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# Student-Led Conferences

— Empowerment and Ownership —

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# What is a Student-Led Conference?

Students run the conference informing parents/guardians about how they're doing, what their goals are going forward, and who they are as learners.

# Why hold Student-Led Conferences?

- students become more understanding and reflective about themselves as learners, their goals, effort, and progress.
- Parents are able to see their child take ownership of their learning and better understand their needs, strengths and weaknesses as a student.
- For us, it will allow us to gain a better understanding and “picture” of each child that we might not otherwise see.



# Teacher's Role

- Facilitator, not leader.
- Play a more direct role in coordinating and preparing for the conference.
- Prepare students for conference
  - LIM Binder set-up
  - Conference Agenda and expectations
  - Practice - model and rehearse
- Act as advocates and provide encouragement.

# Students Role

- Prepare LIM Binder - choose their work samples, set their goals, etc.
- Be prepared to explain “why” - be reflective
- Practice
- Be their own advocate
- Complete reflection

# Parents Role

- Focus conversation on student and reflect on their work with them.
- Discuss and ask questions about their child's work, goals, etc. using question guide.
- Complete reflection.

# So, when is this happening and how?

## **March 6-10, 2023**

- 4th grade on March 6th and 7th
- 5th grade on March 7th and 8th
- 6th grade on March 8th and 9th

Conferences will be school-wide from 7:30 AM - 8:00 AM

All students should be prepared to share their LIM binders even if their parent is not planning to attend.



# What about the LIM binder?

- It's up to you!
- Suggestions:
  - Math/Reading goal sheets (in LIM Sample Binder) with work samples and reflections
  - AR goals/log
  - WIG's
  - Leadership celebrations

# Sources

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