

# Tahoma Middle School Student Led Conferences Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We will be offering parent/teacher conferences all year round (just contact your student's homeroom teacher to schedule a meeting with you and the team of teachers during their team planning time) and offering student-led conferences on November 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 7:30. These student-led conferences are not mandatory.

The benefits of student-led conferences include bringing the parent(s) into the school, allowing the student to take ownership of their learning, building student self-esteem and oral communication skills, telling the parent more than a report card or stand alone grade, opening dialogue between parents and students about strengths and weaknesses, and teaching students about goal setting.

Students are to attend with parent(s) in order to share their work folder. Work folders will include representative work from each class, reflections on achievements, and a form for parents and student to create a student goal together. The homeroom teacher will be available in the classroom for a meet and greet, and they are able to schedule a future team meeting with a parent, if needed.

Here are some things you can do to make the conferences successful:

- ✓ Allow your child time to share their progress and goals with you.
- ✓ Jot down questions you would like to ask your child.
- ✓ Ask follow up questions and offer information
- ✓ Enjoy this time with your student

If your family chooses not to have a student-led conference at school, we will ask that your student bring home their work portfolio to share and that a goal is written to be brought back to school. We look forward to seeing you and your student at conferences!

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