

## School Header

Dear Parents and Guardians,

### RE: Student-Led Conferences

On [date], we will be hosting Student-Led Conferences. The purpose of a student-led conference is to showcase a child's accomplishments. It allows each student to be accountable and to accept responsibility for reporting progress and sharing evidence of learning with parents. Student-Led Conferences provide a meaningful opportunity for children to develop a sense of accomplishment, to become effective communicators, and to develop leadership skills. Other important skills that are reinforced through this process are time management, organization, problem solving, and decision-making.

All students and parents are invited to attend. The conferences take approximately 30 minutes. More than one Student-Led Conference may be going on in your child's classroom at once. The following is a list of suggested guidelines for these conferences. This will help ensure a successful experience for you and your child:

- Make this a time when your child has your undivided attention – no siblings, if possible, please.
- Sit on the same side of the table as your child.
- Respect the privacy of the other conferences that may be taking place.
- Allow your child to direct the conference.
- Focus on the strengths, positives, and growth over time.
- Look for the development of your child's thinking and ideas as he/she/they lead you through their work.
- Use active listening: eye contact, positive body language, listen attentively, paraphrase, offer encouraging comments.
- Ask open-ended questions, such as:
  - Tell me more about this piece of work.
  - Did you do this individually or with a group?
  - Why is this an example of your best work?
  - How did you do this?
  - Tell me something new you learned as you worked on this.
- At the end of the conference, share two compliments with your child before suggesting one area for improvement.

You are welcome to come with your child between 2:00 and 6:00pm. **We would appreciate it if you did not arrive at your child's classroom any later than 5:30pm to allow adequate time for the conference.**

Please note that **all students will be dismissed from school at 2:00pm on [date]**. Please make arrangements to ensure that your child will be picked up promptly after school on these days.

Sincerely,

School Principal

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## Student-Led Conferences Agenda:



- Introduce your parents to your teachers and offer refreshments.
- Reflection on goals
- Read a page from your selected book and share Reading duotangs.
- Writing books – Students chose and tagged 3 entries that demonstrate growth
- Math
  - Share notebook
  - Play a card game like Making Tens Go Fish, Addition War, Doubles War
- Show on your iPad:
  - Writing - Share your creative writing story on Office 365
  - Math - Telling Time book, Fractions book, Symmetry, Perimeter of Polygons (grade 4's only)
  - Math FUN! Challenge parents to a game on Math Tappers addition to 20. Who will win on accuracy and speed?
  - Science – Landforms project in Explain Everything
  - Social Studies – Residential Schools in Book Creator
  - Christmas Story movie
    - Share written reflection on Christmas story
  - Kindness videos using Sock Puppets made with Kindergarten buddies
  - Play Kahoot!
- Movement Break – Pick an exercise or two to do with your parents!
- Art – show your art around the classroom
- At the end of the conference, ask your parents to please fill out the “Two Stars and a Wish” page and write a positive message. Here are some sentence starters:



- I am proud of...
- I really enjoyed...
- I appreciate...
- What I noticed...
- My wish or hope for you is...
- Thank you for...

Two Stars and a Wish

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Thank you, parents, for the time you invested in your child's education and for continuing to be a partner in your child's education.

Sincerely, Ms. Chan

I chose this writing because I want you to notice



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# Reflections on My Goals

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Writing – My goal was

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Speaking – My goal was

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Listening – My goal was

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# Two Stars and a Wish

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