

March 23, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I wish you all a restful Spring break and look forward to welcoming you all back on the April 9. I wanted to update you regarding conferences next semester. The next conference in Early Years and Elementary School is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25, 2018. The format of this conference in homerooms will be student led. When the parent portal opens on April 16, you will be able to sign up for twenty-minute slots in homerooms, however these times are flexible as you will have the opportunity to stay in the homeroom for longer if needed. There could be two to three other children and their parents having student-led conferences simultaneously in the homeroom class.

What is a student-led conference?

A student-led conference is a conference led by the student and conducted in the language of their choice. Your child will show you examples of their learning and guide you through their learning experiences at their own pace.

What is the purpose of student-led conferences?

The purpose of this format is to create a partnership between students, teachers and families. The child takes on ownership of the classroom and their learning, and is able to share with you in a comfortable environment.

What is the role of parent during these conferences?

Be supportive, engaged, and interested in the areas your child is showing. We encourage parents to use positive language and to fully engage with your child as they share their learning. This is a special time for your child to shine; let them direct and teach you. There will be questions for you to ask or use as a guide for discussion. When your child feels he/she is finished showing you that area of their learning, they will move on. Please direct questions to your child. If your child is unable to answer it, the teacher will be there to support. Most of your questions can be answered by your child and by viewing their learning, so please do this first.

How do I know what time to come to the classroom?

To offer as much flexibility as possible, we are asking families to sign up for a window within an hour slot. Please refer to the table below and find the time slot you scheduled in your child's homeroom, then refer to the column on the left titled: 'Available time for SLC', This column shows you the hour slot that is available to you. So for example, if you selected 8:50 you may come to the classroom anytime between 8:30 and 9:30. If you selected 10:10 you may come to the classroom anytime between at 9:30 and 10:30. We expect the conference to take 20 to 30 minutes but you are very welcome to stay for the whole available time.

Available time for SLC	Scheduled conference time	Scheduled conference time	Schedules conference time	Scheduled conference time
8:30 – 9:30	8:30	8:50	9:10	
9:30 – 10:30	9:30	9:50	10:10	
10:50 – 12:10	10:50	11:10	11:30	11:50
12:40 – 13:40	12:40	13:00	13:20	
13:40 – 15:00	13:40	14:00	14:20	14:40
15:20 – 16:20	15:20	15:40	16:00	
16:20 – 17:00	16:20	16:40		



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Please do not hesitate your child's homeroom teacher or myself if you have any questions.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Trish Appel'.

Trish Appel
Elementary School Principal