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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Valparaiso Community Schools is implementing Google Apps for Education (GAFE) for students and staff. GAFE is a cloud based learning platform allowing teachers and students to create and work on a range of documents which can be accessed at home and school on any device connected to the internet. GAFE allows users to collaborate and learn using technology while offering a range of new learning opportunities for teachers and students.

Services your child will use include Docs/Sheets/Slides - a word processing, spreadsheet, and presentation toolset that is very similar to Microsoft Office. As we progress throughout the year we may add services, if they fit into the curriculum. Google Plus and email for grades K-5 are not active for students.

At the beginning of the school year, a Student Technology Acceptable Use Agreement sign-off was required to enable your student to use the technology/networked resources in the school district. It is expected that students will operate within the parameters of the Acceptable Use Policy with regards to Google Apps for Education. If this policy sign-off was not completed, your student will not have a Google account or access to any of its associated resources.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you, as always, for your dedication to your child's education.

Sincerely,

Erin Utesch