2019 MERIDIAN HEIGHT 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 appreciate the hard work of volunteers, fundraising teams and staff A lot of time and effort is put in to improve our school with projects funded by these parents & staff	4.0	★ ★ ★ ★ ☆ (35 ▲) Ranked #6 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
Love my children's teachers. Both teachers are kind and great at sharing and keeping connected with parents. I see how hard they work and care for their students.	4.0	★ ★ ★ ★ ☆ (35 ♣) Ranked #7 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
I like the fact that the school is bilingual It will open more doors for my child in the future	4.0	★★★★★ (29 ♣) Ranked #8 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
The Sports Programs The extended sports programs being offered to younger students not only allows for more encouraged activity but a place for active kids to connect.	4.0	★★★★★ (29 ♣) Ranked #9 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
I really like the fostering of animals in the class helps build confidence learn responsibility also great for the animals in need and for them to become family pets	4.0	★ ★ ★ ★ ☆ (16 ♣) Ranked #10 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
I really appreciate our wonderful support staff. Without them our school simply would not function as well as it does.	3.9	★★★☆☆ (36 ♣) Ranked #11 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
It has been a very cold winter Thank you for keeping the children inside during these times. I am appreciative of the time teachers have to give during their lunch.	3.9	★★★☆☆ (36 ♣) Ranked #12 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
I like the family piece that Meridian brings. Games nights. More time with family helps with family ties	3.9	★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆ (35 ♣) Ranked #13 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★

French as a second language Leg up when finding career	3.9	★★★☆☆ (31 ▲) Ranked #14 of 163	$5 \times $ $4 \times $ $3 \times $ $2 \times $ $1 \times $
Back your staff up! Give the teacher the power not the students and parents! Fail a kid who can't complete it.	3.9	★★★☆☆ (30 ♣) Ranked #15 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
I like that they try to talk with kids in French and encourage them to communicate as such. They are there to learn FRC and concepts in ENG too	3.9	★ ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ (30 ♣) Ranked #16 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★ =
My child enjoys the French immersion program Has allowed him to have a more broad array of experiences	3.9	★★★☆☆ (30 ♣) Ranked #17 of 163	$5 \\ 4 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ = 1$
Compassion that seems to be built through out the children at all levels. The older kids helping out the younger ones. And mindfulness Makes it better for new kids starting in the educational system. It sets a good example. Teaching core society values.	3.9	★★★☆☆ (29 ♣) Ranked #18 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
Disruptive kids need more support than what teachers can give. Smaller classes help but not enough. More teacher aids would be great Smaller class sizes don't take the place for the one on one support a teachers aid gives	3.9	★★★☆☆ (29 ▲) Ranked #19 of 163	$5 \times \\ 4 \times \\ 3 \times \\ 2 \times \\ 1 \times \\ $
I appreciate the school sports Have a sporty son and want school activities.	3.9	★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆ (29 ♣) Ranked #20 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ = 1 ★ =
I like the ongoing commitment to learning outdoors. So good to put away the technology and get kids out in the fresh air learning their science and so much more.	3.9	★★★☆☆ (29 ♣) Ranked #21 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ = 1 ★ =

New librarian is the best. Such a different atmosphere. Kids feel supported.	3.9	★★★☆☆ (29 ♣) Ranked #22 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
More teacher aids in all the grades needed. (A TA for each class would be a huge asset to the kids & teacher) Some kids require more time and need options in learning different ways than being read or talked to in the classroom.	3.9	★★★☆☆ (27 ▲) Ranked #23 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 1 ★
I love my sons Teacher. She is always supportive and reminds him constantly what to do while still being attentive to others	3.9	★★★☆☆ (16 ♣) Ranked #24 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
More supervision I drove past and it looked like there was one person in charge of like 100 little kids.	3.9	★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆ (15 ♣) Ranked #25 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
i appreciate M. lalonde working hard for my child. the teachers are all the children have during the day its important they feel safe and cared about when at school	3.9	★★★☆☆☆(15 ♣) Ranked #26 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
Our teachers are fabulous. They care about the kids however I think they need more assistance. It concerns me that there are so many different needs In the class and the I see teachers not getting the support they need.	3.9	★★★☆☆☆ (8▲) Ranked #27 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
I appreciate the teachers contact and communication home regarding my children's development as learners and the stories of the day. I cannot go to every event as a working parent so seeing pictures and getting updates are appreciated.	3.8	★★★☆☆☆(37 ▲) Ranked #28 of 163	5 * 4 * 3 * 2 * 1 *
The positive attitudes and passion of staff, regardless of their evidently high stress levels	3.8	★★★☆☆☆(37▲) Ranked #29 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★

I appreciate that there are after school activities my child can participate in.	3.8	★★★☆☆ (36 ♣) Ranked #30 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
Our experience with teachers and assistants has been positive. They deserve recognition for their caring habits.	3.8	★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆ (36 ♣) Ranked #31 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★ =
The diversity of the teaching staff has helped all three of my children Gives each different personality someone to go to when they need help.	3.8	★ ★ ☆ ☆ (35 ▲) Ranked #32 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
My son started kindergarten this year. It has been a smooth transition from preschool. The teachers are awesome and supportive of their students. My son's first year of school has been wonderful because his teachers have been so welcoming and kind. That helps to start his school career off right	3.8	★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆ (33 ♣) Ranked #33 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ = 1 ★
The amazing teachers My kids love going to school because of their teachers	3.8	★ ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ (29 ♣) Ranked #34 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
I appreciate the staff. very engaged and caring about my child's education, they listen and give feedback, solve problems quickly and with care.	3.8	★ ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ (24 ▲) Ranked #35 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ = 1 ★ =
I am aware that we have an inclusive school. I feel that the resources to support an inclusive school are not available to our teachers.	3.8	★★★☆☆☆(15 ▲) Ranked #36 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
Teaching staff are supportive and receptive to parents questions and and welcoming them into the classroom. Makes parents feel at ease and builds trust with the teachers.	3.8	★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆ (7 ♣) Ranked #37 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★

I appreciate the opportunity to discuss my concerns with the admin team Parents need to feel heard.	3.7	★★★☆☆ (38 ♣) Ranked #38 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
I appreciate the way the staff keeps us informed and involved. I take comfort knowing my child is in a safe and positive learning environment.	3.7	★ ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ (36 ♣) Ranked #39 of 163	5 * 4 * 3 * 1 *
The staff and community are great. The people seem inviting and respectful.	3.7	★ ★ ☆ ☆ (36 ▲) Ranked #40 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
i appreciate the help provided for second language as a parent of a french student and not speaking it myself i love how the school provides instruction in both languages and support	3.7	★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆ (36 ♣) Ranked #41 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 1 ★
The teachers and staff My daughter's teacher has kept the communication open between her and us, which is so appreciated.	3.7	★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆ (35 ♣) Ranked #42 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
Inclusion for one is exclusion for the entire class Every child deserves the right to an education. Just because a child sits quietly doesn't mean they shouldn't get help.	3.7	★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆ (30 ♣) Ranked #43 of 163	5 * 4 * 3 * 2 * 1 *
Excited to see the library reno Our older school needs the updating. Our kids already love their library. This will make it even better.	3.7	★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆ (29 ♣) Ranked #44 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
The hardworking teachers With out the dedicated Staff at Meridian Heights I think that our children would see far less "fun " learning, and much high failure rates	3.7	★ ★ ☆ ☆ (29 ♣) Ranked #45 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★

the teachers care about the kids they want them to learn	3.7	★★★☆☆ (11▲) Ranked #46 of 163	$5 \bigstar$ $4 \bigstar$ $3 \bigstar$ $2 \bigstar$ $1 \bigstar$
I love that the teachers keep me in the loop about any concerns they may have. This allows me to be able to help where ever I can.	3.6	★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆ (36 ♣) Ranked #47 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
Love the classroom apps Love how the apps make it easy to connect and communicate with the teachers.	3.6	★★★☆☆ (36 ♣) Ranked #48 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
Mrs. Patterson goes above and beyond for her students!!! Teachers are what make schools great!!	3.6	★★★☆☆ (36 ♣) Ranked #49 of 163	$5 \bigstar$ $4 \bigstar$ $3 \bigstar$ $2 \bigstar$ $1 \bigstar$
The teachers are very hands on and helpful Helps my children to succeed	3.6	★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆ (36 ♣) Ranked #50 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
My concern is that there are too many children getting a lack of education due to disruptive students I believe we need to ensure that all students get the attention they require to excell	3.6	★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆ (35 ♣) Ranked #51 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
Field trips. I think that these should be included in every class and throughout the year. It's amazing to see kids reactions. Lots of learning happens in real life. Experiences can't be taught in class. Hands on activities. They get to see info in different format	3.6	★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆ (30 ♣) Ranked #52 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★

I am deeply concerned about the lack of preparation they are receiving for future grades and the world of work due to absence of homework/ study skill Nothing is handed to you. If you want it, you have to work for it. With the lack of homework or projects, tests, my children are lacking accountabili	3.6	★ ★ ☆ ☆ (30 ▲) Ranked #53 of 163	5 * 4 * 3 * 2 * 1 *
My child's classroom is very noisy with the library next door and the walls do not go up to the ceiling My child deserves a quiet place to learn and read	3.6	★ ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ (30 ♣) Ranked #54 of 163	5 * 4 * 3 * 2 * 1 *
The staff are great and very supportive to students and each other Without the support for both staff and students the school does not function well and is unhealthy for everyone	3.6	★ ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ (30 ♣) Ranked #55 of 163	5 * 4 * 3 * 2 * 1 *
I would like to see more parent involvement in things like school counsel, the Meridian Heights parent advisory group and volunteerism in general. It is the same handful of parents in all of these groups year after year (yes most of them also work full time) instead of complaining get involved.	3.6	★ ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ (29 ▲) Ranked #56 of 163	5 * 4 * 3 * 2 * 1 *
This school has a vision. It has a clear direction and there have been many changes. Nature Based learning has been an incredible program. I think the direction to bring in Nature Based Learning is such a healthy direction for our children. I love how the direction of the school is notici	3.6	★ ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ (29 ♣) Ranked #57 of 163	5 * 4 * 3 * 2 * 1 *
good school french program	3.6	★ ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ (29 ▲) Ranked #58 of 163	5 * 4 * 3 * 2 * 1 *
I appreciate our teacher and the staff that support the students Because it's not an easy job but it's so important and yet everyone seems to work well together.	3.6	Anked #59 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 1 ★

I think something needs to be done to improve our childrens lunch hour. My child comes home more often than not with almost all her lunch because there is not enough time to eat. They should not be rushed to eat.	3.5	★★★☆☆ (37 ▲) Ranked #60 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
Pointless report cards. Give me actual results/scores/marks so I can track how my kid is actually performing instead of a ridiculously large scale	3.5	★★☆☆☆☆(37 ▲) Ranked #61 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
Class sizes seem to be increasing, particularly in higher grades Smaller class sizes work better for an inclusive education approach, particularly for kids who have special needs (and their teachers!)	3.5	★★★☆☆ (36 ≗) Ranked #62 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
I am impressed with the teachers within the school division I would hate to see some leave the field because they feel overwhelmed with the disciplinary issues they face	3.5	★★★☆☆ (36 ♣) Ranked #63 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
Fine arts programs being cut - I read that the music program at Memorial Comp was under the knife Fine arts programming is strongly correlated to many different measures of success later in life - robust arts programs need to be financial priority	3.5	★★★☆☆ (34 ♣) Ranked #64 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
Students that are in defiance of the rules still allowed to attend while other students are losing on their education due to these disturbances Students that need the extra behavioral supervision are taking away from the students that are trying to learn in the classroom	3.5	★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆ (34 ▲) Ranked #65 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
The class size is very well managed and I believe the teacher do a great job with the class sizes I feel if the class sizes grow to, bigger numbers that all the children will start to struggle and the weaker ones will get left behind.	3.5	★★★☆☆ (33 ♣) Ranked #66 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★

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With the grade four shake up at the beginning of the year and then the teacher going on leave and now a new teacher is coming in Maybe It has a been a very disruptive year and has not been handle well.	3.5	★★★☆☆ (30 ♣) Ranked #74 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 10 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
I like the class app that allows us to see what is going on. At first, I wasn't too sure about it but I found it really helpful to learn what goes on It gives us an understanding on what happens especially when the kid is overwhelmed or doesn't say much. It also allows us to connect with kid.	3.5	★★★☆☆ (29 ♣) Ranked #75 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
I would like to know about the proposed curriculum changes and how that would be translated into my kids education Relevance.	3.5	★★★☆☆ (29 ♣) Ranked #76 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
The tone in the school is positive. The teachers are so engaged, relational and care about their kids. They have a wonderful rapport with kids. This is important because the kids love their teachers.	3.5	★★★☆☆ (29 ♣) Ranked #77 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
I did like the numeracy and literacy workshop given. Very good information that all parents should have especially younger kids. This info was quite helpful and help tie in with class activities.	3.5	★★★☆☆☆ (28 ▲) Ranked #78 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
Love the positive culture Never before believed that 10 grades in one building would work. Meridian has proven me wrong! Wonderful vibe here.	3.5	★★★☆☆ (28 ♣) Ranked #79 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
Safety on the playground Have more supervisors on the playground to watch the kids. Don't allow the little kids to play with the big kids.	3.5	★★★☆☆ (27 ♣) Ranked #80 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★



At first, I was not sure about the animals in the Grade 3 area, I like that they are their now. As long as it does not take away from the attention of learning a 2nd language and other subject areas.	3.4	★ ★ ☆ ☆ (35 ▲) Ranked #88 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 1 ★
I appreciate that the staff say they care but yet my kids get bullied non stop. The bullying makes it hard for kids to want to go to school and very difficult to concentrate when they are there.	3.4	★ ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ (35 ♣) Ranked #89 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
Disrespectful, bully and physically harming students have no consequences or accountability We are setting these children up for complete failure in the future and in life. I hope you take accountability for issues in the future as you are	3.4	★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆ (30 ♣) Ranked #90 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
Lack of supervision during recess On going bullying is a problem that does not seem to be getting address	3.4	★ ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ (30 ♣) Ranked #91 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
My child is not getting adequate academic time because of the noise level and behaviour management that needs to happen in the class She comes home almost every day saying that her class is out of control and bad and very loud	3.4	★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆ (30 ♣) Ranked #92 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
Being able to help out and have the younger siblings see what happens so it's not as a shock when she/he starts school. Great opportunity for participation and having a role.	3.4	Anked #93 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
Field trip lump sum payments should not be forced. Allow parents to opt out without guilt. I cannot afford to pay for all field trips in advance. My kids wont attend all trips and I don't qualify for assistance.	3.4	★ ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ (23 ▲) Ranked #94 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★

I'm very concern about the well being of the teachers and children. Children have different needs that the school DO NOT accommodate. The well being of our children is very important to all of us, and teachers too, if we dont have strong teachers our kids suffer.	3.4	★ ★ ☆ ☆ (21 ♣) Ranked #95 of 163	$5 \bigstar \\ 4 \bigstar \\ 3 \bigstar \\ 2 \bigstar \\ 1 \bigstar $
Lack of volunteers It seems like same group of parents all the time. If parents are going to complain, why don't they help out.	3.4	★★★☆☆☆(15 ♣) Ranked #96 of 163	$5 \times $ $4 \times $ $3 \times $ $2 \times $ $1 \times $
I am always concerned about bullying. So far our experiences with bullying have been handled well but I'm not always sure what steps when it happens I want to be part of the team and the solution	3.4	★★★☆☆☆ (10 ♣) Ranked #97 of 163	$5 \\ 4 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ \star$
I'm concerned about behavior within the classroom. My concern is that teachers may spend too much attention of kids exhibited distracting behavior which forces them to ignore the rest of the class.	3.3	★★★☆☆☆(37 ▲) Ranked #98 of 163	$5 \times $ $4 \times $ $3 \times $ $2 \times $ $1 \times $
The condition of the EMHS building. Leaks, mold, broken heating. The part near the end car park looks like it's about to collapse	3.3	★★★☆☆(37 ♣) Ranked #99 of 163	$5 \\ 4 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ \star$
The sense of accountability that is impressed on the students. Issues are dealt with as they arise & attention is drawn to the consequences. As opposed to passing on information and avoiding difficult situations	3.3	★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆ (37 ♣) Ranked #100 of 163	$5 \star \\ 4 \star \\ 3 \star \\ 2 \star \\ 1 \star $
What is the possibility of a fast track (or AP) program at Meridian? There are smart kids that could be learning more in a shorter span of time.	3.3	★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆ (37 ♣) Ranked #101 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★

There is always a lot of garbage around on the playgrounds. The children need to be held accountable for trashing their own space. If the kids are all involved in cleaning the parks they will learn responsibility. It will also lessen the litter over time.	3.3	★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆ (36 ▲) Ranked #102 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 1 ★
No focus on bullying in the classroom and outside lunch and recesses. Children become depressed	3.3	★★★☆☆ (35 ▲) Ranked #103 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
I appreciate the school incorporating ingdigenous studies and workshops. To bring awareness and reduce stereotyping.	3.3	★★★☆☆ (31 ▲) Ranked #104 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
Communication Has improved over the last few years	3.3	★★★☆☆ (30 ♣) Ranked #105 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
My sons teacher is does not speak kindly to the students "the class is stupid loud and stupid crazy" is said regularity. When the children speak this way in the class they are disciplined for it. My son does not think that is fair.	3.3	★★★☆☆ (29 ♣) Ranked #106 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
I love how the administration is very dedicated and receptive. I have had concerns with my daughters learning and felt that I was heard. I never felt brushed off.	3.3	★★★☆☆ (28▲) Ranked #107 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
Snack time fornolder grades. Kid a need time to eat	3.3	★★★☆☆ (28▲) Ranked #108 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
Thank you for the literacy evening! Good learning for all of us.	3.3	★★★☆☆☆(28▲) Ranked #109 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★

The amount of bullying	3.3	★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆ (21 ▲) Ranked #110 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 4 ★ 4 ★ 4 ★ 4 ★ 4 ★ 4 ★ 4 ★ 4
Field trips should be spread throughout the year, not concentrated in the last few months (ex. grade 5s haven't been on any yet this year.) There are so many great field trips out there, it would be nice if they were used consistently throughout the year as educational tools.	3.2	★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆ (36 ♣) Ranked #111 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
It appears that in physical education, basic sports skills not being taught but rather the time is spent playing games like dodge ball. The students would benefit from learning a variety of athletic skills during this time.	3.2	★ ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ (36 ♣) Ranked #112 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 1 ★
The bullying is getting pretty extreme and doesn't seem like much is being done to deter children from picking on each other	3.2	★★★☆☆ (36 ♣) Ranked #113 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
Can we have more extracurriculars that take place after school and include bussing, like Ski/Snowboard club? As a working parent, it's hard to get my kid involved in activities if it means he'll miss his bus, unless the activity goes until 5:30 or later.	3.2	★ ★ ☆ ☆ (35 ▲) Ranked #114 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
Junior high options better than last year, still lacking I am happy to see a greater variety of options offered but I am sadden by the lack of supplies available for them.	3.2	★★★☆☆ (35 ▲) Ranked #115 of 163	5 * 4 * 3 * 2 * 1 *
Class activities such as field trips or in class visits by entertainers. Keep the children interested and active in class and helps keep learning fun.	3.2	★ ★ ☆ ☆ (33 ♣) Ranked #116 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★

Field trips for every grade would be nice It doesnt have to cost money but even exploring our community and what it has to offer.	3.2	★★★☆☆ (32 ▲) Ranked #117 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
This is a school that teaches kids to read, write, speak and act in groups. I think they do very well. Some comments on here go way beyond what schools should be responsible for teaching. The learning process starts at home and should be nurtured there.	3.2	★★★☆☆ (32 ▲) Ranked #118 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
Getting addition supports for my child has been a battle The school did not seem interested in listening to our concerns, just telling us what they see is wrong with our child	3.2	★★★☆☆ (30 ♣) Ranked #119 of 163	$5 \times $ $4 \times $ $3 \times $ $2 \times $ $1 \times $
I like that the teachers are in direct contact with the parents through "dojo" app keeps us updated with information and allows us to communicate with the teacher/teacher assistant	3.2	★★★☆☆ (30 ♣) Ranked #120 of 163	$5 \\ \star \\ 4 \\ \star \\ 3 \\ \star \\ 2 \\ \star \\ 1 \\ \star $
Building concerns. Great temperatures fluctuations in all seasons. Health wise, cost of operations I'm assuming is higher then if properly insulated. Money could then be spent on educational things.	3.2	★★★☆☆ (29 ♣) Ranked #121 of 163	$5 \star \qquad $
Communication, as a new person in the area schools and first kid in the system, I found it overwhelming and difficult to get all the info. Clear expectations helps with cooperations on the family end. And it makes knowing what happens the best. I found out a variety of things randomly	3.2	★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆ (28 ♣) Ranked #122 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
The sand on the playgrounds should be raked or harrowed as it can become hard as cement Kids can get hurt	3.2	★★★☆☆ (23 ♣) Ranked #123 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★

Love the variety of field trips I think it's great how my child is learning so much from out of the classroom, hands on experiences.	3.1	★ ★ ☆ ☆ (37 ▲) Ranked #124 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
I would appreciate going back to daily agendas that come home with the child. This was a much better way of understanding what was happening in class each day. I never know whats happening unless I ask.	3.1	★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆ (35 ▲) Ranked #125 of 163	$5 \star \qquad $
I am concerned about some the rules out on the playgrounds - re: student interaction between younger & older grades. How can older kids be leaders when they are not allowed to?	3.1	★ ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ (33 ▲) Ranked #126 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
We should have a student group / council Every grade should have a say about what they would like from their school or have a voice to share what they love / dislike.	3.1	★★★☆☆ (32 ▲) Ranked #127 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
Having see at lunch, there are lots of plastic containers and drink containers that bring back money end up in garbage. promote recycling and environm Climate change, environment, etc being incorporated in curriculum. We should also practice the behaviours. Can also make money on bottles etc.	3.1	★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆ (30 ♣) Ranked #128 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
Inclusion doesn't work Sending a child into the hallway while disrupting the entire class isn't helping the child in the hallway or the rest of the class.	3.1	★ ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ (30 ♣) Ranked #129 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
My child does not get a chance to be apart of the conversation in the classroom because other students in the classroom are disrespectful The teacher is unable to control the noise level in the classroom.	3.1	★ ★ ☆ ☆ (30 ♣) Ranked #130 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★

Busing: I really like knowing the day before 5 🛨 that the buses were cancelled. Even the 3.1 ★★★☆☆(29 ▲) 4 🛨 3 ★ 💻 multiple venues used: getting phone call and Ranked #131 of 163 2 ★ 💳 email. Helps for planning. And the different 1 🔶 1 venues makes sure that the message is delivered or received in case there is a problem with one way. More library time in the classroom and in the 5 🛨 🗉 **library** Once a week isn't enough library time. **3.1** ★★★☆☆ (27 **▲**) 4 🛨 = 3 ★ 🚃 They should have more time in the library to Ranked #132 of 163 2 ★ = engage and ask questions on books & express 1 🔶 🗉 their thoughts **Bullying** My daughter has had a lot of issues 5 + with bullying this year 3.1 ★★☆☆(9▲) 4 🛨 3 ★ 🖛 Ranked #133 of 163 2 ★ 🗖 1 🛨 This Thouht Exchange This is a great tool, but 5 🛨 💻 it's not exactly user friendly, and it would be 3.1 ★★☆☆☆(8▲) 4 🛨 🖿 3 ★ 💻 helpful to see comments made already so we Ranked #134 of 163 2 + don't repeat. 1 ★ = So many aggressive children, and it appears 5 🛨 that nothing is being done to stop their 3.0 ★★☆☆☆(36 ▲) 4 ± 3 ★ 🗉 behavior. Too many kids are being hurt/are Ranked #135 of 163 2 * scared of being hurt 1 * -----The bathrooms are a mess and often do not 5 + even have the basics like soap. Students avoid 3.0 ★★★☆☆(35 ▲) 3 🛨 🚃 drinking water so they do not need to use the Ranked #136 of 163 2 ★ 🗖 bathrooms, this is unhealthy. there are to many apps for different things 5 + like report cards, payments, 3.0 ★★☆☆☆(34 ▲) 4 + 3 ★ 📃 reading,math,hotlunch,etc its annoying when Ranked #137 of 163 2 + you have to jump between apps for everything. 1 🔶 🗉 report cards should just come home with the kids. communication should be easier

Concerned about plumbing Health concern for kids close to bathrooms	3.0	★★☆☆☆ (30 ♣) Ranked #138 of 163	5 ★ ■ 4 ★ ■ 3 ★ ■ 1 ★ ■
Inclusion Everyone is included	3.0	★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆ (30 ♣) Ranked #139 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
Too many students that required help which the school is not equipped nor should be dealing with This is an education system NOT a early years school! Remove students that are not there to learn, follow the rules or be respectful.	3.0	★ ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ (26 ♣) Ranked #140 of 163	5 * 4 * 3 * 2 * 1 *
Water and puddles should be drained out of the playgrounds Kids need to be active and not soaked	3.0	★★★☆☆ (23 ♣) Ranked #141 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
Communication We feel like the communication between school and parent has gone down over the last few years. This does not include individual teacher communication	3.0	★ ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ (7 ♣) Ranked #142 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
Hot lunch vendors need to be reminded a couple of days in advance with a quick email so that when we volunteer over the year assured they deliver Because it is a concern to everyone involved in this program. Especially the kids.	2.9	★ ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ (36 ♣) Ranked #143 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
Kitchen Reno was not as expected! A foods option with one stove? Disappointed that money was even spent and nothing changed.	2.9	★ ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ (35 ♣) Ranked #144 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
There seems to be to heavy of a dependence on movies and videos during classroom time for various subjects.	2.9	★ ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ (35 ♣) Ranked #145 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★

Out of school care I'm fortunate to live close 5 2.9 ★★☆ [] [31 🌡) to the school, however on site OSC would be 4 🛨 3 🛨 💻 helpful to manage a full time work schedule Ranked #146 of 163 2 ★ = and school schedules 1 🔶 Schools need to stop treating students 5 🛨 💻 education as a money maker. Intakes need to 2.9 ★★☆☆☆(29 ▲) 4 🛨 🔳 3 🛨 🚃 be with tighter restrictions If we actually said Ranked #147 of 163 2 ★ = "no your child is not a good fit" and not looking 1 🔶 🗉 at how many letter are behind the name and how much money comes with that having French programs in the catholic school 5 👈 system or multiple schools So my children can 2.9 ★★☆☆☆(9▲) 4 🛨 🗉 3 ★ 💳 be in the same school having children at Ranked #148 of 163 2 🛨 multiple schools it hard. It's even harder when you have special needs children Lack of community feeling and fun Walking 5 🛨 🗉 through the school feels sterile. Few fun days 2.8 ★★☆☆☆(36 ▲) 4 🛨 3 🛨 = (crazy hair, backwards day etc). Even Ranked #149 of 163 2 ★ francofete seems to just be a movie. The lack of a grade 4 music concert at Meridian Heights was very upsetting to my 2.8 ★★☆☆☆(34 ▲) 4 🛨 🗉 3 🛨 🗉 kid. There should have been communication Ranked #150 of 163 2 🛨 🔳 at beginning of the year. This would have informed parents that there would be no winter concert unless kids signed up for "secret choir" and saved a lot of heartache. Concern busing: communication was not 5 🛨 2.8 ★★☆☆☆(29▲) good. we never received any information 4 🔶 3 ★ regarding the orientation in Aug. I found out Ranked #151 of 163 2 🛨 🗉 from neighbor afterwards Could have been useful info. We had no idea what to expect; being our first time. We didn't know what to expect and transfer. Big deal for 5yr old Safety in school, having a proper locker school and keeping our kids safe inside and outside 2.8 ★★☆☆☆(26 ▲) 3 🛨 🗉 on the playground Get locks for the doors, Ranked #152 of 163 2 + = buzzers and cameras. Too many bad things are happening and we don't want to be on the news for this incompetence.

Technology Use Students need to have a strong grasp of how , but sometimes it feels like it's not being done	2.8 ★ ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ (8 ♣) Ranked #153 of 163 5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
Classrooms are not equipped with proper cleaning supplies Students are eating their lunch in an unclean environment	2.7 \bigstar \bigstar \bigstar \bigstar $(37 \clubsuit)$ Ranked #154 of 163
I'm concerned that the French Language was not showcased at all in Christmas concert. For a school that is over 75 % French it was horriblly under represented. I want to hear French when I attend special events.	2.7 ★★☆☆☆☆(24 ♣) Ranked #155 of 163 5 ★ 4 ★ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★ 1 ★
We throw away a lot of money towards school initiatives Late hot lunch, late booked field trips, books ordered 2 mths ago still haven't arrived I don't want to put more money in when the service is not	2.5 ★ ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ (36 ♣) Ranked #156 of 163 5 ★ ■ 3 ★ 2 ★ 1 ★
Active transportation would be appreciated An active transportation initiative to safely bring students to school on a regular basis would be appreciated	2.5 $\bigstar \bigstar \bigstar \bigstar (33 \triangleq)$ Ranked #157 of 163 5 \bigstar 4 \bigstar 3 \bigstar 2 \bigstar 1 \bigstar
Kindergarten open house I want my child's first exposure to school to be a fun and welcoming experience. Not one that controls and limits their exploration of the new space.	2.5 \bigstar \bigstar \bigstar \bigstar $(33 \triangleq)$ Ranked #158 of 163 5 \bigstar 4 \bigstar = 3 \bigstar 2 \bigstar 1 \bigstar
Bus fees should be equal to every rider None of this 2.4km business. I know its subsidized but I feel every person who rides should pay Say 100\$ per kid	2.5 $\bigstar \bigstar \bigstar \bigstar (32 \clubsuit)$ Ranked #159 of 163 5 \bigstar 4 \bigstar = 3 \bigstar = 2 \bigstar 1 \bigstar
We think totally waste time this school year. No gym, barely study , any science & social and more. My kid and we are not happy .	2.5 ★ ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ (30 ♣) Ranked #160 of 163 5 ★ ■ 3 ★ ■ 2 ★ ■ 1 ★

How unapproachable the teachers seem To feel like you are not cared for by your teacher is disheartening	2.3	★ ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ (27 ♣) Ranked #161 of 163	5 * 4 * 3 * 2 * 1 *
Concern: long days for kindergarten. Perhaps now in March is not as bad but honestly, my kid still struggle. I wonder if half days would work best Better for learning etc yet I know logistically this could be a nightmare to schedule. Plus it would affect busing . A place where hey can rest perhap	1.9	★ (29 ♣) Ranked #162 of 163	5 ★ 4 ★ = 3 ★ = 2 ★ = 1 ★
Students grade 6 and under should be provided or the option to be bought.	1.9	★ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ (28 ♣) Ranked #163 of 163	5 ★ = 4 ★ 3 ★ = 2 ★ = 1 ★

