

2020 HIGH PARK THOUGHT EXCHANGE REPORT

Parkland School Division 70
High Park School

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

Excellent teachers and staff in the front office

They are very welcoming and know every kid by name. It feels like a nice small community

4.5  (19 )
Ranked #1 of 43



I do believe the front staff are amazing Makes school life easier

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I am concerned about class size/supports Not convinced my kids are getting the attention needed

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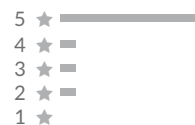
Appreciate awesome office staff who are so helpful especially when my kids are ill and arrangements need to be made I know my kids will be looked after/get messages. So important as parents working out of Stony Plain!

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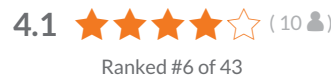


Communication The remind app is fantastic for the teachers to keep us informed of homework, events, ect.

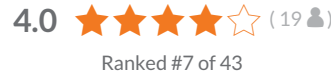
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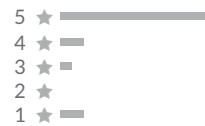
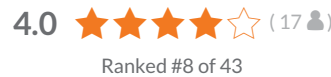
I am so grateful for the office staff. They always great us or the kids with caring and love They are the go to staff at any given time of the day. Kids always feel safe to get help with them



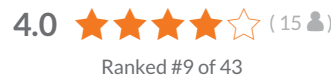
I appreciate the teachers that and the helpers that work hard so many kids need extra help and everyone is their best to help all



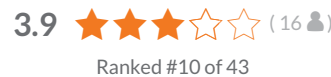
We appreciate the teachers putting in extra time for things like ski club, and team sports They make a huge difference in making school a fun experience and help give kids experiences they may not normally get



I really appreciate the weekly school updates! It helps me stay informed about not only my child's class but the school as a whole



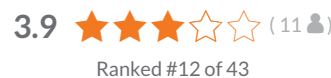
The weekly newsletter, the good variety of school field trips, friendly, caring, helpful staff. Would like to see more after school sports offered. More after school sports especially grade 5 and up.



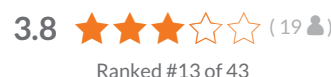
Excellent staff Helpful, caring and knowledgeable



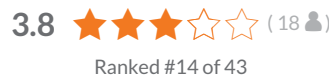
Class sizes are too big I think we would love to see class sizes smaller then what they are. It's important for every grade k-9



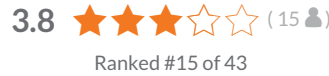
My kids are generally happy with their school experience Makes it easier for them to go to school



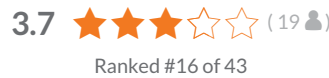
Letters are sent home about issues like “lice” but nothing about altercations that happen in class or at recess. There is a big push on mental health, and it’s difficult to talk to our kids about issues & concerns of things if we don’t know about it.



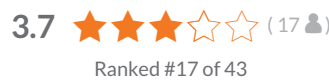
Fantastic teachers and administrators. Welcoming atmosphere and staff. Great with student support/needs.



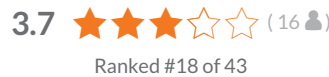
Family atmosphere at High Park School Our children ages 5 to 15 all feel like they belong.



How staff are so dedicated to the students, no matter how student is they go beyond to see to the success of that person Seeing pride in the children and seeing to getting education



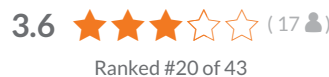
Any conflicts that arise, especially racial, physical harm and bullying over social media and personal texts outside of school should not be tolerated For obvious reasons, these should be dealt with. But high park just makes the bullies apologize and the bullied also must too. What does that do?



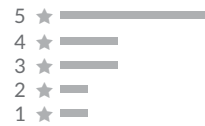
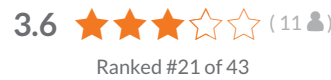
Concerns I have is more to the political side and education budget cuts. Smaller classes and adequate staff are vital to healthy and effective education



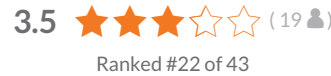
We wish there was school sports offered for grade 5 and 6 It’s important for these kids to feel like they are contributing to the school community. It would also encourage them to take part in older grades



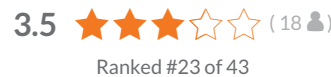
First rate teachers, principals, staff They care.



Parking is crazy sometimes.. parents parking in places where it's not safe .. then pulling out in unsafe manners I foresee front/back end damage or worse..a child getting hit



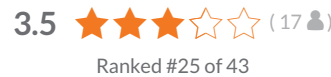
I think we should involve some of the older children who live near by to become crossing guards. The congestion of parking at the school leaves lots of blind spots when children are trying to cross the road, I have almost witnessed a few accidents



I wish the was more information of what and how my child in doing class. better communication for teachers and parents



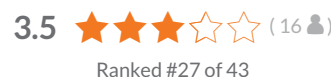
My concerns is the swearing and bullying nothing ever seems to change the bullies get away with everything while us parents have to clean up the mess



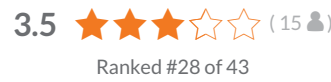
The methods in which the 'heads' of the school handle conflict amongst students is to take the path of least resistance. My child should feel safe at the school and that is not the case.



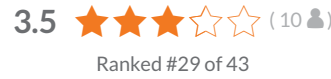
Schools priorities are often on the children who force the classes to evacuate. No communication to parents about what is being done, or what happened My children often come home upset about being evacuated from their classes (which should be a safe place) And I had no idea it happened.



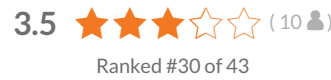
Class sizes are way to big It is impossible to think a teacher can individualize needs for 25-35 students in every subject every day. It is the students that are/will suffer



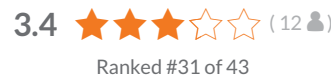
I appreciate our parent council and there continuous efforts to engage the school in fun activities and school fundraisers As a school community member I want to do what I can to help foster the best for our children. And we need the volunteers to achieve this



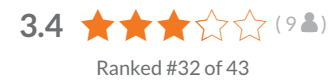
I appreciate the sense of community within the school and the great communication from my children's teachers Safety and community connectedness fosters confidence, belonging and growth in my children. Communication between teachers and parents furthers this.



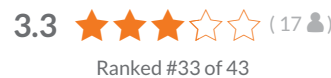
I value that my children are being academically tested. I feel that writing exams is a skill that requires practice and I'm happy my kids are working on it now. Also they get validation for their hard work



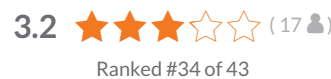
I appreciate the communication between teachers, parents and other school staff. It really lets us know what is going on with the school and how changes, up coming events and general changes can affect our kids.



I don't like the marking system. I have no idea if my child needs help in different area of learning,



I fear some kids are becoming aggressive I fear my kids may get bullied and no teacher notices because they are overwhelmed





Some of the teachers genuinely care for and strive to provide an exemplary education. Unfortunately, not all do. How can students respect their teacher when they are not given the same treatment?

3.2  (16 )
Ranked #35 of 43





Not enough EA support for the behaviour challenging children, which would allow the teacher to do their job and teach the remaining 25 kids. my child needs help in the class too, and the teachers are spending most of their time with the children with behaviour concerns.

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I am concerned about the types of options offer to junior high. Finding things that keep kids interested in being in school and engaged with peers who have similar likes is paramount at this level

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I appreciate the high level of cooperation between teachers and Principals Having support for admin allows our teacher to do what they came to do and leave dealing with behavioral issues separate from learning.

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Class sizes It's unfortunate we have so many cross boundary kids in our school making the class sizes too big in small room

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Ranked #39 of 43



I appreciate the new report card marking. I found last years reports ineffective in communicating where my children's individual strengths and areas for growth were.

2.9  (10 )
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Students are resourceful with methods of bullying. Shouldn't head staff take an active role in watching or punishing the bullies? The bullies are often made to be quiet and submissive because staff do not offer the safety and support that is required.

2.9  (7 )
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I appreciate the lunch program, but it seems by the time my kids get their lunches (names close to last in alphabet) they don't have time to eat I want to continue to support this, but the food is wasted because my child gets sent out for recess & spends pm hungry.

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Mismatch between vision and current curriculum Curriculum is 30 (?) years old (developed prior to internet, social media, etc) yet vision is around thriving in 21st century world (global).

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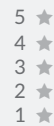
I'm very concerned about class sizes. 28 kids in one class is far too many. What's worse, is that there are 2-3 'codes' kids included that shouldn't. Teachers spend too much time and stress dealing with 2 or 3 out of 28. 28 well adjusted kids would be too much of a work load as is.

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Not enough ratings to rank





The teachers and office staff have been doing a great job with the resources they have available. Our school system is stretched very thin with our current government's cutbacks.

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Negative events that happen in the class room are not communicated to the parents. Giving parents a chance to talk to their kids about it. events happen in the class room (not directly involving all the children) but indirectly it affects all who witness it. younger grades especially

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Not enough ratings to rank

