

It is hard to believe that the first quarter is almost over. November 3rd marks the end of the quarter, which means that student-led conferences will be just around the corner. Conferences will take place on early release days on Thursday, November 17th, Friday the 18th, Monday the 21st and Tuesday the 22nd. Wednesday, November 23rd is the Thanksgiving early release for students and families.

Conferences are an important part of your child's educational process as well as a vital communication link between teachers and parents. The conference will provide an opportunity for students, parents, guardians, and teachers to exchange information, discuss progress in school, review current assessment data, and set goals for improved or continued success.

Each conference will last about 20 minutes. Students will lead the conference and share a collection of work from a variety of classes, discuss their work habits and school related skill such as listening, homework completion, cooperation, and inter-student relationships. There will also be a time for students to develop and academic plan and to set goals to help achieve their plan.

We feel that student-led conferences are a vehicle that causes students to become active partners in their own education. Students are an integral part of the process with teachers and parents rather than a "talked about" bystander.

I look forward to seeing you during conference time.

Respectfully,

Jerry Sanderson