

2019 PRESCOTT LEARNING CENTRE THOUGHT EXCHANGE REPORT

Parkland School Division 70
Prescott Learning Centre

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

I liked the tech free idea for February onward or at least no cell phones during class. Focus on schoolwork and off social media /other distraction sites etc.

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Phones/devices These are distracting and should be locked up during class time or taken away until the end of the day. Respect for teachers and classmates.

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School Council & Fundraising I appreciate the dedication and hard work from both of these groups.

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Hot lunch program is good. It's good to allow the option for kids to have a hot lunch to break up a long day.

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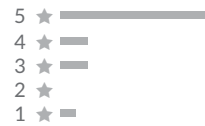
Behavior problematic students need to be dealt with appropriately & not at the cost to other classmates and teachers. It's important to get disruptive students the professional attention to succeed. Teacher/student time is limited enough without this obstacle.

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Report cards for Grade 6-9 should be percentages not proficient,etc Better preparation for high school. Proficient level has a wide variation from 65-89%, doesn't show improvement or realistic expectations for college

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Ranked #6 of 120





Staff Volunteers I appreciate all the extra time staff put in to running extra curricular programs.

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Ranked #7 of 120





I appreciate the availability of my children's teachers when I have a concern Sometimes thing need to be dealt with on short notice and I like that I can communicate with a teacher via email or text

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I appreciated that my daughter was getting percentage marks and homework in grade 9. I feel this is preparing her for grade 10 and onward and good study habits.

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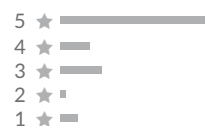
Lack of Crosswalk by the staff parking lot Students need to safely cross the street. As students are directed to cross here there should be a crosswalk.

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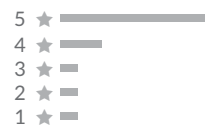
Lack of sports equipment for recess. Children need things like soccer balls and basketballs for outside during recess. Especially because there is no playground.

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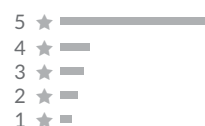
Unclear grades I don't know what these grades mean. I want percentages or letter grades.

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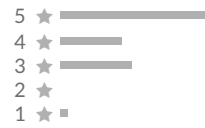
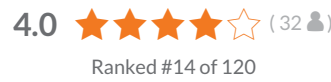


School grading system I do not believe the grading system of proficient to exemplary is useful to the students or parents in junior high. It is subjective and not concrete.

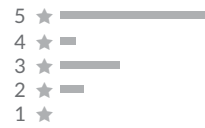
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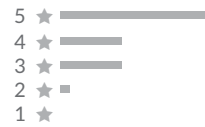
Class Size I think some of the class sizes are extremely large and kids aren't getting the attention they need and deserve



First Aid Training For Safety reasons, I think ALL staff should have first aid training, not just office staff.



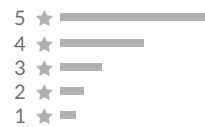
I appreciate our kids teachers for their hard work and for keeping us up to date with their learnings, problems and progress. It is always important to know where your kids have problems to help with them and the progress they have made with their problems.



Would like to see more newsletters (electronic is fine) Newsletters linking to the school calendar keep me more up to date and help me stay on top of events or activities such as sport team tryouts etc.



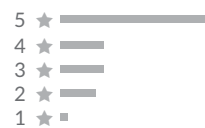
high school prep Junior high students need to be well prepared for their transition to high school.





I'd like to be able to access the curriculum for my students grade. As there is little homework coming home (not complaining!) it is hard to know just what they are learning (kids are vague). Would help us to study

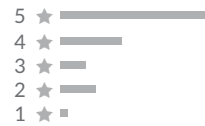


I find the language of kids on school grounds is super inappropriate for school talk. My child does not need to see this disrespect. Teachers and helpers are outside, why are they not speaking to this disrespectful kids.



The lack of playground or organized sports at recesses. Kids need to have play time so there is less running around in a pack and picking on other children.

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I have concerns with the amount of ice on the walkways My child has fallen and hit his head on two separate occasions. Dropping off at the doors tends to be difficult

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Teachers not getting the support needed when Students Verbal or Mentally abuse teachers Teachers need to have the support of the district in keeping them in a safe environment and provide tools to them as needed to support.

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Concerns over lack of support to children because of extreme behaviour Behaviour takes up to much time. Not enough consequences

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Communication There needs to be one spot to find out about all things (field trips, sport team tryouts, practices, school events)about the school.

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I appreciate our teachers, they have been so hands on and created a very easy and accessible line of communication throughout this whole year. I want my children to be in an environment where I have easy access to their teachers and am aware of the activities/lessons and week to week happenin

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I would like to see smaller class sizes. I feel like my children may not be getting the attention and individual guidance they require to succeed.

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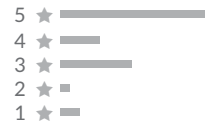
I appreciate that technology does not seem to be as important this year. I feel my child's teaching is based on old hand written practice. This is important because all though technology is the way of the future. I feel it is important to understand the processes by hand first.

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School field This whole area needs to be open to students, especially with the wide variety of grades using the area at one time (recess).

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I really like the faculty and staff. they do an amazing job, but I would really like to see agendas brought back for parents to see what's going on and any activities.

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I appreciate the weekly updates on teachers' blogs Important to keep us updated

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When an incident happens at school, parents should be sent a copy of the incident report, without having to request it. It is important for parents to have access to all info regarding a major incident.

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Too large class sizes Kids are being lost in the shuffle.

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Want to see kids grades and curriculum grades on PowerSchool app. Little homework coming home, or when a child is shared between parents don't get to see everything. App is important.

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I still feel out of the loop about things happening at the school. Maybe a weekly newsletter or monthly calendar of events could be sent home/emailed I have tried looking online at the calendar but most events are cut off and you can't read the whole thing

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Worried about student loading for the new schools (Prescott). I hope they are going to be looking to reassess future zones as the East Spruce grows. Worried about class size as Always

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I'd like to see all the teachers using the same mode of communication with the students (whether it's seesaw, etc.) Makes it easier when you have multiple kids attending school

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There are disrespectful students when it comes to recess and after school. They are using inappropriate languages in front of small / other students. With all the supervisors and teachers out in recess and after school should maybe listen to the bad language and if they can do something.

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Class sizes Class sizes are no where near the recommended numbers

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Little sad about the lack of playground at Prescott Kids need something to do at Recess.

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Money spent in wrong places lots of \$ spent on electronic sign while there is no recess equipment - soccer nets, recess bins, library books

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Specialized spaces It's a shame that specializes spaces (or drama room , art room) are being used as regular classes

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Poor supervision Mixing kids of multiple ages with not enough supervision to help them get along with positive interactions

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Chromebooks I love the success if Chromebooks in class and at home. But let's ensure the classroom doors are locked. Chromebooks locked in a locker or cupboard.

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My only concern here at this school is the bullying is still out of control.

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Poor communication I want more than a tweet - there is too much emphasis on social media, I want an agenda and paper to come home. It is frustrating to get random emails

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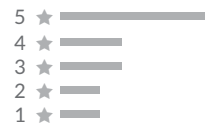
Safety Our staff works hard to ensure the safety of kids before, after and during school hours

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Bullying I don't see good examples of the bullies being dealt with. My child has been in the same room with one for 3 years. She is not allowed to defend herself. This teaches kids not to speak out or stand up for themselves. Also bullies always get their way.

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Appreciate the administrators and teachers willingness to go above and beyond in serving the student population. This sends a positive message to students about their value and worthiness.

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No playground for little kids My son finds lots of fighting/bullying outside during recces. He is bored as there is no playground. Hearsay is another 3-4 years for a playground.

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lots of pushing and shoving. this does not display proper human behaviour. Yet again, no one says anything to these children.

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Staff and teachers are amazing I see progress on my child daily

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Stick with designated entrance & exits. Unless there is an emergency or access blocked due to construction. It's important to address and fix areas that suffer from poor construction. Northern areas have iced the first year and it still ices 3 years later.

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Too much tech Not enough focus on learning the basics

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Verbal abuse from strangers shouting at children during outdoor breaks. It's unacceptable to condone these actions & reduce the already limited play areas as a solution. Protect our kids from strangers and provide a voice.

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Advanced curriculum Sometimes it seems that the curriculum is brought down to the lowest level of learning and there do not seem to be supports for advanced students

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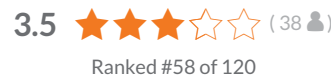


Lack of one on one time with teachers Important to ensure my child is getting the best education possible

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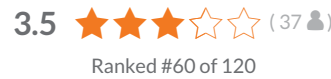
Supervision could be better at recess. I have been told about bullying and pushing and shoving that doesn't get dealt with With so many kids it may be hard for the supervisors to see everything.



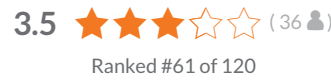
Too much technology use Teaching is too reliant on technology. WIFI going down should not stop teaching



Lack of supervision at recess nothing to do outside, no sports equipment, what is there is flat and no one will help kids blow them up - bigger kids kick balls on roof and steal



Uturns U-turns are not allowed by law at the corner across from the staff parking lot. Signage or bylaw or both need to be present for student safety.



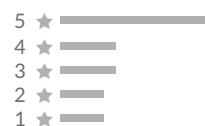
Ongoing Student Feedback I would like to see all quizzes/unit assessments sent home for a guardian to sign and then returned to the school.



To much emphasis on computer learning and not enough time spent on textbook, pen and paper. Kids penmanship is atrocious and they have constant headaches from looking at a screen all day.



Would like to access child school information on Power School So we have an idea of their homework and assignments and if they are getting them completed on time. Also if they need help improving their grades.



I would like to see more communication from the school. I feel like I do not know about many events.





I think being a new school is hard, but we have come a long way in the last few years. I am proud of the teachers and students It's important for a new school to grow, change and problem solve together. Prescott is showing that it does this.

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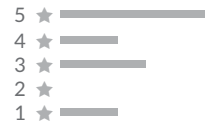
Lack of sports equipment outside like balls and games at recess, nothing for the kids to do but play in the mud. Kids get in trouble or full of mud because they're bored

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Teachers are not always given enough support for high needs students. Teachers need access to training, support and assistance in order for all students to reach their potential.

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Agendas. Some students need to write things down and there tends to be a belief that agendas are not a need for some.

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Fundraising goals and success I feel after a fundraiser the school could announce the success of the fundraiser. Goals should be set and communicated.

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Communication Communication is lacking between teachers/admin/parents. I learn more about what is going on through facebook than from the school

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Gym time Gym needs to be daily. Why is the pre school using valuable gym time. Gym time should not be shared with the pre school

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Ranked #72 of 120





Great communication with teachers and parents Important so I know what is happening in the class

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I really do not like the lack of parent teacher interviews or communication levels with some teachers. It is important be able to communicate regularly with the teacher so you can help resolve any problems or issues your child may have.

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Fees Fees charged up front for extra curricular that are then only paid based on a per attendance fee, should be reimbursed. Example:ski club lift ticket

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Nature K has been an amazing opportunity. Learning outside the classroom with a connection to nature and an opportunity to learn life skills.

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Kindergarten teachers have been amazing and compassionate. Kindred can be challenging a at home but seeing the kids respect the structure of the classroom along with peers and teachers allows them to thrive in

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Communication between home and school needs improvement. A school is at its best when everyone works together, which can only happen with effective and timely info.

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I like the use of technology in Prescott school Prepares students for a technology-based world.

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I think the teachers are amazing, patient and caring. My child enjoys going to school.

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French option Second language options need to be provided in Jr high grades

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Ranked #81 of 120





I appreciate the use of technology for scheduling time/sharing events with parents. Really like the seesaw app so we can see what our kids are doing! Like being in tune with what the kids are doing.

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I have concerns with the bigger kids and little kids playing outside together. I have a grade one student who loves to hang out with the teenagers. He spends his time following the teens around instead of socializing with his grade. He has been shown inappropriate videos on phones, swearing etc.

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Ranked #83 of 120



I like the extracurricular sports available Variety

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Ranked #84 of 120



Too much emphasis on technology My kids can't do homework without an internet connection most days. There is no emphasis on basics (multiplication tables) all about the chromebooks

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Ranked #85 of 120



Snack time I often hear "we did not get snack time today". We all know food fuels the brain. Since it is scheduled, students should receive it.

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Ranked #86 of 120



Health class and separating boys from girls How are girls supposed to feel comfortable asking questions while being taught about menstruation and health products while boys are present laughing?

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Ranked #87 of 120





I hate the mixed messages. They email you one thing then change their minds the next day. And I hate paperless I want consistency. And not everyone has emails.

3.3  (36 
Ranked #88 of 120



Poor academics My kids are not pushed academically - there is no communication from teachers if kids are struggling we find out on report card not from teachers

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I think TEC should be completely taken away from schools, personal TEC Kids are all about social media . This should have already been taken care of and not something that should be told to the division .

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Ski club was very well done. Thank you to all those involved !!

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Educational Assistants Training I am concerned that EA's don't have formal training. There is certification and it should be mandatory.

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I do not feel that my children are being adequately challenged and assessed in their schoolwork It is taking an unreasonable amount of time for the collective group to complete work, meanwhile my child waits... exams (assessments) are infrequent.

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EA staff require additional training. In order to support our most vulnerable students, EA's should have adequate training and support and be well matched to the student they support.

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Too many movies shown over lunch Kids need to eat and socialize, too much screen

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I feel that there is too much emphasis on school politics, administration teams, lack of communication from the school and an over all disconnect. I feel that the actual art of teaching/learning has been lost and replaced with a nonchalant attitude towards self learning.

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Inclusion at all costs My kids are made to feel that children with special needs are always put at the top of the list while the lesser needs are neglected or ignored

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EA's having proper education I believe that it is important for the EA's to be educated consistently throughout the district. Teachers need to have education, why not EA's?

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Ranked #98 of 120





The Kindergarten program is too large at Prescott Learning Center. Learning is not its ideal even with 2 main teachers My son went through this class and my daughter will go through it next. Children cannot concentrate and focus with so many students in the class.

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School spirit is lacking. Community engagement and school spirit make the school more welcoming.

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We appreciate the amazing teachers & staff that help Prescott through its early years growing pains It's easy to focus on what could be better /done differently but the staff at prescott are only 3 years into operation and they really do their best

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Ranked #101 of 120





Bullying is a problem. Online and in the school. I don't feel the teachers have the tools or authority to actually do anything about it and it just keeps happening.Kids need a stronger support system

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Lack of knowledge I feel my child is not getting the education that is needed at this point from the school.

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No sense of school community My kids don't feel like they belong to a community at school. They have friends however there is no feeling as part of a greater community

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We have one close walk in front of the school and there is a lot of morning when there is no one supervising it. But four in front of the school Not very good at recognizing and prioritizing where the need should be for supervision. If the cross walk supervisor is a no show move someone else

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My children enjoy going to school each day. My child with special needs is not supported the way I would like him to be in the classroom. It is important that the teacher and EA maintain contact with me. At the present time that is not happening. My emails are not returned.

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This is very dangerous and the children do almost everything via tech. It is the world we are in but it has a grip on your people and needs to be addressed.

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School Welcome Feeling I find the school cold and not welcoming to parents. Especially during an early pick up or delivery. I should be able to see the learning environment

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math I would like to see the math go back to the way it was before the new math. Parents don't really get the new math

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I love the Seesaw App I love that I am updated regularly. Pictures are sent home and I am able to communicate with the teacher

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Very up to date school, teachers are engaging Safe Everything combined makes it a welcoming learning environment that allows my students to want to learn and participate

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i think its silly that our kids cannot use a microwave in kindergarten because there are too many kids. is having 40+ kids in a class really acceptable?

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Ranked #112 of 120



Admin / Staff favoritism Seeing the favoritism between some staff/admin while other staff are "ignored".

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Ranked #113 of 120



Seesaw app not being used for grade two class Kindergarten and grade one used seesaw app, this year it isn't being used so not able to see what child is doing in the classes.

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Ranked #114 of 120



Fundraising The lack of communication about fundraising in the community. Bottle drives need to be communicated across Spruce, not just through school.

2.8  (38 
Ranked #115 of 120



I like that they are offering more clubs for after school. Missing junior gamers guild though My son enjoyed the gamers guild last year and would have liked to have the option of it this year but it wasn't available.

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Google classom If you are no dry tech savvy this can be difficult to navigate even to just get a report card

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I am concerned that my daughter, in grade 2, doesn't have a lot of interaction with the principal. I would like to see more classroom involvement Important for kids to feel comfortable and have a good relationship with principals and vice principal

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Concerning the topics being discussed in class. Grade 6. Mr. B I don't believe it's necessary to have a speech with the kids on cannabis legalization day about it. No parental consent.

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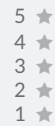
Student conferences are scheduled during the day.

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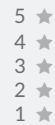
Class Disruptions Many students misbehaving, need to be sent to the office instead of wasting class working and learning time for teachers to deal with these students.

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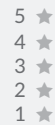
I appreciate that extra classes were added when necessary. It's important that class sizes be kept small so each child can get the help they need.

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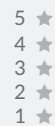
I feel like many things are geared toward stay at home parents. I think if they have to to contribute-great. However I think most of the opportunities are disproportionately for people that aren't working a 9-5

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Not enough ratings to rank









I really appreciate the no tech months we have been having, perhaps the teachers could follow and not use there social media during this time. Setting examples. When a teacher is on Snapchat, not cool!

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Not enough ratings to rank







I think the communication from our childs teacher Mrs Wigston is really strong. She is accessible and we appreciate her input and feedback This is important because it makes us feel in touch the classroom as we need that as a two parent household that where both work.

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- 4 
- 3 
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I would like to see counselling available to students, not a teacher that acts as one. An actual school counseling. As a new family to spruce grove, my kids experienced severe depression, at school mostly. This would have been a helpful thing for them to adjust.

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Not enough ratings to rank

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If a split class is necessary, then to have the teacher more prepared for teaching both classes or more resources for them to use. My daughter ended up in a split class, it hasn't been a great experience. The teacher spends very little time actually teaching concepts to them.

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I've never seen a kindergarten class ran and organized the way it is in this school but the kindergarten teachers do an amazing at running it! My child LOVES going to kindergarten and the teachers have such great control in the class considering the large size.

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Lack of parent involvement with school council and the fundraising foundation. So many parents have opinions about how the school is being ran and/or about the playground, yet there is only ever 10 or less parents at any meeting

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Not picking favourites when you are a teacher. It is obvious to students and makes them feel there is no point to try.

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You need to enforce the fire lane at the school. Do you have any idea how bad that would be at the Christmas Concert for example there was an emergency and the fire department needed access?

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