

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

Dear Primary School Parents,

Student Led Conferences will be held on **Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**. On this day you will have an opportunity to participate in a conference led by your child. The sign up forms will be available for advance sign up in the primary office on Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> for families with siblings and will be posted outside classroom for sign up from May 13<sup>st</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. You need only sign up for the homeroom slots however the specialist classrooms will be available for you to visit at any time.

Please be reminded that *this is not a regular school day* as you will need to accompany your child for their scheduled conference time. *Students are expected to come in their school uniform and should leave once their conference is over.* The regular SCHOOL BUS SERVICE will NOT be running on this day. The school will provide light snacks and refreshments for all parents and students throughout the day.

Your child will be in charge of the conference and knows what they want to show you. Your child is very excited about their presentation, but may be a little bit nervous as well. Please provide encouragement and positive feedback as your child proceeds. You will receive some guiding questions from your child's teacher which you may find helpful, please do not try to direct or control the conference.

Throughout the year, the students have developed a Student Portfolio that comprises of work that they have selected as having significance in their learning and of which they are proud. Sharing this with your child is an essential part of the conference. It provides the students with an opportunity to explain their learning to you and share their accomplishments. Other activities will be available for you to share with your child's learning which will provide you with a glimpse of your child's life at school.

Other children will be conducting conferences in the classroom at the same time. It is important that you are on time and give your undivided attention to your child during their conference. We therefore ask that you do not bring your other children into the conference, and kindly switch off your mobile phones, as your attention to your child's presentation should not be interrupted. We will provide a child care service for siblings as they wait for their turn to conference with you, however please try to find alternative care for very young children.

Above all, enjoy your child's learning, share their strengths as they show off the work they are so proud of. This is one of my favorite days of the year, it is wonderful to see the students take ownership of their learning and share this with you. The classroom teachers will be around to facilitate and support the conferences if needed, but please do not initiate conversation about your child. If you wish to confer with the teacher please set a meeting at another time.

If you have any questions about your child's day specifically please ask your child's teacher or drop me a line.

Warm regards,



June van den Bos  
Primary Principal