

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences



At Prince of Wales School we believe that students need to be involved in the assessment of their learning. For this reason, we have implemented Student-Led Conferences as part of our assessment practices.

The first conference of the year is an opportunity to "Meet the Teacher." A 15-minute conference is scheduled for you with your child's teacher. A conversation with the teacher at this time is most beneficial as it will provide the opportunity for a closer working relationship between you and your child's teacher early in the year. Parents are asked to complete a Parent Viewpoint for your child and bring it with you to your "Meet the Teacher" conference.

Conferences for the second and third reporting periods are a celebration of your child's learning. Parents are invited to accompany their child to school and visit their classrooms for Student-Led Conferences. The children will be the hosts. They will show you completed projects, work in progress, notebooks, art work, a variety of work samples, and how to do complete curriculum-related activities. We hope that this process will clearly demonstrate your child's growth as a learner.

The benefits of this format are many and include:

- Children are encouraged to accept a greater responsibility for reporting their progress to you.
- You gain a better understanding of curriculum and learning activities.
- You gain insight into your child's strengths, as well as the areas requiring continued growth.
- Students learn to evaluate their work honestly and fairly.
- Students learn organizational and communication skills.

The Student-Led Conferences last about 30 minutes. During the conference, you are expected to meet with your child's teacher to ask questions and visit. This is not the time for private one-on-one parent teacher interviews. If you have or the teacher has any major concerns, arrangements can be made to meet with you child's teacher at another time.

We continue to develop and perfect our conference skills and are most excited about sharing all our successes. We appreciate parents' support for Student-Led Conferences. It is an exciting and enjoyable time.