

# Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School

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Good afternoon,

I wanted to take a moment to share an important mid-week announcement with families. Effective immediately, we will no longer be printing progress reports. Power School is a wonderful tool for families that allows you to see student grades on a frequently updated basis. As the principal of the building, my expectation is that all teacher grade books are updated every two weeks, which allows your family to have a consistent means of monitoring your student(s)' grades. Beginning with this trimester, on the day of progress reports, all teacher grades will be fully updated and comments will be put in Power School where appropriate, but a printed progress report will not be sent home. We will continue to print and send home end-of-term report cards.

As this trimester also marks the end of the first half of the year, students will be finishing in their current unified arts (specials) classes and switching to new unified arts for the second half of the school year. You will receive a printed report card that has final grades for the semester one unified arts classes. Again, it will not have mid-trimester grades for core classes. Those will be fully up-to-date on Powerschool. We will also be sending home second-semester schedules for students so that when they return to school on our first day of the second semester, they will know where they are going and what new unified arts classes they have.

Finally, if we have any school cancellations between now and next Friday, January 14, progress reports will be pushed off one day for each day of cancellation. We will begin the second semester on day 1, to ensure that our students get their final days in with their current specials teachers.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Mr. Dukette

Principal, Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School