



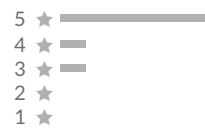
2020 ÉCOLE MERIDIAN HEIGHTS THOUGHT EXCHANGE REPORT

Parkland School Division 70 École Meridian Heights School



Q1 What are some things you appreciate and some concerns you have about our school this year?

I hope class sizes don't grow Smaller class sizes are better for the kids and the teachers. They're why we moved out of the city. I hope Parkland is able to keep them small.

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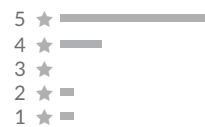
Lots of extracurricular activities again I am grateful to the staff that give their own time to help the kids

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I appreciate the teachers and how hard they work to encourage the children. It's important to give our youth/children an opportunity to feel optimistic about their future.

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The new library at EMHS is amazing! The librarian is such an asset to the school

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Good communication from teachers My kiddo has special needs and the open communication via email and remind is really important.

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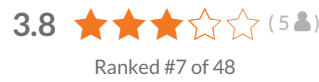


TEACHERS Teachers who go above and beyond are needed and appreciated. It's not just a job, it's a purpose! You are co-raising the next generation. Thanks!

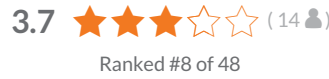
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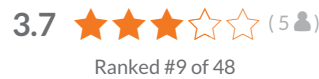
I am concerned about the safety of staff and students with some of the extreme behavior issues in the school. When has biting and hitting become okay Standards are important!



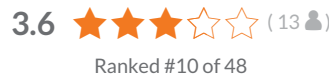
teacher communication with parents through media I get to find out right away if a situation needs my attention



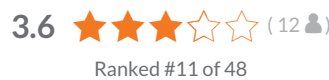
Lots of Students, Not as many Adults. My concern is that with more kids always coming and not as many educators coming in. Our teachers and administrators being stretched thin.



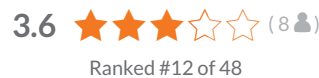
Students that need help are not receiving it Too much time spent dealing with troubled students



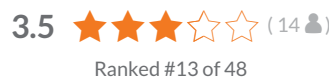
The relationship between younger grades and staff is wonderful. Seeing the interaction from the early morning supervisor shows how much she cares



I love the focus on staying active and playing sports! School sports is a great way to get fit and make friends. Thank you to the teachers who give their time to make this happen.



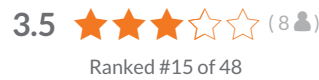
My child's teachers is what I appreciate but my concerns are with how big the classes are this year. I found both my children falling behind. I have had to put one of my kids into Sylvan Learning.



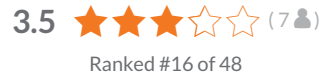
There continues to be too much distraction in classrooms that steer teachers away from the chance to do their job. We've had many good teachers, but the education has taken a back seat at times to address kids whose behavior takes over.



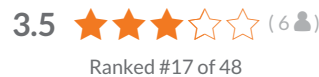
its been a great year. teacher has been very supportive. thank you



Francofete was again amazing this year!
These cultural events make my kids more engaged in their language learning. I am so impressed with their French!



teachers/coaches It's important for our kids to learn skills in dealing with different coaches/teachers. Kindness goes a long way.



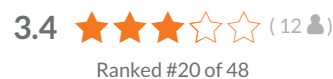
Discipline issues The procedures, standards of discipline, and communication for issues arising at school are inconsistent



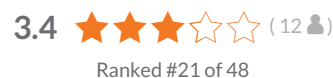
How many times do kids get to disrupt their entire class before administration makes changes? Children are constantly missing vital learning because of poor behaviour



I feel there is not enough classroom assistance Number of students per class that require more monitoring is high





Where is the EA support? So many children need assistance but none is provided. Stop wasting money on senior leaders and help the kids!



The MHSAA is an amazing fundraising group!
So much dedication. Their efforts made the library renovation possible and allowed the school to pay it off quickly. It also brings the families together at events.





How do our School ask for help? When we have students out numbering our support staff, how does our school go about asking and receiving the help our kids need?

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options programs thanks for getting our kids a wide variety of quality options, sports, hunting , woodworking...

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Is there going to be more school fees? It seems like PSD hasn't been very talkative about the budget cuts and the impact on our kids fees next year?

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concern about supervision when kids are outside I don't think that there is enough supervisors. I've seen kids get hands on and the teacher was too far to notice

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field trips good selection of field trips for the grade 1 classes

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Inconsistency with consequences for bad behavior Kids are regularly fighting with no punishment, 1st time offenders lose recess/in school suspension etc

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Why are some kids held accountable for their actions and some aren't. Behavioural contracts are signed before extracurricular activities but kids misbehave and they still get to participate

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Communication has been great Since Mr Patras came to Meridian, I feel very informed with what is going on at school

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I'm worried about inclusive education. My kids ask questions about the behaviors and reward systems/exceptions made for certain students in their clas If funding is cut, will this mean fewer EAs? With PUF gone I'm worried my own students education will suffer even though they don't have learning dela

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I've heard changes to playground rules and am wondering why? Kids need to climb trees, play games with equipment and direct their own play.

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The dedication of the administration is admirable! Great leadership is so important to our school and our school admin is doing a great job!

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I would love to see the children not use technology. The damage on a child's development is very evident. The brain needs time to develop without it I have 3 children who graduated without the use of tech until gr. 10 and one child w/ tech in gr. 5. The older children learn, retain, and cope better

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If there are concerns that can be dealt with at the school level, it feels like there is willingness to listen to these concerns and address them. This builds trust that the admin will act on concerns.

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bussing flexing already by being an earlier starting school shouldn't we have more busses available for pick up that's not an hour ride?

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I think the teachers struggle with the influx of technology in their classrooms. More awareness needs to be offered to help children & teachers cope Classes could be offered etc to help of set the struggle and educate parents and teachers of the negative effects tech has on children's brains

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Verbal and physical aggression happens too often Often my children do not feel safe even in the classroom

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Classes are not kept organized How can children learn in an unorganized environment

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I did not think moving the Christmas concert to the daytime for all age groups was in the best interest of students or families. This is a family tradition and a chance for kids to feel proud in front of their parents, its a shame when parents have to use valuable days off

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parking/drop off safety! parking lots needs expansion and any stopping anywhere to drop off by the cadet parking backs up to and on to 779.

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More sports opportunities with bussing would be good The only extracurricular we can do is snow club because we have no way to pick our kids up before 5:30.

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I am very happy with how both teachers and administration are willing to work with parents to find solutions. It is very important that everyone work together and have open communication. This helps students to grow and learn, no one feels alone.

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My child said the substitute teacher never speaks in French.

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I often hear the French immersion teachers speaking to the children in English. It would help my child grasp the French language better if it were always spoken.

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Wish kindergarten was full time With the cost of childcare going up it would be nice if kindergarten was Five days a week

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I feel like my child's level of French (comprehension and speech) is worrisome.

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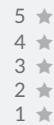
Communication with parents It seems that communication between teachers and school administrators has been lacking this year, emails often receive no responses

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The current grading system doesn't give enough feedback. If your child doesn't bring marks home, we have no idea how they are doing Every report card I am surprised by the report card. I see some marks but the report card doesn't reflect what I see

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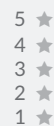
The evaluation system of competent etc does not serve a purpose. The gap is too big to decide if my child is doing ok, needs help or he's excelling. Kids will perform to see their report cards...there's no reward or excitement with this marking system. Teachers don't even have to track marks

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Not enough ratings to rank





The bullying has gotten out of hand 2/3 of my children are scared to go to school

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Field trips & extra curricular activities have been amazing for young elementary grades. Great job on the variety of field trips offered!

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Daytime Christmas concert makes it tough for working parents. I can appreciate the attempt to make the size more manageable, however working parents are not always able to get time off during the day.

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I would like to see kindergarten become full time. Broxton introduced full time K for French which allows the kids to pick up the language faster & adapt to routines as they are in school 5 day/week

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Not enough ratings to rank

