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The Newsletter of Record for Sixth Grade

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Becoming Leaders of Our Own Learning



Thank you, families, for participating in Student Led Conferences this week. For many of you, this was your *final* SLC! Our sixth-graders took their goal setting seriously and recorded several data points to support their claims. Not every student met his or her goals, but most could reflect honestly on their challenges and speak to the growth made and lessons learned. Some students have decided to carry on with their goals and report out again at Passage!

Both Student-Led Conferences and Passage Presentations are ways students can reflect on their learning and share this insight publicly. We have found over the years that putting students in the driver's seat not only allows them to become a bit more metacognitive about their learning but provides greater accountability to an audience beyond themselves. Written passage reflections serve to crystalize moments in time where students could see or feel growth academically, socially, and emotionally. The oral presentation is an exciting capstone event where students synthesize up to seven years of growth as a student and community member. They are impressive to watch and educators from around the country use GCCS passage work as models for their own schools. We can't wait to see how the Class of 2019 does!

Working with Experts



It was a busy week of interviews this week as we delved into our podcast research work. We were fortunate enough to hear from four local experts about food equity and health outcomes in the Rochester community (sadly, snow and ice prevented us from visiting two other sites). We are grateful that Dr. Colleen Fogarty of Highland Family Medicine, Evan Lowenstein from the Rochester Public Market, Calvin Eaton from 540 W Main, and Ka-El from B+ Healthy Fresh Food Market were willing and able to meet with our students. This was also a perfect opportunity to gear up for our Eight Cities trip – where stamina and the art of the follow up question are important. The kids asked some thoughtful questions and impressed our guests in recent days.



Simon Says...

- ✓ **Exhibition Update** – We will be hosting an Eight Cities Parent Information Meeting on Wednesday, March 6th at 6:00 p.m., just before our winter exhibition night. We will meet in the Eisenhart Auditorium for the trip meeting then move to the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade classrooms for exhibition.
- ✓ **Pencils & Snacks**– Just about out of both!
- ✓ **Passage Research** – We hope students are continuing to research their Reflecting on Rochester question. We will begin writing this piece after break!
- ✓ **Happy February Break** – We hope you enjoy your full week off! See everyone Monday, Feb. 25th!

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