**Grade 5 Student-Led Conferences**

Dear Parents, March 24, 2013

This term in grade five we will be conducting student-led conferences. A student-led conference is one which the student leads parents through a discussion/demonstration of his/her work. In grade five the students get the opportunity to showcase their understanding of concepts/skills through the presentation of four different activities. Three conferences are conducted simultaneously in the classroom with groups seated far enough apart to allow privacy. The teacher will circulate among groups to add comments or answer questions. Students are responsible for directing the conversation, which is focused on their work.

Purpose: Student-led conferences help students to see the importance of the concepts they are learning and connect those concepts to prior learning. Students are able to see the value of completing their work to the best of their ability and making sure it represents who they are as learners. In preparing for a student-led conference, students are able to describe their work and engage in self-reflection. This process often provides the added advantage of allowing students to reflect upon what they do and do not understand about a topic. From thoughtful self-direction, students often learn where their strengths and challenges lie and use this knowledge in goal setting for the future.

The student-led conferences will be on Tuesday, April 16th and Wednesday, April 17th.

On the other side of this page, please indicate which is your first and second choice, and we will do our best to schedule you into one of these times. Please return this form in your child’s agenda ASAP (NOT THE OFFICE) and we will reply with your time and date.

Thank you,

The Grade Five Team ☺

Please return to Ms. Shannon at your earliest convenience. Time slots will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

* Write your students name in the time slot(s) of your choosing.
* Indicate your 1st & 2nd choice by checking the appropriate box

**Tuesday, April 16th STUDENT-LED CONFERENCE**

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| **Time** | **Student** | **1st choice** | **2nd choice** |
| 4:00-4:20 |  |  |  |
| 4:20-4:40 |  |  |  |
| 4:40-5:00 |  |  |  |
| 5:00-5:20 |  |  |  |
| 5:40-6:00 |  |  |  |
| 6:00-6:20 |  |  |  |
| 6:20-6:40 |  |  |  |

**Wednesday, April 17th STUDENT-LED CONFERENCE**

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| **Time** | **Student** | **1st choice** | **2nd choice** |
| 4:00-4:20 |  |  |  |
| 4:20-4:40 |  |  |  |
| 4:40-5:00 |  |  |  |
| 5:00-5:20 |  |  |  |
| 5:40-6:00 |  |  |  |
| 6:00-6:20 |  |  |  |
| 6:20-6:40 |  |  |  |

This form will be returned to you, with your scheduled time highlighted.