

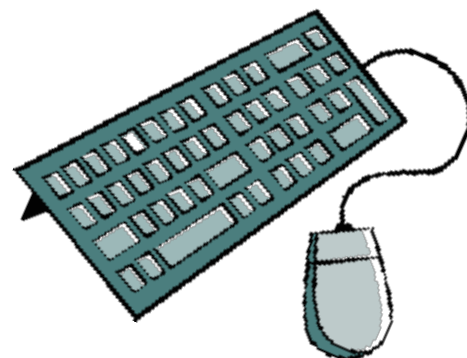
Dear Parents and Students,

At Foothill Elementary, we feel that keyboarding skills are very important. These skills prepare students for junior high and high school, as well as for working in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Students spend a few minutes practicing keyboarding in their Computer specialty class at school, but to really become proficient typers, students are encouraged to practice their typing skills at home. To reinforce and encourage students with this skill, we are excited to announce our first annual...

## “Foothill Keyboarding Challenge”

### Here is how it works:

1. By the end of each trimester, students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> will be asked to meet a benchmark.
2. Those who reach this grade-level benchmark (see below) will be given a small prize AND their names are entered into a drawing.
3. One student who met the benchmark will be randomly selected to win a brand-new **Chromebook!** One Chromebook will given away at the end of each trimester (Paid for with fundraiser funds).
4. At the end of the school year, the student with the fastest wpm in keyboarding from each grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>, will receive the “**Golden Mouse Award.**” (This is a wireless, gold-colored computer mouse). If there is a tie, the student with the higher accuracy percentage wins.
5. Students take a typing test during the last few days of each trimester--typing speed tests from earlier in the year aren’t counted for the contest.



### Benchmarks for each grade level:

	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
1st Trimester Benchmark (ending Nov. 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2017)	7 wpm	15 wpm	20 wpm	30 wpm
2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester Benchmark (ending Feb. 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2018)	11 wpm	18 wpm	25 wpm	38 wpm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Trimester Benchmark (ending May 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2018)	15 wpm	20 wpm	30 wpm	45 wpm

\*Some possible sites to visit for extra practice at home are: [typing.com](http://typing.com) (used in Computer Specialty Class at Foothill), [keybr.com](http://keybr.com), [nitrotype.com](http://nitrotype.com), [typingclub.com](http://typingclub.com), [learntyping.org](http://learntyping.org)

**Good Luck and Happy Keyboarding!**