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## **Student Led Conferences**

On Wednesday, our school community held our **student-led conferences**. The goal of these conferences was to provide the parent, a deeper understanding of:

- what and how the student is learning
- the criteria for success
- what the next learning goals may be
- how the parent can support the student at home.

During **student-led conferences**, for the most part, the student was in charge of showing the parent what he/she has been doing and learning at school. When students have the opportunity to show, explain, and demonstrate their learning, they are not only communicating their accomplishments and understanding, but also sharing with the parent what and how they are learning and the criteria for success. In addition, such student involvement;

- develops student's self-assessment and communication skills
- builds the independence, confidence, self-esteem and pride of the student
- provides an opportunity for the student to receive supportive feedback to further their learning
- provides an opportunity to celebrate the student's learning

While the student was leading the parent through the conference, the teacher was available to join in for part of the time.

We know that **"when parents are involved in talking about learning with their children, children achieve more.**

**The more parents are involved, the higher the student achievement levels"** (Henderson and Berla).

141 families attended last night's student-led conference.

Thank you for taking the time to take part in this important evening!

