



ECOLE CRESCENT PARK SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As mentioned in previous communications, with the changes in BC curriculum, reporting on student progress is also shifting in order to align with the new curriculum. Traditionally, this communication took the form of a standard report card with comments and letter grades sent home three times per year. Removing letter grades, providing a more in-depth profile of an individual's learning and having students take ownership of their learning is the main focus of this shift. In essence, reporting is shifting from what your child **did** over the term to on-going reporting that captures what your child is **doing** in the classroom; a shift from summative assessment to formative assessment, authentically communicating student learning and support learners in reaching their potential.

As part of this shift, parent teacher conferences are also moving to the middle of each term and will take the shape of learning conferences with a focus on your child explaining what he/she is doing in the classroom. The first conference of the year is next Thursday, October 27th (Early Dismissal Day) beginning at 1:45 pm. By having the students facilitate the conference they will:

- Assume responsibility for reporting their progress to you
- Be accountable for the work they produce and the quality of that work
- Develop good communication and leadership skills
- Show you first hand some of the learning activities they are involved in at the school
- Share their learning goals and have parents discuss how they will support the student's learning goals

Families are asked to sign up at <http://cres.schoolappointments.com> for their session. There are up to four spaces for each session. The appointments site will go live beginning on Monday, October 24th at 3:00 pm and will close on the evening of Wednesday, October 26th.

We hope that it will be possible for all parents to attend. In the event you cannot attend, you and your child may find another family member, caregiver or friends who could take part in the conference. We look forward to seeing you on October 27th.

Respectfully,

Mr. D. A'Bear
Principal