

November 15, 2004

Dear Families,

Thank you for responding to our letter dated November 2, by requesting a time for the student-led conference Thursday, November 18. The purpose of this letter is to confirm your conference time and give you an idea of what to expect at the conference.

Students have been busy preparing their portfolios to share with you next week during their student-led conference. All the conferences will be held in the seventh grade pod area, and all the teachers of the Elementals team will be available. Students will share a portfolio with work samples and reflections from Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Students will also share their self-evaluation. Students and parents will have an opportunity to talk with the core teachers in the pod and the elective teachers in the multi-purpose room. Each family will need to get signatures from the elective and PE teachers they talk with this day. Please allow enough time before or after the student-led conference to do this.

The roles of parents and teachers are slightly different during a student-led conference than a traditional parent-teacher conference. The students will have an agenda to follow. Since the students do most of the talking, our roles are to listen, support, and encourage the student.

We look forward to seeing you Thursday.

Sincerely,
The Elementals

Margaret Barber

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Student name: _____

Your conference is scheduled for _____ on Thursday, November 18.

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