

March 20, 2017

**RE: Parent(s)/Guardian Interviews – Thursday, April 6th, 2017
2:00 – 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**



Dear Parent / Guardian:

Parent-Teacher conferences occur twice during the school year, once each semester. Traditionally, these have occurred following the release of mid-term report cards, but we believe that this is too late in the semester to be of maximum benefit to both students and parents. Waiting until a teacher has “enough marks” to calculate a mid-term report is often too late when it comes to rescuing a student’s credit or correcting a negative behaviour, attitude, or pattern. Education research is clear: Communication between school and home is extremely important. Every teacher knows that building a strong relationship with a parent at the start of the year can make a difference in a student’s academic, behavioural, and social well-being.

To this end, the staff at A.Y. Jackson S.S. will be holding their Parent-Teacher interviews earlier in each semester. While it will be difficult to give a particularly accurate mark at this time, teachers will focus on identifying students’ areas of strength and areas for growth, as well as achievement in the learning skills – *Responsibility, Organization, Independent Work, Collaboration, Initiative, and Self-Regulation*. Also, examples of assessments will be shared so that parents can better understand their child’s achievement in his or her courses. The purpose of Parent-Teacher conferences is to celebrate student successes and make a plan for improvement where improvement is needed.

Parent-Teacher conferences are a vital part of making your child’s school experience both positive and successful. We hope that you will join us on these important evenings.

Sincerely,

Mr. B. Bugden
Principal

☞ To schedule an appointment to see your child’s teachers, visit www.ayjackson.ca, and click on the **Parent/Teacher Interview Booking Tab**. There is a link to the sign-up system as well as step-by-step instructions on how to use the system.

☞ **REMINDER!**

You should use the account you created in semester 1 to log in the system. If you forget your password, you may recover it by clicking the “FORGOT PASSWORD” tab. If you do not have an account, you need to register for one and add your child / children to the system prior to scheduling appointments. The **School Access Code M2H2G6**, (UPPERCASE letters, no spaces), is required to create an account. You must also know the names of your child’s teachers in order to schedule your appointments. They can be found on your child’s timetable.

✓ **Available Wednesday, March 23rd (9:00 a.m.) – Tuesday, April 4th, 2017 (11:59 p.m.).** Appointments are on a first-come, first-booked basis.

✓ For **Technical Issues/Problems**, please contact Iris Lam @ Iris.Lam@tdsb.on.ca.

✓ For **Booked Time Slot Issues/Problems**, please contact the course teacher directly (see page 4, Student Agenda, for department contact information).