

# Ear Bud Request

As we all know, “Progress is impossible without change . . .” ~Bernard Shaw.

At CVES, we offer individualized Reading and Math online programs which necessitate headphones to support differentiated instruction and individual student work. For the sake of efficiency and health, we request that *each student bring in their own set of EARBUDS*. Our research has found that other schools who have

adopted this approach have increased the lifespan of the headphones because the student takes ownership in them! We have experienced that school-purchased headphones rarely survive more than 1 ½ years because of the constant wear and tear, and also come with potential health concerns surrounding the sharing of them. Other schools that have adopted this practice share that it has worked out wonderfully. The students are expected to be responsible for the care, labeling and storage of their **Ear Buds** in baggies in the classroom.



Panasonic RPHJE120A In-Ear Headphone, Blue  
by Panasonic

**\$5.99** ~~\$9.99~~ Prime  
Get it by **Monday, Dec 14**

More Buying Choices  
**\$3.95** new (67 offers)



Earphones for Apple Iphone 5 (White)  
by E-XUJING

**\$2.80**

More Buying Choices  
**\$1.47** new (56 offers)  
**\$8.65** used (3 offers)

We have been blessed to have a supportive PTSA who recently purchasing 30 Chrome - Books and 40 Ipad; while the School District just allotted a COW (*Computer On Wheels of 30 additional Chrome-Books*) adding to our mobile technology arsenal, and bringing us closer to our goal of 1 student to 1 device. Each student having their own headphones will help support this effort.

Our intent is not for parents to spend a lot of money on these, and *if they get broken, the parent or student can to replace them inexpensively*. We believe that **Ear Buds** or other similar inexpensive devices would be the preferred model, primarily because many classrooms will have an expectation that only one earbud is in when being used, so students can hear teacher direction. We have found that simplicity of **Ear Buds** and they cost as little as a couple of bucks. That said, we will NOT accept “Beats” or any top name brands of Head Phones. Earbuds will be used for support of classroom learning programs and high-end sound capabilities are not necessary. Families are encouraged to spend less than \$10.00. To support sanitary practices, each student will store them in a baggy with the student name on it and can even have a piece of tape with their name wrapped around the cord labeled in permanent marker with the student’s name, grade, and homeroom teacher. Our goal would be to have each student have a pair **by February 1<sup>st</sup>**. Your support with this initiative is appreciated. It will service our students; your children with a quick, safe, economical and efficient tool.

I welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss any question you may have.

Thanks for your understanding and cooperation and “GO CUBS!”