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Dear Project-Based Learning Parents,

We are excited to announce with this project students will have the opportunity to create and maintain a blog with their Ecosystems Project group! As many of you know, a blog is short for weblog--a writing platform that is more interactive than a typical website. This is more than just a simple journal or diary posted online. Students will be communicating their ideas and research findings with the global community across the Internet.

We are writing this letter to inform you of our plans and to keep you up to date on happenings in PBL with the remainder of this project. We are very excited about blogging because it will allow your children more freedom to express themselves in the academic environment while still continuing to develop as mature writers.

It is our utmost priority to teach not only writing skills, but to promote responsible Internet Citizenship and safe online behaviors. In order to ensure adult monitoring of the blogs and comments, students will be using the Blogger account attached to their school account. Teachers will also be made editors of the blogs so that supervising adults will have access to all blogs at all times.

More information about the blogging specifications, links to the blogs themselves, and further updates will be forthcoming.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact through email or by phone.

Thank you for your continued support and open mindset,
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