

2020 MUIR LAKE SCHOOL THOUGHT EXCHANGE REPORT

Parkland School Division 70
Muir Lake School

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

Appropriate Class sizes To ensure all students are getting the education, support, encouragement they need

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I am concerned by the lack of family involvement in the school system. It seems people are ok to let the system be run by others without their input. I hope that parents are at least talking to their children about what is happening at school.

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Inclusive environment It's important for students to be in an environment that supports diversity and inclusivity

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I appreciate that the teachers are open and willing to discuss anything with parents. So parents know teachers care about their children.

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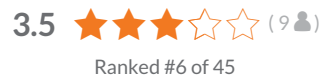


Some of the teachers have been great. Others seem to lack sensitivity toward children with special needs.

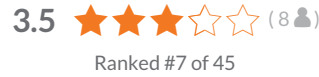
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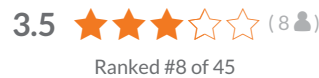
As there are three grade 3 classes this year, what are the plans with them moving forward? Teacher to student ratio is important for the best possible state of learning. Also for teacher satisfaction.



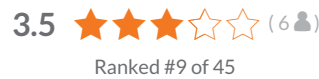
A major concern is students inform their parents that there is an issue with the teacher and nothing changes. When a teacher does not have great teaching and students are not learning as they should it should be dealt with. This has not happened.



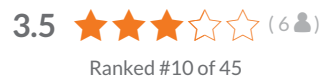
I am worried about class sizes next year for the grade 2 students this year. There are 3 classes let's keep that Bringing it down would cause issues and stress and large gaps in the help they need



I am concerned that with the budget cuts there will only be 2 grade 3 classes next year (there is 3 grade 2 classes this year due to amount of kids). With 60 students this year, putting that amount into 2 classes next year is going to be detrimental to the students and teachers



Philosophy of inclusion Things have changed considerable with change of administration with respect to the approach to inclusion.





Everyone's friendly. Feel part of a community



My son's teacher! Without her the changes that were made this year would have gone a completely different way.





Seems to be a lack of supervision on the playground at recess times. Small kids can get pushed around by the big kids.

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I appreciate the staff, particularly the secretaries, librarian, & vice principal. I also appreciate the feeling of community of the school. My children feel safe, happy, supported.

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Classes should have hand sanitizer stations set up. Sickness spread so easily, there should be stations all around the school with sanitizer.

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Class sizes Grade 1 in 2020/2021 will have large class sizes since kindergarten has 28 per class. Grade 1 has such a big learning curve from kindergarten.

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Overall the learning environment is positive with a great family culture. It is nice when students can focus on performance and relationship building without the distractions and pressures found in other schools.

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There are a large number of kindergarten students this year. Will there continue to be three grade one classes next year? Teacher to student ratio is very important in order for the children to learn as best they can and for the teachers to be happy with their work.

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Very disappointed in the removal of the outdoor educational camp decision for grade 5 and talk of reducing the focus on physical education. Camp has always been an amazing growth opportunity and positive social interaction for students at this age. Important to keep kids active/healthy

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I love that there is a hot lunch option for each day. I don't utilize it each and every day, but the option is great. It is very convenient.

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Collaboration Appreciative of openness and collaboration

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I know more changes are coming. I hope we are able to continue to meet the needs we are making currently. Hopefully more. I worry that we will be able to maintain our smaller class sizes. If that can not happen. I hope we are able to add some aids to support.

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communication Teachers are co-raising the next generation with us parents. Please keep us in the loop! We need you and you need us.

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3.Lack of support for behavioral students Better understanding & communication with parents,teachers,&admin. Support needs to be a group effort for these children.

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Principal is great about dealing with any issues I raise, and is friendly and approachable Issues get dealt with, especially bullying

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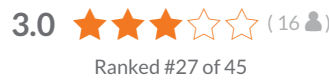


Bullying/lack of supervision on the bus Affects my child emotionally

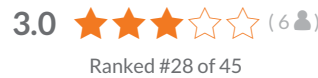
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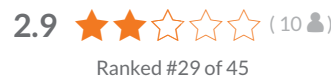
From the perspective of a newer family to Muir Lake School our first few weeks/months were difficult, lonely and full of anxiety. I'm wondering if there is a way to support students and parents in transitioning easier into our wonderful school for new families going forward.



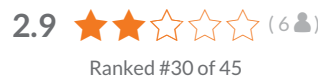
I dislike that the blog was removed. It was a wonderful way to stay updated with everything happening in the school. I feel much more out of the loop now.



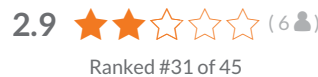
I appreciate the vice principals presence and friendliness. It makes my children feel welcome and safe at school.



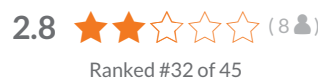
Getting sick is an important part of building an immune system. If kids don't have a fever, send them to school. Teaching kids to stay home when they have a simple cough or don't feel well is NOT preparing them for life in the real world.



I dislike some of the quality of the freson's hot lunch items (fried chicken, fries, pizza). It is often overcooked, has uneven amounts, poor amount of ingredients.



Principal interaction I used to see in previous years the principal out greeting students and parents in mornings and at evening pick up. This year I haven't seen him



Special Needs Children (Coded) kids if not placed in the right classes can take a large amount of teacher attention. 80% of time for 20% of students.. A strong emphasis should be placed on "Coded" kids and categorizing them appropriately. Putting them in regular classes is often times disruptive.



Transgender Bathrooms - Incase Parkland School Division is considering this. People should use the bathroom based on the bits they were born with not their perceived gender.

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1. schedules are not being adhered to. These students need to have a proper understanding of time management. Along with predictable schedules.

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Microwaves are in some of the classrooms, but not all. It is important to have them in all classrooms. In order to give my kids a healthy meal, it sometimes needs to be heated. They should have the ability to have a hot meal at school.

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I have concerns about the cleanliness and organization of the kindergarten, particularly around the sink. It's important to keep our little ones and teachers healthy.

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That people need to understand more about bully Stop labeling the children it cause the others to bully them

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I feel like the communication between volunteers in the school and the staff isn't as good as it could be I feel like if they want volunteers to continue coming in this needs to be changed

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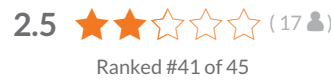


I am worried there was no fundraising this year like at Christmas Because you tell us parents the government is funding less but we didn't need to do fundraising? Don't ask for more money than

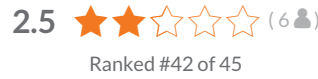
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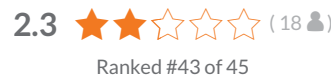
New principal I like that he is teaching as fill in



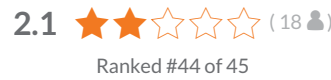
Majority vs Minority Spend tax payer dollars based on where you get the most for your money not the least. Why do some children get a dedicated EA and others stuck 28 - 1



School should send out more notices to keep children home when sick. With all the serious illnesses spreading. The school should make it a priority to help stop the spread between students.



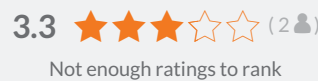
Front doors should be locked during school hours. For the safety of all the children who are in this school, the doors should be locked. There been enough incidents, security should be number one.



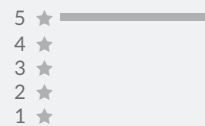
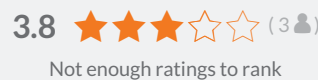
This survey is very difficult to fill out!



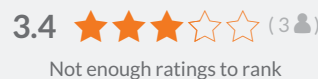
I am sad that due to funding cuts we lost our school counselor position and a full time aide position. I think those are super important (especially to lessen the workload for teachers and support the kids with special needs.




Will there be 3 Grade 1 and Grade 3 classes next year? Class size is my biggest concern. My kids have done so much better in the smaller classes. There isn't even enough room for 30 desks in some of the rooms.



Is money still being budgeted for the new Advanced Placement program for junior high kids? Why, when the elementary kids have huge class sizes?





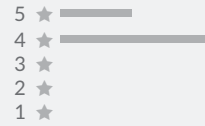
It's a concern to get several emails home each week outlining how your child needs extra work; more work than we are able to do at home. Frustrating that there is time to do a lot of "fun" stuff in school when the kids need more time to master the basics of learning.

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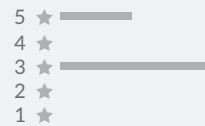
Appreciate the teachers that champion the kids and work to build a rapport with them. Kids feel valued and heard; they look forward to interacting with their teachers

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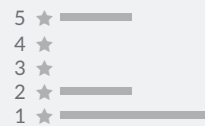
Options! Thanks for the options program , from hunting ed to woodworking to sports...keep bringing the life into the classroom!

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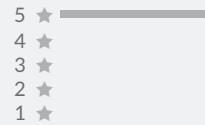
grades what does a parent do when grades are falling and extra work sheets aren't helping.

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communication If there are new hallway rules or any new changes to our kids daily life could we please be informed.

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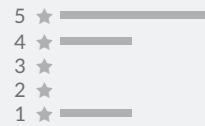
ski program how come no teachers help with this program?

2.5  (3 )
Not enough ratings to rank




parking lot safety! drop off continues to be hazardous when busses come late and parents stop by cadet building for drop off.

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Not enough ratings to rank



I dislike that the new principal stopped the grade 5 overnight trip that the school has been doing for many years. My son had heard about it last year & was excited, as were many others.

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Not enough ratings to rank

