



# KILLAM PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Dear KPS families,

Battle River School Division is excited to announce a significant change in how we will be reporting student academic progress at your child's school. Traditionally, report cards served as a snapshot of your child's performance at specific points in the school year. However, with our transition to PowerSchool four years ago, we are now able to offer a more dynamic and informative way to keep you updated on your child's academic journey.

Starting from Feb 1, we will be introducing a pilot program, which means that printed report cards will no longer be sent home as a progress report. Instead, we are embracing digital reporting through the PowerSchool platform. Here's why we believe this change is beneficial for both you and your child:

- 1. Real-Time Information:** With PowerSchool, you can access your child's academic progress in real-time. This means you can stay up-to-date on their learning journey whenever you want, rather than waiting for periodic report cards.
- 2. Unlimited Access to Assessment Results:** You are no longer limited to seeing your child's progress three times a year. With digital reporting, you can check assessment results at any time, enabling you to have a deeper understanding of their academic performance.
- 3. Active Partner in Learning:** This transition empowers you to become an active partner in your child's education, rather than merely an observer. You can now be more involved and engaged in their learning process.
- 4. Timely Support:** If your child is facing challenges or has missing assignments, you can address these issues promptly, preventing them from becoming larger problems. Digital reporting allows for timely intervention.
- 5. Access to Teacher Feedback:** You'll have easy access to teacher feedback on assignments, which can help you better support your child's learning by understanding their strengths and areas for improvement.
- 6. Engagement in the Learning Process:** We view education as a partnership between parents and educators. Digital reporting fosters greater collaboration and engagement in the learning process.



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**7. Close Communication with Teachers:** The PowerSchool platform also facilitates closer communication with your child's teachers, allowing for quick and efficient exchanges of information.

We understand that not everyone may have access to technology. If you find yourself in this situation, please reach out to your child's school. We will work with you to establish alternative arrangements to ensure you can still receive timely updates on your child's progress if you wish. If you have not signed up for the PowerSchool 'portal' to access your child's information please contact your school and they will support you through the process.

We believe that this transition to digital reporting is a positive step forward in enhancing communication, engagement, and support for your child's education. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we embark on this exciting journey together. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Keely Nelson, Principal

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