

Dear Charter Oak Families:

Last week was Conference Week which in our case means student-led conferences. For those who had the opportunity to attend, our sincere gratitude for your presence and for supporting your children and their teachers during this remarkable event.

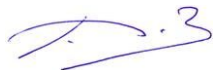
I often say that the actual conference is only the tip of the iceberg of a much larger process. For days, our students prepare their conferences with their teachers and their peers engaging in deep reflection, set reasonable and appropriate goals, and practice communication and presentational skills. My hope is that you enjoyed seeing your children in action and that you obtained an accurate picture of where your sons and daughters are at this time of the year. Please don't hesitate to contact me with your thoughts about your experience at conference time and about the format. Student-led conferences are a critical part of your children's learning experience as IB learners so we are always looking for ways to improve them.

March is well underway with plenty to pay attention to and engage in. Just to mention a few, during March our Odyssey of the Mind team will be competing at the State Tournament, 5th grade parents will have the opportunity to attend the 5th to 6th grade transition meetings to middle school, our 5th graders will be inspired by community professionals during their visit to the Charter Oak Career Day and we will all enjoy the FRC - sponsored Family Academy.

Finally, I would like to invite all our parents to participate in the Charter Oak Welcoming School Focus Group on the first Friday in April. At this focus group, which will be conducted in the morning as part of the Principal's Coffee, we will receive input from the community on relevant topics such as identifying possible barriers for good communication and access, ways we can improve the way we inform you about your children progress, or ways to receive support for you or your children when you need it. A second Focus Group will be scheduled in the evening in late April. Please stay tuned for more information regarding times and locations.

I look forward to seeing you all around the building!

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Juan Melián', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Juan Melián  
Principal