



Takhini Elementary School

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Newsletter – November 6, 2017

Dates to Remember

Nov 9- School Remembrance Day Program 10:45 a.m. in gym. Everyone welcome!

Nov 9 - School Council Meeting 7 p.m. Library

Nov 10- Staff Professional Development- Students do not attend

Nov 13 – Remembrance Day Holiday – school closed

Nov 16 – Student Led Conferences (4-7pm)

Nov 17 – Student Led Conferences – Students attend their scheduled conference with parents

Student-Led Conferences – Parents are welcome to stop by the school and sign up for a conference for either Thursday, November 16 after school, or on Friday, November 17. The sign-up sheets are located by the front office. **Parents can also phone Michele at 667-3625 to schedule a conference.** There are no classes for students on Friday November 17, however, students do attend the conference at the scheduled time.

Information about Student-Led Conferences:

- Who is invited?** All students and parents/caregivers
- What is it?** Student-led conferences provide the student with the opportunity to lead by sharing examples of their work, discussing their strengths, areas to work on, and setting next steps to achieving learning goals.
- What it's not?** Conversations or meeting time that focuses on student behavior should be scheduled outside of this time.
- When?** Thursday November 16 after school and Friday November 17. **Please book a time by signing up at the school or by calling Michele at 667-3625.** There are no classes on Friday, however, students are expected to attend the conference at the time selected.
- Where?** Takhini Elementary School – in the student's classroom
- Why?** A student-led conference allows students to give voice to their learning. This means they can talk about and show their work, share their areas that they feel successful about and those that are challenging for them, and provide this information in their own words. This process teaches students to accept responsibility (with teacher and parent support) for their learning. Students will have a better sense of how far they have come and where they need to go to reach the learning goals. It also opens lines of communication among the student, teacher and parent.

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How can parents help? Parents and caregivers are asked to participate in the conversation about the student's learning. There will be opportunity to share. Some prompts to help in the discussion are:

I noticed that...

I'm wondering about...

Two compliments I have are... and one thing I'd like to see next time is...

I see a strength in ... and an area for improvement will be...

Students may be shy at first in the conference. Parents can help by asking:

What are you learning?

How is it going?

What will you do next?

ATTENTION: People who ordered From the Ground Up vegetables - To our valued From the Ground Up (FTGU) customers: For those of you who received Ruby Red carrots in your FTGU veggie box, unfortunately they may have turned mouldy and rotten extremely quickly. If this was the case for you, please phone 456-6160 or email kim.hickman@gov.yk.ca and Kim would be happy to provide you with a perfect, delicious bag of locally-grown orange carrots to replace your imperfect ones.