



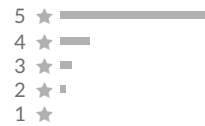
MUIR LAKE SCHOOL THOUGHTEXCHANGE 2022

Parkland School Division 70



Q1 What are some things you appreciate and some concerns you have about Muir Lake School and/or Parkland School Division this year? (Note: you can hit the three purple dots and skip a thought in the 'Star' phase if a thought doesn't apply to you.)

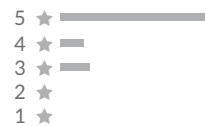
The outdoor play structures are great. For children to play on.

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Wish there was an opportunity to re-introduce out of school field trips The hands-on field trips and experience is great for kids of all ages.

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The staff that help direct traffic in the morning to keep our kids safe getting into school.

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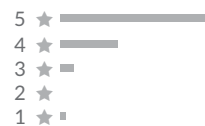
Appreciate that the school has stayed open. Continuity of learning is so important.

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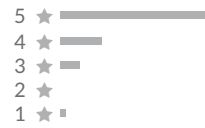
I appreciate the weekly emails Some communication helps when we haven't been allowed in the building as a parent.

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The teachers being out every morning to receive the kids arriving by bus and car every day it shows their love and dedication to the kids

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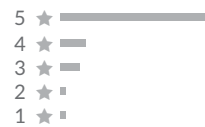
Concerns about the school, are that there appears to be a lack of knowing the teachers on a more personal level. I would love to know who is teaching my child/children.

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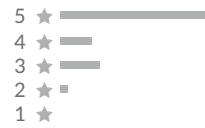
I appreciate that the kids are able to enter the school as they arrive in the morning, rather than waiting for the bell lets the kids gets settled in for the day at their own pace.

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I like that a new kindergarten was hired this year. Class sizes were very big in kinder.

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I appreciate the classes celebrating the different holidays. The kids need something fun to look forward to

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The updates or homework assignments shared through Seesaw. Communication btw the teachers and parents is important to facilitate maximal growth and learning for our children.

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I appreciate the school staff being in the parking lot in the morning to make sure kids enter the building safely

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Really appreciative of the Nature K program Allows kids to get outside and learning about their environment with peers. Helps to develop excitement about school and learning.

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How are the class sizes going to managed to allow for proper learning for all grades
Learning is an important part of school but with to many students how is a teacher and a tmTA suppose to manage such large class sizes

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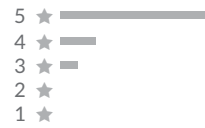
- Lunch shouldn't be about screen time, it should be about socializing. This is especially true for younger students. Screens are everywhere and they are discouraging the development of social skills like having a conversation. No need for a show at lunch.

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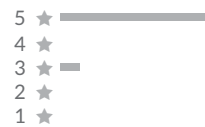
Parents need to be part of the school community again. It's time to move on from a locked down school. Positive relationships are what lead to success for all involved, most importantly our children.

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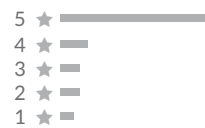
I like that the school remains open. Our kids deserve an education and school is very important for the kids and so the parents can work.

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5-10 minute parent teacher interviews over zoom/phone are not very effective unfortunately. You miss out on getting the overall tone of how things are going for your child or to meet the teacher.

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Parents need to be made to feel more welcome and part of the school community. Research suggests this is the biggest factor in a child's academic achievement.

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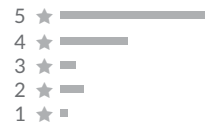
The class sizing has dramatically increased - I feel this is a decrease in the attention per child Children need more time one-on-one for engagement and learning

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I wish there were times where parents were allowed in. Children love to show off their work proudly on the wall or to just see their classroom. I haven't ever met my child's teacher in person and it's even their second year with that same teacher.

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My biggest thought/concern is the inability to be welcome/present in the school setting as a parent. It's been two years without an open door policy. Sense of community, safety reasons, parental involvement, volunteerism and research proves all of this helps a child's overall success in school.

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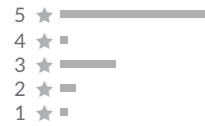
I appreciate the rural setting and that Ms Mattheson spends time with her class outside using the nature kindergarten area. Physical development and nature breaks help young children focus and learn about the world.

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Muir lake doesn't allow parents in to the school Other schools are allowing parent volunteers but Muir lake continues to lock us out!

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Appreciate the kids have stayed in school, outdoor time they get when the weather is good, extra funding to support my son reading when he fell behind Important because we want to grow kids who feel supported.

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Class sizes are too big Students need more one on one time

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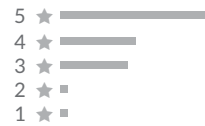
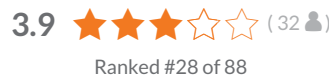


Appreciate the teachers who volunteer to make other programs possible for kids, i.e sports . In some schools in PSD it is a requirement for teachers. Builds team spirit and kids don't want to be coached by their parents.

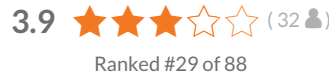
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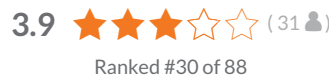
A concern is class sizes online or in person. Over 20 students per class in-person is too much.



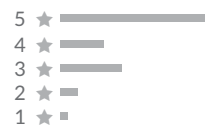
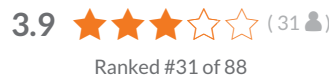
I appreciate the early start and end time of each school day. This allows for more family time and extracurricular time after school.



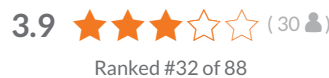
Athletic-sports options and actual physed class needs to be reintroduced. I think it has been pushed aside in the last couple years. Physed is important for obvious reasons.



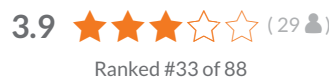
My concern is that the options aren't being done because of Covid. Surely there could be some way to have some of these incredible options available. The kids need the mental break by doing some fun options. Thankful atleast that this school makes time to go outside.



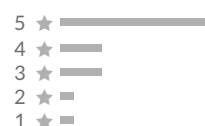
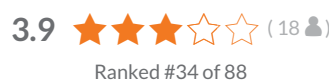
I appreciate they updated the exterior look of the building last year. It was starting to be quite dated looking and didn't seem very inviting.





Amazing coaches Thank you for giving our kids the opportunity to participate in extracurricular sports! Especially Mrs. Garrison!



Concerns regarding parental input, communication between parents and school. Hot lunch not being offered more. No extra activities for younger grades As I parent I don't feel part of a school Community. School council I have inquired about with no response. School and community needs to be One.





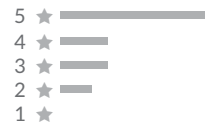
Newsletter Needs to include more of what's happening at the school, less about repeat Covid info that hasn't changed in weeks.

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Supervision at recess Bullying is starting amongst younger grades. Kids stating they have tried to find a supervisor and been turned away. Maybe a supervisor at the soccer

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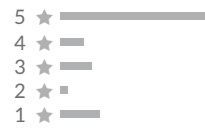
A very welcoming environment where teachers ACTUALLY care This is a school where teachers are supported by administration and it shows in their level of respect and dedication to the students.

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I'm concerned with the lack of willingness to open the school to parents even to drop off a water bottle or mitts. The amount of bullying is very concerning

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Ranked #38 of 88





I like that staggered recess was introduced More room for the smaller kids on the playgrounds and fields

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Ranked #39 of 88





There needs to be more time for parent/teacher interviews. There is not enough time for productive conversations

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Ineligible bus fees that are charged to families that live within 2.4km's of the school are expensive at \$450 per child this year. Rural bus fees need to be revisited and should be dependent on the setting whether rural or urban and if kids can safely walk to school

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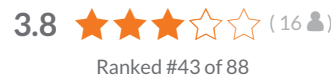


More activities Activities throughout the school to encourage school community building. Like candy grams at Christmas. Although this wasn't included in the newslett

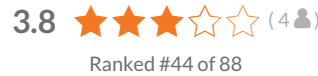
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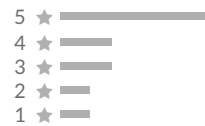
More equipment for outdoor More soccer, basketballs etc for the kids to play with at recess.



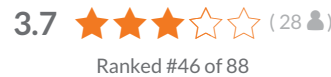
The use of the SeeSaw App has allowed us to feel connected to the classroom and engaged with the Teachers. Has kept an open line of communication with teachers during the year aside from P/T interviews.



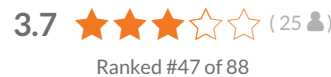
I'm concerned about the lack of parking options. they have placed no parking signs on the highway, which decreases options even more.



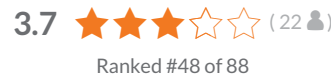
All teachers need to be trained in seesaw Inconsistency amongst teaching staff with communication as most don' know seesaw but we need to see what our kids are working on to help them at home.



I don't understand why our hot lunch program was canceled, and still has restrictions,when other schools in the district continued it throughout Covid Gives parents a bit of a break and it's great for the kids to get a variety of food





My concern is about the bullying I hear on the younger kids from older kids at recess. This has been brought up by several parents As well as my son Wondering where the supervision and safety for the younger kids are



I am very concerned that teachers are pushing their personal agendas and opinions on students rather than teaching them how to critically think. School is supposed to be a place where kids are taught how to think NOT WHAT to think.





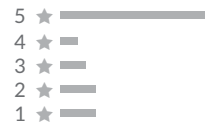
I feel the teachers and staff at Muir Lake go above and beyond to work with families to make a plan for successful kids. We all want our kids to succeed!

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I like that children in grade 4 and under haven't been forced to wear masks. They are too young to understand how to wear them properly and to keep them clean so its not helpful.

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Ranked #51 of 88





New principal Our kids know who the principal is he's very approachable and Andy is always in classrooms with kids

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Ranked #52 of 88





School office closed and front door locked. I do not think it's safe to arrive at the school to have a kinder child sent out the front doors with no verification the parent is picking them up.

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Appreciate the care and concern demonstrated through regular communication. Concerned about lack of parent involvement in school council

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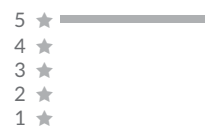
I am concerned about the parking lot and the Sec Hwy during inclement weather. Adding warning lights to protect long lineups on the Hwy. Concern for the County. I found this a serious concern during times when buses were cancelled.

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Conserve as much green space as possible, Muir Lake is so fortunate to have such a Rural setting. The Nature K program needs this space and every child needs outside play time.

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I do not think Parkland has planned for growth. Instead of giving Muir lake a face lift why did you not add an expansion or modulors? Subdivisions are getting added constantly and it's more and more young families moving into the area.

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My childrens first year at the school and we are so happy!!

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Ranked #58 of 88




Disappointed that Play Parkland didn't continue into grade 6 class Physical activity is so important for all skill levels

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Ranked #59 of 88





I am concerned about the inconsistency in communication between teachers and parents. Report cards are only one tool to know our child's progress. We need to have one system where teachers/student can post work for transparency.

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Is parkland school division accepting the new curriculum I don't feel like this is a proper curriculum for our kids to learn and be able to be successful adults

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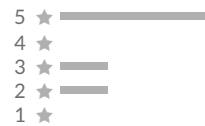
I am glad we are not wearing masks in the school! At some point we need to get back to normal for our kids Because this is about kids mental health

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The New Registration process is THE most ridiculous thing. There needs to be a "nothing has changed healthwise, home address is the same..

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I love the (virtual) open door policy the school has for any comments or concerns. A different perspective helps us grow.

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Ranked #64 of 88




Muir lake isn't taking teacher requests
Requesting teachers should be revisited.

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Ranked #65 of 88





We would like to see a focus diversity and inclusivity

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Bullying One child has bullied, either physically or by using words to numerous children From various grades. When brought up to the school the are dismissiv

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Communicating with the teacher through the seesaw app is extremely helpful and I love getting the pictures of my kid. We work as a team to ensure our kid (s) thrive. Using the app is an easy way to communicate concerns or issues we might be having.

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Students knowingly allowed to vape and take illegal substances during school hours and on school property does not show accountability for the offeder Fellow students see this as being acceptable, younger students are visible to these situations and may follow suit if encouraged.

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Appreciate student feedback through app
Only form of communication

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Approachability, open communication and desire for relationship by admin has gone to the way side. It is sad to see. This is a part of what made Muir Lake a gem.

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I appreciate that the lunch program was brought back, that sports are running and that my kids seem to feel a sense of normalcy again. I want my kids to have a normal school experience, instead of instilling a lot of fear

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Ranked #72 of 88





I cringe when I hear there's a lunch break before an exam is done, what student wouldn't go look some things up on their phone before completing. Not a good way of testing kids.

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Ranked #73 of 88




We do not like the amount of religious material taught or shared through schooling. There are also religious centered library books labeled as science It is a public school, not a religious faith based schooling system

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Ranked #74 of 88





When our children are in the same classroom, school, playground etc, masks should not be of concern. Masks should be based on a personal choice basis Our children are not only effected physically by masks but mentally, emotionally and their health in any way imaginable!

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School grounds Safety in regards to the school grounds. Uneven and open areas where pipes are in the grass

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The masking needs to stop. I understand that you as a school can apply for a school wide exemption. Kids need to breath

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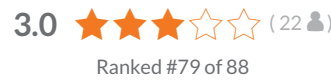


Demeanour towards students could be friendlier and more upbeat. Seems to be a bad culture amongst teachers. It is contagious and students sense it.

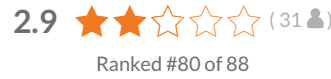
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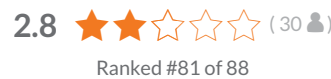
Communication with the teachers has been excellent-great job!



Office staff often are quite short and not very friendly over the phone and in person. It worries me that this is also how they are towards students. It's important since parents aren't in the schools we don't have a good sense of the overall dynamics and how children are being talked to.



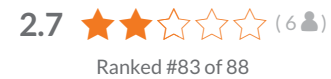
Appreciate the efforts teachers do to get students caught up. Concern with spread of Omicron or variants, and lack of after school homework. Students have time after school to do some more work to catch up



I wish the administration staff was more friendly I've phone emails and in person If the administration staff is t friendly with us what are they like with our children



I was disappointed to see the vaccine requirement for teachers and volunteers. When we know the vaccine does not stop transmission, like all medical procedures, it should be a personal choice. I'm not a fan of mandates.



I am unhappy with the covid restrictions that you have placed on students, staff, volunteers, and parents. It's has not created a safe & relaxing learning environment. All of my children feel anxiety attending school. They have all asked to homeschool.



Masks are causing my kids mental distress. It should be a choice. I'm looking into homeschool Giving our children mental illness doesn't help them learn . Teaching them about basic human rights is important to society as a whole.



There are no amount of kids you can suffocate that will stop colds and flu. Let the kids breathe already. Breathing fresh air is a necessity to life

2.6 ★★☆☆☆ (31 👤)
Ranked #86 of 88



I appreciate keeping our school safer with less outside contact right now

2.6 ★★☆☆☆ (24 👤)
Ranked #87 of 88



Masking is a problem for me. They aren't effective to prevent the spread of anything and they restrict air flow to the kids

2.5 ★★☆☆☆ (31 👤)
Ranked #88 of 88

