

2019 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?

I love how the Principal is one the first faces they see in the morning as they walk in the door it's important they see each other. The children know her welcoming presence and she can check on who is lonely and walking without meeting eyes

4.5  (28 )
Ranked #1 of 66



Great play ground It's important for kids to get exercise

4.3  (30 )
Ranked #2 of 66



I love the opportunity of play parkland and the variety of field trips for the kids. It's important so they can be exposed to a variety of different environments and experiences to grow and expand their thinking.

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Communication both from teachers and staff
I appreciate the communication I receive from the teachers and staff at Muir Lake.

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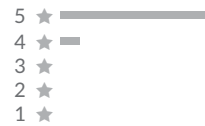
Great staff at Muir lake school. I can approach teachers and office staff with ease.

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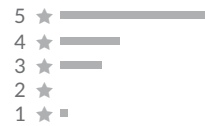
Muir Lake is a great school!

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Lovely location It's important as we live in the country

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Staff are welcoming to parents Totally necessary

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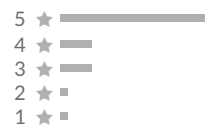
The reading program Helped my son become engaged in reading books

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I love that drinking water and bathroom breaks are allowed during class. This creates good habits for life. Water is so important for the body, especially thinking and focusing. Limited bathroom breaks also inhibit water intake.

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Ranked #10 of 66





Teachers are very good

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The principal once said “if you need something and someone says we don’t it that way, come see me. Maybe we don’t do it that way yet” It shows an open mind and a willingness to explore new opportunities.

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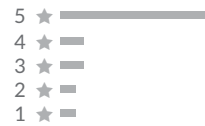
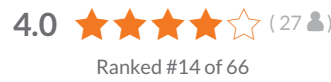


The staff and teachers are approachable Makes the parents feel like they are welcome

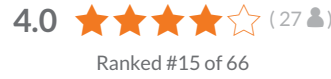
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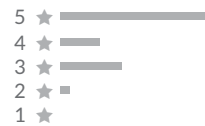
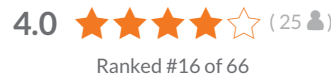
I appreciate that the office staff already knows my face & who my children are. We just moved to this school this school year. I am impressed with how little time it took to feel like we've been at the school forever.



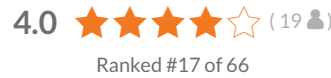
I appreciate the communication over seesaw getting full information on whats happening in class



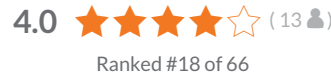
I think Muir Lake is a Great atmosphere, my kids have been very happy there. There have been very little, if any, issues in the school to my knowledge, and it appears to run very smoothly



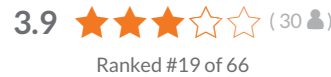
I appreciate the respectful attitude of both students and teachers.



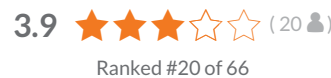
The focus on a well-rounded education Helps make learning fun and interesting, and allows children to discover what their interests and strengths are



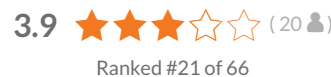
The school working with parents. To ensure students are able to learn and feel safe.



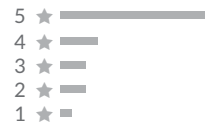
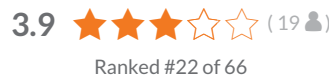
I appreciate the culture of the school as a community and a place to belong



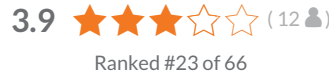
Mr Shaw held some classes in the woods near the school The value of teaching kids about nature and helping them become more comfortable in the woods is a core value of our family.



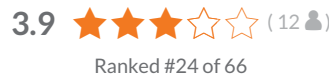
The ski school program is excellent value and chance for out of school socialization and camaraderie Building relationships based on physical sports and similar interests is a life skill



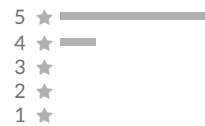
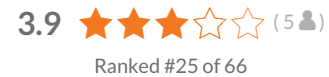
Communication It's wonderful to have such great conversations with all staff at the school



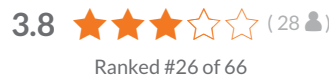
Welcoming I have always felt so welcomed at Muir lake



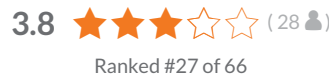
Overall School Experience I absolutely love the community feel of the school from all involved. Teachers/Staff/Students/Parents



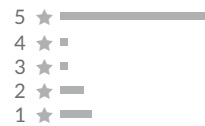
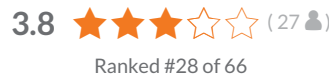
I am concerned about how run down the school is, both inside & out (just the building itself). I think all the older schools deserve some improvements from the government.





Outdoor programming and exploring the forest. I like that a child is allowed to have the time they need without pressure, but with boundaries I think getting out and exploring and imagining without pressures is important to development



Love the involvement in Nature, from the Nature K Program to indoor nature projects and outdoor exploration Need to get our students up and active and stimulated. Need to maintain their curiosity, cooperation and courage with nature.





I appreciate the teachers' (several grades involved) willingness to provide extra help

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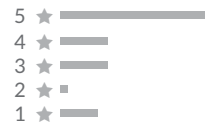
Nature education and outdoors focus Part of rural life and culture

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The bus driver is awesome I trust the bus driver with my son on the round trip to and from school

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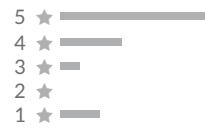
Volunteering within the school on hot lunch & book fair, as well as on my kids fieldtrips has been a pleasure.

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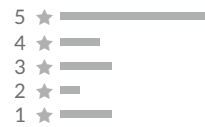
Love the focus on outdoor activity and learning about nature It's something that kids are interested in and is relevant to their world. It makes science fun. Helps them stay physically active.

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A concern is the grading system. It would be nice to get back to a percentage system of grading for report cards. This is important so the kids can be more accountable with their school work. This way they can properly see where they are grading.

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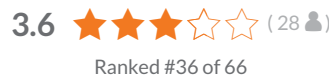


Children with additional needs seem to be served well and monitored with a goal of helping the students achieve success. It's important that children feel part of the group and feel encouraged towards making good choices.

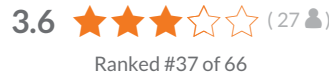
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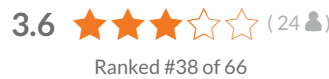
Field trips are better this year. In previous grades we had too many in school field trips.



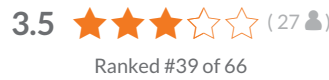
Is there a long term plan for the Grade One students? It is important that there is sufficient teacher/student ration and enough space for the number of children enrolled.



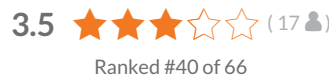
Really appreciate the focus on nature especially Nature Kindergarten. This is important to raise kids connected to the health benefits of being outdoors and respect for our earth.



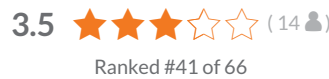
The grade 1 classes are too large. There needs to be 3 classes not 2 with a part time 3rd teacher. The noise volume is too loud. And with only one aid in the class it would be hard to give one on one help to everyone.



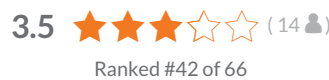
Arts Love that there has been increased opportunities for music and drama for older grades. I do wish it was possible to have a band program onsite



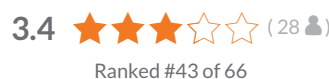
Bussing no one ever answers the phone. If a family has an emergency it's impossible to get your child to take a different bus home. An email sent to PSD BUSSING the night before or morning.





Class size Not every student is properly receiving their education.



Bring back the old way of doing math. Kids need to learn the basics. I find the new math ways are way more complicated.





Kids need more anti-bullying classes Why I'm pulling my son from the school, he is only 6 and comes home with bruises from kids throwing shoes at him, stabbing him with pencils or pushing

3.4  (28 )
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I like the sports focus the school has. Muir lake is known around the country for having successful teams. Sports brings kids together in a different way.

3.4  (20 )
Ranked #45 of 66





I like the variety of arts programs available at the school.

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No concerns. The school is welcoming

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appreciate the welcome back bbq in September Nice to reconnect with teachers, family, friends

3.3  (20 )
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Why can't my daughters age group (Gr 5) play on a basketball team? The boys have competitive teams at that age. Basic gender opportunity.

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Communication Communication has been good this year although we miss the classroom blogs and daily agendas in the grade 4-6

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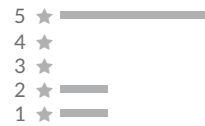
Too large of class sizes in grade one With too many kids it provides a distracting environment and takes away from the individuals

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Electronic Communications I would like to see a consistent approach used. My grade 2 child's teacher uses Seesaw, my grade 4 child's teacher uses a classroom blog.

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I appreciate the staff to student ratio.

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Recess could have more adult supervision The incidents that have happened at recess involving my kindergarten student affect him emotionally and behaviourally

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I would like to see more time allowed to eat lunch Some kids are slow eaters, a little more time would be nice for them to finish. Even 10 mins.

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I wish the kids had more 'away' field trips. The in school field trips are too expensive since 4-5 parents are doing the teaching as well.

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Concerned there are no after school child care programs It is 2019

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Bullying at school The reason I am pulling my son from the school

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Teachers don't have time for children who need a bit more attention Why I'm pulling my son from school in september

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Ranked #59 of 66




Parkland play I love the opportunity for parkland play, but the skating is really hard to justify. It's a big expense to buy skates for a few uses/year

2.9  (19 
Ranked #60 of 66




Concerned about the standardized testing used on cat 4s Not sure it strongly links to what is happening in the classroom

2.9  (16 
Ranked #61 of 66



School app and website are not the same It would appear that the school app has or is not updated or has been abandoned as the information on it is not current.

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Concerns around days where there is no outdoor recess- even if it cold, I think its pretty important to get outside event for 10 min. Important to get fresh air.

2.7  (24 
Ranked #63 of 66





Remain concerned that my kids will have to go to the City for high school Quality of life in rural Alberta

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Ranked #64 of 66



Days of the week It can be quite confusing having an inconsistent schedule. Ie library is day 3 which is not necessarily Wednesday each week as Friday may be off

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Our children live on acreages or farms. We don't need to be teaching them outside in bushes that are not even on the schools property. Huge injury risk and waste of educationtime management

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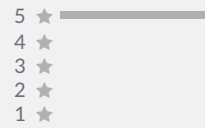
I appreciate all the hard work of the staff. It is important to know that my daughter has the best teachers, staff that have helped her achieve goals set in the beginning of the year.

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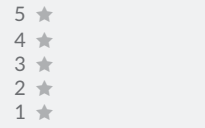
I appreciate how dedicated the teachers are. I'll get text updates from teachers all the time. It's important because it keeps me aware of deadlines etc

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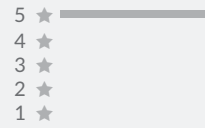
I appreciate the positive, can do attitudes of every adult that I've dealt with to date at Muir Lake School Our attitudes determine how far, how high, and if we fly throughout life... I believe it is imperative that our children see it modeled consistently.

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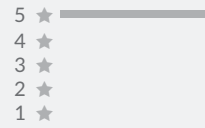
I feel the teachers maybe over working themselves. I get text updates after school hours and even on weekends.

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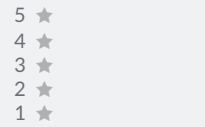
I think they should try to limit their work to school hours It's important that the teachers have period of rest in order to have a quality living

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Not enough ratings to rank





I would love to see a variety of recess clubs. To broaden our children's exposure to various

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Not enough ratings to rank



Love, how clean the school is. Keeps her from getting sick.

3.6  (4 )
Not enough ratings to rank

