



# William Penn Post



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## SEP Conferences November 18 and 19

SEP conferences provide a time for students, teachers, and parents to reflect on the academic progress a student has made since the start of the school year. Here are a few helpful tips to keep in mind as we all prepare for the upcoming conferences.

1. Plan ahead; schedule a time that is convenient for you and when you will not be distracted.
2. Be polite, personable, and positive. This will help all involved relax and adjust to the way others communicate.
3. Limit concerns; decide to address only two or three areas.
4. Take notes at the SEP conference. Notes provide a nice reminder of student goals, expectations, and study-skill recommendations after the conference is over.
5. Schedule another conference-if anyone present feels that there is need for more discussion or evaluation of the common goals that were established, then another conference should be scheduled soon.

As parents and teachers grow in their ability to work together, respecting their mutual roles as equal partners on the child's educational team, then conferencing and communication will become easier.

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Thursday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>  
Picture Retakes  
9:30-10:30 am  
Planning Day Schedule  
School Dismissed 1:30pm
- ◆ Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>  
Community Council Mtg.  
2:00 pm Media Center
- ◆ Wednesday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>  
SEP Conferences
- ◆ Thursday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>  
Planning Day Schedule  
School Dismissed 1:30pm
- ◆ Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>  
NO SCHOOL  
Student Recess Day
- ◆ Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>  
Planning Day Schedule  
School Dismissed 1:30pm
- ◆ Wednesday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> -  
Friday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>  
NO SCHOOL  
Thanksgiving Recess

## Early Open Enrollment Period

- The months of December, January and February have been legislated as the Early Open Enrollment Period for parents to exercise their school-choice option for the 2010/2011 school year. If you want your student(s) to attend a school other than your designated boundary school, you are required to complete a Granite School District "USOE Standard Open Enrollment Application" and submit it to the school of your choice between the time period beginning Tuesday, December 1, 2009 and ending Friday, February 19, 2010.

## Gifted Testing

For a student to be referred for testing we recommend that he/she displays skills two years beyond their current placement. If you feel that your student should be tested for this program, or if you have any questions about this program please contact:  
Jennifer Hinchman at  
[jhinchman@graniteschools.org](mailto:jhinchman@graniteschools.org)  
before November 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Literacy Corner

Ask your student why a character acted in a certain way and ask your student to support her answer with information from the story.



## Homework Tips

**When the teacher asks that you play a role in homework, do it.**

Cooperate with the teacher. It shows your child that the school and home are a team. Follow the directions given by the teacher.



The above homework tip was taken from the US Department of Education website.

## Numeracy Corner

Follow the progress your child is making in math. Check with your child daily about his homework.

