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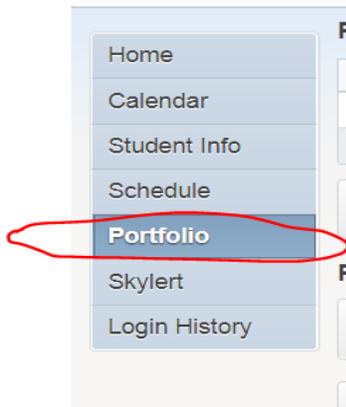
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Greetings, Burrillville Elementary Families!

Report cards are coming next week! **Please take a moment to review these reminders** about the changes that are in place this year:

- Elementary report cards and progress reports will be distributed **electronically**. Families will be notified ahead of the reporting period that the **documents are available in Skyward**.
- **Please be sure that you have shared your most updated email address with your child's school** so that you will have access. **Skyward is accessible from ANY computer, tablet, or smartphone**.
  - If you need assistance accessing the parent portal in Skyward, please follow this link: <http://www.bsd-ri.net/for-parents-and-students/skyward>
  - To access your child's report card, you will need to sign into Skyward and select "Portfolio" to view the report card attachment.



- You will be able to print a copy of your child's report card at home directly from Skyward if you wish to.

- We have moved to a “true” standards-based grading system. All standards are end-of-year standards, and children have an entire school year to meet them. Your child’s grades will always reflect where s/he is on the journey to meeting those standards. This means that **you should expect to see 2s and 3s on your child’s report card in the first trimester, and these are not cause for concern.** They indicate that your child is progressing appropriately for his/her age and grade level. Some areas, such as science and social studies and specials like art and music, may show 4s at this time because the entire scope of a particular content standard has already been taught.
  
- Grades will be based on a 5-point scale. From now on, you may interpret your child’s grades as follows:
  - Level 1: Not yet meeting end of year benchmark; Little or no command of the standards
  - Level 2: Partially meeting end of year benchmark; Partial command of the standards (Beginning)
  - Level 3: Approaching end of year benchmark; Moderate command of the standards (Developing)
  - Level 4: Meeting end of year benchmark; Strong command of the standards (Secure)
  - Level 5: Exceeding end of year benchmark; Distinguished command of the standards
  
- The report card has been updated - it is much simpler and contains fewer grades. Families are able to access **a complete and detailed list of all the standards** that are encompassed by each report card grade at their child’s grade level on [the district website](#) by clicking the *Parents and Students* tab and then *Elementary Report Card*.

If you have any questions about the report card or how to access it in Skyward, please feel free to contact me at 568-1301, extension 5, or [mayhewj@bsd-ri.net](mailto:mayhewj@bsd-ri.net) .

All best,



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