

Eye of the Dragon



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School Conferences

Wednesday, October 19 16:30-20:30

Thursday, October 20 10:00-20:30

Parent/Student/Teacher conferences will be held next week on Wednesday and Thursday. As the name suggests, it is important for parents to bring their children to these meetings with the middle school teachers so that communication is clear between all those involved. These conferences are traditionally the most formal means of communication between parents and teachers, and they should be seen as providing a rich opportunity to build communication and understanding between home and school. Yet the value of the conferences depends on the active participation of each person involved. It is because of this that students must be with their parents.

At the conference, you will:

- Receive a copy of your child's status report.
- Review the results the standardized MAP test.
- Go through a small portfolio of your child's subject work.
- Create any follow up steps for after the conference.

Questions you might ask:

- Is my child keeping up with the academic program? Is my child meeting expectations?
- Is my child being challenged at an appropriate level?
- Are there any social concerns regarding my child?
- What support can we give to the school program?

Creating a Plan

Finally, it is important for parents, students and teachers to leave the meeting with a plan. Students should have the plan written in their notebook and teachers should keep a copy for themselves. In essence, the plan will focus on those aspects that parents, teachers and students feel need attention and the steps to achieve success. It is vital that parents keep up with this plan at home and by periodically asking for updates from the teacher.



Book Baskets

The QSI book basket project is taking shape as over 2000 books have been categorized according to student reading level. Teachers, parents and student volunteers are working hard to locate the appropriate levels of 100's of other books. In the end, we will have 250 book baskets that meet the literacy needs of our students in the main campus. These will be placed in the classrooms and used throughout the school day.

Calendar

October

19-20—Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences.
21—No School.
21—End of First Quintile
29—Autumn Fair.

November

14-15—Professional Teacher Days
No School



MAP Results

During the school conferences, parents will receive the results from this last month's MAP test. 9-11 year old teachers will have results on hand along with student status reports to explain. Parents of 12 and 13 year old students will go to the library to collect status reports and MAP results.

At 19:30 on Wednesday and 11:00 on Friday, Mr. Jackson will give a presentation to parents on how they can understand the MAP test results. The meeting will also be in the library and any parents are welcome to attend.

“For young brains to retain information, they need to apply it.”

-Judy Willis