



## **Parent-Teacher Conferences at Brandeis Marin**

At parent-teacher conferences, you have the opportunity to meet with your child(ren)'s teachers to learn about your child's progress at school and to hear about the established goals for this school year. *You will receive instructions about how to schedule your conference through Pick-A-Time.*

The teachers and advisors spend a lot of time preparing for your conference. They also want to hear from your perspective how the school year is going, furthering our partnership in the education of your child.

### **Lower School Conferences:**

K report cards will be given at the conference so Marni and Bat El can walk you through them. Marni and Bat El will conference together.

For Grades 1-5, the Core teacher(s) for each grade will be the teacher with whom you will make a 30 minute appointment. Hebrew and Jewish Studies teachers will join each conference. There is no need to make a separate appointment with the Hebrew/JS teachers.

### **Middle School Conferences**

In this special end-of-year conference, the MS advisors will be available to meet with you and your child for a 30 minute conference.

*In addition, Jenn Franklin and Trish Tillman are asking that each 8th grader sign up for a conference with them to rehearse their graduation speech.*

### **General Conference Tips, and Requests**

- You will be receiving your progress reports prior to your scheduled conference. Please note any questions you may have in advance.

- Please be on time. Your teachers will have to stop at the designated time, so in order to take full advantage of your appointment, you will need to be prompt. Please arrive a few minutes early to note the classrooms where you will be meeting.
- It is important for all parents who share primary responsibility for the child to attend a conference. **Middle School students should attend conferences with their parents.**
- Be candid in your discussion with your teachers and make them aware of any concerns you and/or your child may have.
- Please attend the meeting in a quiet, calm space with as few distractions as possible to create focused attention for the Zoom call.
- Please turn off cell phones before your conference starts.
- Please listen first, and take time to reflect on feedback you are given about your child's progress and performance. Feel free to bring and take notes.

#### **Each Teacher Will Do His/Her Best To:**

- Prepare in advance and be on time, even if they have to end a conference to stay on schedule.
- Avoid surprises as much as possible; they may call or email you in advance of your conference to give you information.
- Honestly report observations and comment on their knowledge of your child, so as to help your child reach his/her full potential in school.
- Listen to your comments and observations. Should they need time to reflect or gather information to address your concerns, they will follow up in the near future.
- Establish realistic expectations and goals for your child with the help of your feedback.