



# Dodge City Middle School

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## About Parent Teacher Conferences

The winter parent teacher conferences had to be canceled due to bad weather. As a school, we saw a need for rescheduling these conferences prior to Spring Break. Dodge City Middle School will be holding its second and last parent/teacher conference of the school year on Wednesday, March 12th and Thursday, March 13. There will be no school on Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> and spring break will follow the next week of March 17<sup>th</sup> – March 21<sup>st</sup>. Parent notification of scheduled conference times will be sent home with students during the week of March 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6th. All conference times will be the same as the February conferences and will be confirmed by March 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have not received a conference notification by March 10<sup>th</sup> please contact the school. These conferences are designed to meet student and parent needs by providing time for both student led and individual parent/teacher conferences.

## What is A Drop In Conference?

DCMS welcomes and encourages parents to see all of your student's teachers during these scheduled conference times. We have provided drop in times ten minutes before and ten minutes after your student's conference. If you drop in and a teacher appears to be busy with another student please wait and/or come back in a few minutes. DCMS wants all parents to be able to see all of their child's teachers if they would like to do so.

## What is a Student Led Conference?

A student-led conference is one in which the student leads parents/guests through a discussion of his/her work that is organized in a portfolio. In student-led conferences, students have created a portfolio representing work over the past ten weeks. A portfolio is a purposeful collection of student work that tells the story of his/her growth as a learner. Students will conduct the conferences detailing skills and processes learned, as well as the goals they've set to further improve themselves. Part of the portfolio will also include a student's reading goal, Lexile score and mid-term report.

## How Conference Times are Scheduled

A notification letter of conference times will be sent home with students including twenty minute blocks of time from 3:45 to 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> and from 12:30 to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. The student led-conferences have been scheduled through your student's advisory teacher. There will be a ten minute drop in time before and after your scheduled conference if you need to visit with another teacher.

## Conference Visitation Form and Non-uniform Day

To encourage students and parents to attend a scheduled parent/teacher conference, we are offering a non uniform day for attendance. To receive the non-uniform day each student should pick up a conference visitation form in the front lobby at the time of their arrival. The form will need to be completed by attending the student led conference and at least two drop in conferences with other teachers. We are also asking parents to complete an online survey located in the school library. Once the survey has been completed, the conference visitation form with at least two signatures will be submitted in a drop box located in the school media center. The non-uniform day will be rewarded on Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> and non-uniform day bracelets will be handed out in advisory on Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at the end of the day.

## Our Goal for Parent teacher Conferences

It is a vital and important experience that all students are able to share with parents what they've learned. For this reason, we ask that 100 percent of our parents participate in these conferences. We are looking forward to this experience. Thank you for supporting your child's education in such a meaningful way. If you have any questions, please call and speak with your child's advisory teacher. School will not be in session on Friday, March 14, 2014.

