

Kitchener Elementary School

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Dear families,

RE: Student-Led Conferences

On Thursday, May 1st, we are excited to invite families to attend Student-Led Conferences. It is a great opportunity to recognize that learning is a journey and to celebrate strengths and growth over time **with** your child.

This is a critical part of the learning process that empowers them to be actively engaged, accept personal responsibility, and show pride in their learning by sharing samples of classroom activities and their work. Student voice continues to be an important part of their learning experience.

Student Led Conferences provide another meaningful way to develop core competencies such as effective communication with intent and purpose, critical and reflective thinking, and personal awareness (as they value themselves, their ideas, and accomplishments).

We will be booking conference time slots online. Please visit:

<https://kitchener.burnabyschools.ca/student-led-conferences/>



To book an appointment, please make sure you click on the link with your child's teacher. If you are not able to attend, please speak to your teacher to book another time.

All students and parents are invited to attend. 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 where your child will lead the conference. Sit on the same side of the table as your child.
- Focus on strengths, positives, and growth over time using encouraging words and affirmations.
- Ask open-ended questions, such as:
 - Tell me more about your work.
 - Why is this a good example of your hard work?
 - Tell me something new you learned as you worked on this.
- Respect the privacy of the other conferences that are taking place.
- At the end of the conference, share two compliments with your child before suggesting one area for improvement.

All students will be dismissed at 2:00pm on Friday, May 2nd. Please pick up your child promptly after school on both days.

We are looking forward to seeing all families for shared learning and positive experiences during our student-led activities.

Sincerely,

Dino Klarich
Principal