may or may not have the same tools when they are older (most likely not), which is why it is ever so important to teach them to collaborate, explore, fail and succeed. In return, our children will be willing to take risks to become creative and capable problem solvers regardless of the platform.

With this being said, we are asking our Hampden community for any support that you are able to provide. On the back of this paper, there is a list of items we are looking for. If you have any items on the back you are willing to part with, please consider donating them to our school.

Kind Regards, Mr. de La Barrera Explorations Teacher

### **Community Supply Requests**

Before you throw out the following materials, consider donating these "Upcycle Materials" to Hampden:

#### **Recyclable Materials for Upcycling:**

- Bread Ties/Twist Ties
- Soda Bottles 2 Liter Bottles
- Plastic Cups
- Wire Hangers
- Newspapers
- Boxes (shoe, cereal, etc.) (Flattened)
- Fabrics (Scraps & Felts are Acceptable)
- Miscellaneous Stickers
- Assorted Nuts, Bolts, Washers
- CDs
- Miscellaneous Game Pieces/Parts
- Pulleys
- Rubber Bands

# Additional Supply Donation Requests:

- <u>Assorted Legos & Lego Mats</u> (Gently Used)
- <u>K'nex pieces</u>
- Old smartphones\*\*
- Old smartphone chargers\*\*
- Ziplock Bags (all sizes)
- Velcro
- Toothpicks
- Aluminum Foil
- Decorative Crafts Supplies
- Building Blocks/Lincoln Logs/extra Jenga pieces
- · Coffee Filters
- Hand Tools (Screwdrivers, wrenches, etc)

\*\*We are looking for smartphones that are worth more donated than turned in for store credit. Many times, our phones we "trade in" are scrapped or shipped overseas. Our programs will give your old devices a new life and purpose.

Students will use these devices along with technologies such as virtual reality (VR), augmented reality (AR). and mixed reality (MR). These tools will allow students to use VR goggles to immerse themselves into worlds beyond our classroom.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!