

Dear BMS Families,

We are looking forward to having Student Led Conferences once again this year. However, we are transitioning to a walk-in format to align with the other Springfield middle schools. We are excited for the opportunity to allow students to share their work and progress with you, while also providing you with the opportunity to speak with teachers.

On **November 1st and 2nd** we will be holding conferences in the gymnasium and commons. When you arrive...

1. You will check in at the grade appropriate table (a sign will be located next to the table) inside the commons or in the Tile Gym. There your student will be handed their portfolio.
2. You will then be directed to a table and your student will have the opportunity to share their work with you.
3. Once your student's teachers are available you can request their input.

You will still have a chance to check in with individual teachers. This can happen before, after, or during your conference. All of our teachers will be circulating within their grade level to check in with each of you and your student(s). They will be available to give you updates, status reports, or answer any questions you might have about your student's progress and behavior.

Student Led Conferences is a **required event for all students and families**. By having students lead their conferences, they take accountability for their own learning and share their progress. It also helps students develop their communication, leadership and organizational skills. Most importantly, it is an excellent chance for you to share in their pride and show how much you care about their education.

We will be able to accommodate everyone whenever it is easiest for you to arrive. The conferences tend to take at least 20-30 minutes and so we ask that you arrive any time on **Thursday, November 1st from 4pm - 7:30 pm** (conferences will close at 8) or **Friday, November 2nd from 8am - 11:30 am** (conferences will close at noon)

As a partnership with Springfield Public Schools, Ophelia's Place is offering a presentation for parents on Internet Safety and Digital Decision Making. This presentation will take place in the Briggs Library with Kyra Kelly on November 1st at 7:00 pm.

Please note:

Mrs. Gonzales our Spanish interpreter will only be available on Friday, November 2nd from 8 am - 11:30 am
Mrs. Steinbaugh (6th Gr. Core Teacher) will only be available on 4pm to 8pm Thursday and from 8 am - 11 am Friday
Mr. Mankofsky (7th/8th Gr. LL/SS Teacher) will only be available from 4pm to 6 pm Thursday and 8 am - 12 pm Friday.
Mrs. Sperry (6th Gr. Science/Math Teacher) will only be available 4pm to 7pm Thursday & 8am to 12pm Friday.