

Fall 2018 Student-Led Conferences at DMS

Greetings Dodge Community! We are nearing the time for student-led conferences that take place on October 11 and 16. We have had student-led conferences in place for many years and really believe in the value of the **student** being an integral part of the conversation. *It allows students the opportunity to assume greater control and responsibility of their learning, engage in the process of self-reflection and evaluation, and develop organizational and oral communication skills.* Once upon a time, conferences were almost an “unveiling” of a snapshot of where a student’s grades were at and that simply is not the case anymore with instant access to all sorts of evidence of learning. With Family Web Access and Schoology, students and their parent/guardian can monitor learning daily. Additionally, we encourage families to reach out to staff at any time with specific questions you may have, not just during conferences. You can access all of our staff via email or phone by clicking on our [STAFF DIRECTORY](#).

This fall we will continue with a slightly modified format that we believe will be very beneficial. We will still continue to have a 15 minute student-led conference hosted by the student’s Tiger Connections Teacher. Parents/Guardians can sign up online [HERE](#) to choose a conference time. Feedback we have received during some of our recent PTP meetings is that it would be nice to have an opportunity to clarify a question with a specific teacher. Therefore we will have building-wide **“Open Times”** for parents to stop and visit with any teacher they wish. You may find that through Infinite Campus, Schoology, and the individual student-led conference that you do not have a need to utilize the “Open Times” and that is perfectly ok!

Please be mindful that our staff may have a number of students and parents that may want to see them during this short window so a few minutes would be an appropriate amount of time to visit. Additional time before or after our conference evenings can be requested directly from the teacher.

<u>“October 11th Open Times”</u>	<u>“October 16th Open Times”</u>
12:30-12:45	2:30-2:45
1:30-2:00	3:30-4:00
2:45-3:00	4:30-4:45
3:45-4:00	5:30-6:00
4:30-4:45	6:45-7:00
5:30-6:00	
6:45-7:15	
4:00-4:30 is our Staff Dinner Break	4:00-4:30 is our Staff Dinner Break
*Conferences end at 7:15 p.m.	*Conferences end at 7:15 p.m.

Regards,

Chris Bussmann, Principal