

PRESCOTT LEARNING CENTRE THOUGHTEXCHANGE 2022

Parkland School Division 70

Q1 What are some things you appreciate and some concerns you have about Prescott Learning Centre 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.)

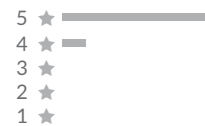
Communication It is important the keep good line of communication with the teachers and other staff

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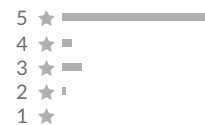
I appreciate the weekly email from administration. To know what's going on in the school and important events. I'm feeling connected to my children's school community.

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I so appreciate the Sunday update as it prepares and reminds of upcoming events and important info over the past weeks It keeps parents informed and things running smoothly for the school. Just feel bad whoever is working on a Sunday!

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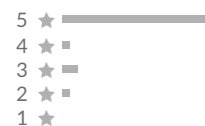
I appreciate the weekly emails from the principal of what is going on in the school. Otherwise we have no idea! Also love the hot lunch program!

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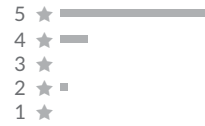
Clean, staff are kind during drop off and pick ups.

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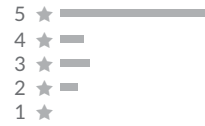
Awesome communication ! It is great to have the regular updates and feel like we are always in the loop with regard to changes and ongoing events at the school.

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Hot lunch I think it is a good surprise for kids and parents do not have to make lunch that day

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I appreciate that my children will go to the same school for awhile as it's a K-9 Easier for our schedule

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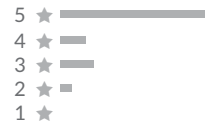
First and foremost I appreciate all the teachers and staff! They've been amazing, and have made my daughter love going to school to learn and engage. It's so important to have the feeling of engagement. It keeps kids motivated, and passionate about school

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I am happy that hot lunch is back. My kids love having hot lunch and it helps make their school experience great.

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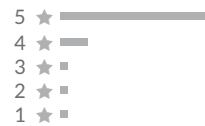
I appreciate how inclusive the school is and that many staff members recognize my child and know her by name. I can tell that my daughter feels a sense of belonging within the school community. This is so important to fostering her growth and sense of communit

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The teachers and administrators at Prescott are awesome. They are very supportive and are always happy to communicate with parents.

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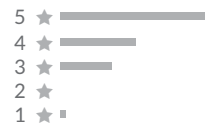
The teachers are professional, kind, and go above and beyond for the students. This makes my kids feel welcome and valued.

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I appreciate the new technology and opportunity for new learning experiences with this technology for my children. It's important for the future schooling & jobs success.

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Safety patrol I like the way the safety patrol is organized morning and afternoon

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'Bad' apples need to dealt with, & not by disciplinary threats to the rest of the class. Punishing a class for the actions of 1,2, or 3 kids is awful. Send the kid(s) to the office, get parents involved and have the issues handled.

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Appreciate consistent and constant general communication at the younger ages. Important during COVID times to keep informed and allows more ability to engage with the child.

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Cellphones are a distraction in Jr high classrooms. Cellphones should not be allowed in classroom during instructional time. Prescott is missing the opportunity to support student wellbeing by limiting use.

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Communication from teachers has been very consistent.

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I appreciate the weekly emails from the teacher to let us know what happened that week and what important things are coming up. Don't always get information from my kid, so it's nice to hear what they are learning.

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Our school has amazing human and tech resources overall. Admin is reliable and steadfast. We have access to appropriate tech for any students who need Ensures less students fall through the gaps. Everyone's needs are better met.

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Supportive staff & admin team If we don't feel that we can approach them and ask for help, it leads to burnout and morale issues. Our admin team has been 100% behind us.

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I appreciate the weekly e-mails that are sent out by the Administrators of the School and the quick response if Admin is e-mailed about something. I feel more connected to the school and feel that my child's learning is taken seriously.

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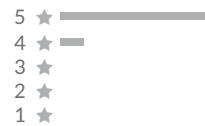
My experience with both of my Children's Teachers has been very positive with regular communication and quick responses if needed. I am able to feel more involved in my child's learning.

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I appreciate the efforts to keep students safe and engaged while still doing in-person learning

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Teachers and community are very supportive

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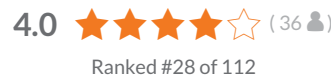


I appreciate the level of communication I have with the school and my child's teacher each week. The weekly touch-base keeps me informed of current events and notices. I feel reassured I can reach out to the teacher/school if I have any concerns.

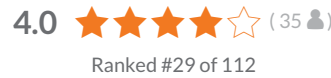
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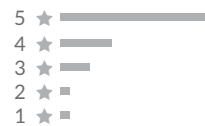
Outside space needs improvement. The park is not enough with the large student population. Portables are impacting the amount of usable outdoor space. Outside time is important for mental health and student well being! Prescott is lacking in this area



Additional programming is required for exceptional students to keep them engaged in school work. Students who are doing well in school often feel they are held back or penalized for doing well. We need IB or AP class choices for these kids.



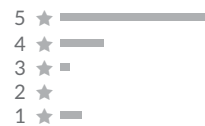
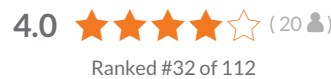
I appreciate the transparency in their communication This is important because it allows us parents to be part of the decisions



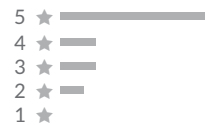
Can School Board Trustees not ignore comments from other Trustees such as (paraphrase): "Viruses can only be transmitted through blood" You should not sit silent, during a health crises when you hear that at the Board table. This occurred at special Board session September 2021



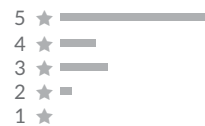
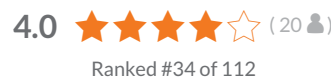
It is very easy to talk to someone about concerns with my child. It keeps the teachers informed as to the things that are happening with my child



Sidewalks are pretty slick in the winter. Possibly some more maintenance with de icing



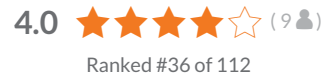
The willingness of some teachers to stay after school to help children who are struggling. It makes the child feel important enough to get the extra help from the teacher.



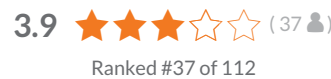
The School Council attendance at PLC is very low There are likely 1200-1600 parents/guardians of a student at the school. The possibilities are endless if we turn out 1/20th of these folks.



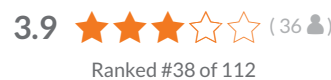
I appreciate the staff volunteering their time to make sure there is extra curricular activities for the students. This has been so important to my child's mental health and sense of belonging at this school.



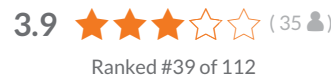
Advanced classes for all grades We need to have the opportunity to give advanced students more challenging material even in elementary so they aren't sitting around bored all day.



More leadership and anti bullying programs



Being able to connect with my child's teacher directly through Seesaw I am able to ask questions directly related to my child and get timely responses back.



Use of on site Psychologist! Could the on-site psychologist do class or grade presentations/discussion on mental issue?



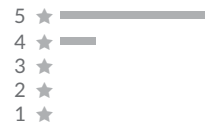
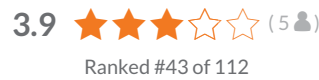
There is a concern for the safety of all We have many students and staff with medically complex situations - it is nice to know that they are looking out for the most vulnerable .



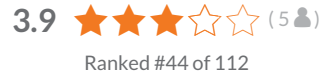
I am concerned about the amount of ice that is around the school and feel that since the opening of the school, the grading has been faulty. Children (and teachers) may be injured due to unnecessary ice build up.



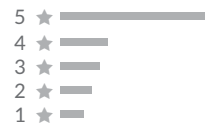
I love the email from the teacher every week with any special information for the coming week. It allows me to have my child prepared, as well as keeps me up to date on what he is learning.



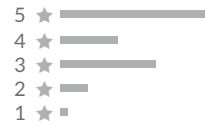
I love the weekly email newsletter. Getting the emails guarantees that I get the information, rather than relying on my child to bring a hard copy home.



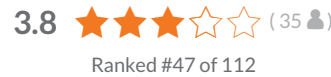
Would like more field trips I feel the kids are missing out



I have concerns about the traffic for school pick up and drop off. With the community growing, it's becoming dangerous for kids and pedestrians Safety for all is important and I worry someone is going to get hit by a car if something doesn't change.



Student safety Why are kids who come forward with bullying not being listened to? Why are they getting "talked too" instead of the problem being addressed better?



Phones should not be needed in school. Not permitted at most jobs and would be a distraction for children.



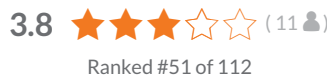
Is there a facility services department that takes care of the walkways? These should be cleared regularly and then salted/sanded. Injury (and lawsuit) prevention



The sidewalks are so slippery and they've been like that for weeks. Someone is going to get hurt when they fall.



I love this school. The teachers are great. I wish they had more teachers to help students that need it



I appreciate hot lunch starting again. It's a special treat for my child and one less day to plan a lunch.



I have appreciated that PLC has been transparent in sharing information about COVID numbers on their website weekly. Alleviates some of the 'what ifs' and makes me feel more in control in making health decisions for my family.



The office staff are fantastic. They are friendly, happy, and helpful. I always know that I can ask questions, or have a positive reception to any issues.



Not enough active and engaging time spent outdoors Good for student mental and physical health



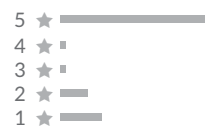
Would like to be able to see our children play sports. Even if we had to show vaccination status



Disappointed we couldn't see the Kindergarten/school classroom and area in person. It gives us an idea/visual of where we are sending our child. Helps reduce anxiety and fear for kids and parents new to the school.



Let parents let their kids watch sports. Parents can watch hockey but not others? There's no provable risk and it's important to kids to have their parents watch.





PSD needs programming that focuses on academics (eg AP, IB). The current specialized programs are sports and trades.

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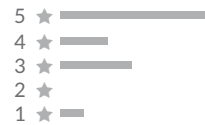
The welcoming atmosphere My kids have anxiety and this atmosphere helps them relax

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PLC is an inclusive school community with a strong admin team.

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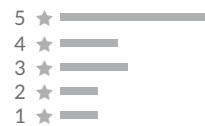
I believe the district and school have managed well during the pandemic. I appreciate the constant communication from Prescott. Communication is key to managing through uncertainty.

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We need better active supervision and engagement on our playgrounds My children tell me daily that there are physical and verbal altercations on the playground that staff are nearby and either do not see or do address

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I am concerned with the lack of communication to parents when students are involved in an altercation during school hours (verbal or physical) Policies are required to insure parents are included and work as a team with school staff. Working together to manage behaviour achieves best results.

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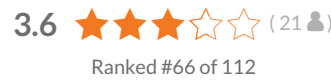


Too much bullying Daughter has had too many issues with mean girls

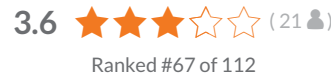
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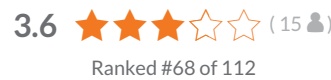
Bus costs keep rising. I don't think the long term plan to deal with these expenses are communicated to parents. Using buses helps keep neighbourhoods less congested. Prices going up likely puts more kids in cars to get to school.



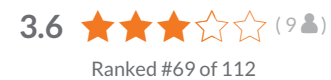
Our school needs daily Physical Education blocks. Blocks are short already and it is often kids spend the entire school day at their desks.



The amount of bullying that continues to happen. This makes school unpleasant for everyone.



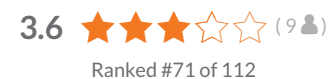
I am concerned about the parking at the school and parents driving/parking where they should not be and blocking up spaces. If the parking rules are not followed, this increases the chances of someone being injured by a vehicle.



The school should not be afraid to hand out consequences, no matter the severity. If my child needs an indoor recess, or requires a suspension, then that's on them. Parents should support the school, as much as they support us.



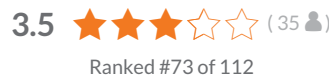
There should be minutes from both School Council and Fundraising on the PLC websites. This will allow all School Council and Fundraising Members to have more open access to information.



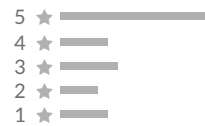
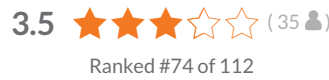
I don't believe it is a teacher's place to force their beliefs onto my children. If teachers do not feel comfortable following the district or govt rules around covid, that's their problem not my child's.



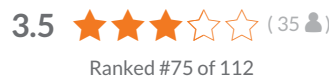
I appreciate that most teachers are trying to do the best they can very difficult situation. I am very concerned that Parkland School Division is not Looking out for the best interest of the children. I am concerned with the mask mandate and I am also concerned that there are not enough EAs for th



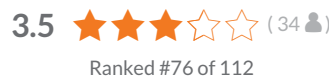
Parents taking things out on the school when it was not their decision.



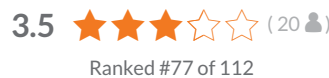
So disappointed play parkland was cancelled! Our other school is doing it just fine and the kids are so excited and happy. Our kids needed it!!!



Why are options cancelled for our kids when other schools are able to do them? They had it before Christmas and now we can't? Other schools are!



Has a study been done recently about the School Board acquiring busses as opposed to contracting out the service?



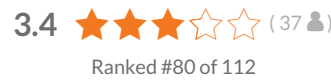
there should only be 1 protocol for kids that needs to be picked up early for some personal appointments reason. should be in the office only for kids safety and to make sure they being pickes up by their assigned guardian



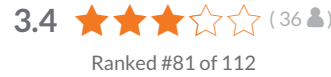
Lack of Connection with students Students are more inclined to work to their fullest potential when they know they are supported and cared about



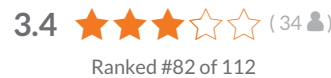
It's a complete joke that play parkland was canceled! All the other schools are still doing it. Why isn't Prescott? Kids haven't had any field trips or extra activity in the past two years! Time to get them some normalcy.



Although, I do have a concern with my younger children having to be around the older students and hearing a lot of inappropriate things. My children come home with questions or comments that they shouldn't be hearing at there age.



I am appreciative my children attend a welcoming school. I am concerned that there are a few things they are not doing that other schools are. Our kids need to get back to normal. Why are some schools able to do things that others are not?



Why are bra tops allowed in school ?



My child started Kindergarten and there was no physical, or virtual, tour of the school or ability to meet their specific teacher before the 1st day. My child felt fearful walking into a foreign building to meet a stranger. I also felt uneasy having to stay outside and send them into the unknown.





Possibly a bit more monitoring if the younger students during breaks.



Daily lunch supervision limits staff ability to foster connections with coworkers or get moments to talk with other adults in a day. I'm realizing I need more adult interactions in my day to support my overall mental health and happiness at work. I feel isolated in my classroom.





I am concerned about the number of children in each class. Also, the lack of respect some children have for other children. My child feels unsafe at school sometimes.

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I appreciate putting in a mask mandate and all health protocols. I felt safer sending my children to school knowing that everyone was masked and there were stricked health procedures.

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The Executive Members of School Council and Fundraising should be added to the PLC website. This will allow members to know who to contact directly if needed. Allow for more transparency.

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Way too many cancellations of activities and school days due to Covid concerns. The effect on child tans mental, physical, social well being far outweighs the risk.

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Cancelled options cancelled ski club cancelled play parkland cancelled field trips cancelled class interaction I could go on as there is more.... :(kids are resilient, but come on. Prescott keeps canceling all the things they look forward to, it's disappointing. They get through it, but barely

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School usage varies so greatly around the district. I don't know if we are building the right sized structures for the future.

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SG Comp is not what I expect for a high school in 2022. Underinvestment hurts our community. Part of attracting and keeping people is having good schools.

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the back school entrance should accessible and fixed as the temperatures are quite low for few weeks to avoid congestion in the front entrance or exit for kids safety during pandemic and maintaining school safety pandemic protocols since mask is uplifted.

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It would be helpful and appreciated to have access to school council agenda's in advance of the meeting date Meetings are more effective when able to plan and prepare

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I am concerned about the schools plan to keep kids safe once the government remove restrictions Because many kids come from all background, and I they can be giving people Covid who are vulnerable and living in their home

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Consistency with teaching. When you are teaching students 8 different ways to answer a question you are only confusing them, and why do something that takes you 15 times longer?

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Things aren't dealt with quickly. I TL feels like it gets dragged out and nothing is accomplished and parents are constantly having to follow up

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I am concerned that my child's teacher cannot explain the grade she gives my child. Help me understand why. Don't just change it without explaining.

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I would appreciate more consistent communications from all my children's teachers. To know what is going on in the classroom, subjects being studied, a snapshot of the week or units to be covered would be nice.

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Will you do anything about the parking all over the neighborhood north of SGCH? Take steps to mitigate how many teenagers drive a vehicle to school and/or add more parking.

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 Ranked #101 of 112



I am concerned about the amount of time our kids spend looking at screens each day. I am worried that they are not staying focused during instruction! I think that it's very difficult for our kids to stay focused when they have access to the internet at their fingertips during class.

3.2 ★★☆☆☆ (17)
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As a parent I am concerned about the lack of field trips and group activities that have been canceled over the last few years

3.1 ★★☆☆☆ (19)
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I am worried that kids are behind due to covid, and snow days etc there seems to be a lot of make up classes and not sure the kids are catching up! Is there any thought to summer school sessions so help kids catch up on basic foundation of reading, writing and math?

3.0 ★★☆☆☆ (25)
 Ranked #104 of 112



I have nothing positive to say about Prescott and think new measures need to be taken for supervision and bullying. Kids are getting hurt, bullied and even lost and nothing is done to improve it. It's still the same years later.

3.0 ★★☆☆☆ (8)
 Ranked #105 of 112



Feel out of the loop in kids education

2.9 ★★☆☆☆ (37)
 Ranked #106 of 112





I think it's time to get masks off the kids. It's creating fear and anxiety for no scientific reason. Kids are at minimal to zero risk. If teachers or other faculty are scared they can wear PPE.

2.9 ★★☆☆☆ (35)
 Ranked #107 of 112





Inaccurate attendance reports. All absences for the passed year shouldn't count. Kids are forced to stay home if they have morning sniffles which now is a week minimum , for what?

2.8  (38 )
Ranked #108 of 112





Why no homework?

2.8  (34 )
Ranked #109 of 112




It would be nice if the kids could go in the school earlier in the morning. When it's too cold for buses, I am late for work. They can't get in until after 8 and I can't leave them outside in extreme cold.

2.7  (33 )
Ranked #110 of 112



PSD has not supported the whole range of risk tolerance regarding COVID. PSD has repeatedly chosen to do the bare minimum. Neighbouring divisions have gone above to support staff and students.

2.7  (33 )
Ranked #111 of 112



The Principal not wearing a mask in to read to the class back in December was unfortunate He is a good man. He also should model really simple behavior as a public health crises spikes.

2.4  (22 )
Ranked #112 of 112

