



## School District 70 (Alberni)

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Dear parents:

This spring, elementary schools will use a different method to communicate student learning to parents. Rather than a formal written report card in March, elementary schools will be hosting another scheduled Parent – Teacher Conference to discuss your child’s progress since the formal report card issued in December. It represents another face-to-face opportunity to review your child’s progress and to consider ways to support your child’s learning for the remainder of the school year.

Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for the afternoons of March 13-15 and will follow a similar schedule as used this past October. Individual schools will communicate with parents regarding specific dismissal times and conference schedule. A formal report will be issued as normal in June and teachers will continue to informally report to parents as in previous years.

The change in practice reflects the preference for a face-to-face meeting rather than a static report card, and the value of discussing learner progress with the classroom teacher(s) rather than simply reading about it on a report card. Even though there is no formal report card, teachers continue to assess and record student performance and will be able to provide parents important information as to their child’s progress and what supports are required in the remaining months.

Conferencing also provides an opportunity for teachers to bring the student into the reporting process, as either a participant in the conversation or even as a leader of the discussion. Regardless of the format of the parent-teacher conference, the purpose is to clearly communicate to both the learner and parents where the student is, what they are working towards and the ways that learning can be supported.

If you have any questions about K-7 reporting this spring, please do not hesitate to contact your school principal.

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