



# Message from the Principal

**A**s you likely know, report cards will be coming home on November 8, followed by Parent-Teacher Interviews on November 14. This is such an important time to celebrate your child's growth, and perhaps set some goals. While grades are not the "be all, end all", and our school focuses primarily on character, grades, and the accompanying work ethic and perseverance skills, are obviously still very important.

We are all looking forward to seeing you for Parent-Teacher Interviews, and I know your child is looking forward to the positive feedback. Below are some tips to help get the most out of your time with your child's teacher.

- ⇒ Ask your child how she feels about school.
- ⇒ Ask your child if there is anything that he wants you to talk about with his teacher.
- ⇒ Tell your child that you and the teacher are meeting to help her.
- ⇒ Make a list of topics that you want to talk about with the teacher.

Prepare a list of questions such as:

- ⇒ What are my child's strongest and weakest subjects?
- ⇒ Does my child hand homework in on time?
- ⇒ Does my child participate in class?
- ⇒ Does my child seem happy at school?
- ⇒ What can I do at home to help?
- ⇒ For more tips, try this website:

<http://www.colorincolorado.org/article/tips-successful-parent-teacher-conferences-your-childs-school>



- Also, remember that your child is great at a lot of things. Perhaps he struggles with reading, but is a fabulous artist. Maybe she doesn't find math easy, but LOVES science. Celebrate and nurture what your child is good at, and support them to improve where the needs are.

Your partner in education,

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Principal