

Clinton Elementary School

Student Led Conferences

Thursday, May 2, 2024

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The reporting process at Clinton involves several stages of communication with students and parents which includes assessment and evaluation of student work. The year began with our fall “Parents as Partners” conferences where information was shared to help teachers form new relationships with the children in their classes. **STUDENT LED CONFERENCES** are the next step in the process and will take place between **2:00 pm – 6:00 pm** on **Thursday, May 2, 2024**.

An integral part of the primary and intermediate program involves students evaluating their own attitudes, work habits and progress. Allowing children to play a role in their own evaluation helps develop responsibility and pride in one’s work. This is a time for parents to acknowledge their child’s success and provide support and encouragement for the up-coming term.

School will be dismissed at 1:45 pm on Thursday, May 2, 2024 to accommodate the Student Led Conferences.

To enable parents and their child to engage in meaningful conversations, please do not bring siblings to the conferences. Chairs will be provided in the hallway outside the classroom door.

Unfortunately, due to the nature (process) of running student leds, scheduled time slots for families will not be provided. Parents will be asked to attend within an hour’s block time. If there are 4-5 families inside the room, please wait for one or more family to leave before entering. This allows a focused and meaningful learning environment.



Please indicate the time you will attend, as it gives our staff an idea of what times will be most populated. Each conference should last 20 – 30 minutes. Please tear/cut off this form and return to your classroom teacher before April 29.

Student Name: _____ Division: _____

Sibling(s) Name(s): _____ Division(s): _____

Time	Please choose one time slot
2:00 – 3:00 pm	
3:00 – 4:00 pm	
4:00 – 5:00 pm	
5:00 – 6:00 pm	

There are 1 hour blocks to sign up for.

** If you are for some reason unable to attend, please reach out to the classroom teacher individually.

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Suggestions for Parents

As we look forward to our STUDENT LED CONFERENCES, we have compiled the following list of suggestions which will help ensure a successful experience for you and your child.

A. Before the Conference

1. Make this a time when your child has your undivided attention - no siblings please.
2. Sit on the same side of the table as your child.
3. Please respect the privacy of other families who may be in the room at the same time.
4. Allow your child to direct the time in their classroom.

B. During the Conference

1. Focus on the positives.
2. Provide encouragement for future growth.
3. Look for the development of thinking skills and ideas expressed in creative writing. Emphasis is not always placed on spelling and grammatical structure in every assignment.
4. Look for improvement/progress in samples of work from different dates over the term.
5. Ask open-ended questions.
 - (a) Did you choose this piece of work? Why did you choose it?
 - (b) Tell me more about this.
 - (c) Is this your draft copy? Final copy?
 - (d) If you did this again, what would you do differently?
 - (e) Did you do this work individually? With a partner? In a group?
 - (f) What skill or strategy did you learn/use during this assignment?
 - (g) How did you do this?
 - (h) Show me the steps you took to complete the project.
 - (i) Tell me something new you learned as you worked on this.

C. At the Closing of the time with your child

1. Share **three** compliments with your child before suggesting **one** area for improvement.

This is an opportunity for parents to gain further insight into their child's work. Please come prepared to share and celebrate your child's accomplishments.

We look forward to seeing you.