



HIGH PARK SCHOOL THOUGHT EXCHANGE 2022

Parkland School Division 70

Q1 What are some things you appreciate and some concerns you have about High Park 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 family atmosphere of the office staff

Sense of normalcy

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I appreciate the staff (teachers and admin) that really care about our children, their education and their well-being. Our children are important to us and the future of our society. Teachers are vital in this system.

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Appreciate all school staff for their efforts in light of covid. Its been a stressful couple of years and they still show up everyday for our children

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I appreciate all of the staffs patience during covid & trying to keep our kids taken care of. Keeps kids safe :)

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I appreciate the experience of the vice principal I have a special needs child and he makes me feel like he "gets it" when it comes to dealing with special needs

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We need our school trustees to fight back against the proposed curriculum. The new curriculum is ridiculous, not age-appropriate on many levels & will set kids back farther than needed while dealing w/pandemic learning gaps.

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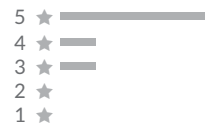
Mr Oldham is by far the best part of High Park! He keeps things fun, he listens, is respectful and calm in any circumstance.

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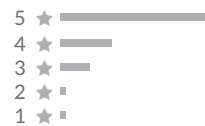
Some exceptional teachers that have a significant impact on my child's learning.

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Lovely staff Teachers and staff are always helpful

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The parking is atrocious After school pick up turns the parking lot into a Tetris game with blocking/blind spots/double parking...
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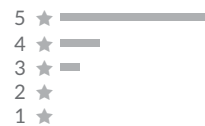
Elf on the shelf was just beautiful Spreading so many smiles for parents and students

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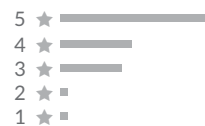
I appreciate the caring office staff These ladies are my first point of contact for absences, drop off items or picking up my kids midway through the day.

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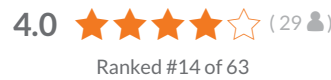


Appreciate the extra mile the staff puts in, especially during these times. It's important to me because it makes it feel like a safe space, that they truly care about their profession, their students, and school culture.

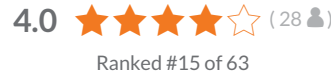
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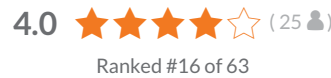
I appreciate having a Community Support Worker dedicated to our school supporting both children and families in need. Life can be full of trauma. Having this extra support available can make a huge difference in lives of children and the health of our community.



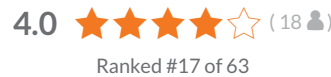
I haven't had any issues with the school It is a great school



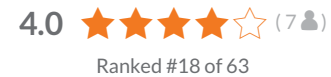
The staff are always so friendly and welcoming. My daughter is so comfortable at school



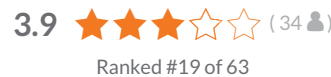
On cyber bullying, this isn't just a high park issue this is all schools and unfortunately the way of the world now bc of social media and internet



Receptionist in the office These ladies are WONDERFUL!One in particular goes above and beyond. She always knows what is going on and is always willing to help. So appreciated



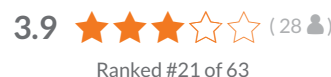
Communication is good from home room teachers Keeps parents informed





School is wonderful proud my daughter goes there Compassionate teachers warning to see their students successful It's important to have teachers like that so your child or children have a brighter future



All staff truly care about the students High quality care





No issues Kid is happy going to school here

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Really enjoyed the postcard sent in the mail to my son from his teacher highlighting his positive skills in his class lights my child up and he feels seen and special

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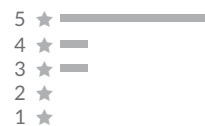
Communication is key in helping students achieve support. Because it helps clear up issues before they become bigger problems.

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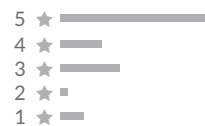
communication on behaviour If a child is in the office for whatever the reason, good or bad. They should hear this from the school as well as their child.

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Something needs to be done about bullies in schools now a days Kids that bullied Hate goin to school cause nothing Is ever taken seriously The zero tolerance psd says they have and what they do about it is 2differentthings

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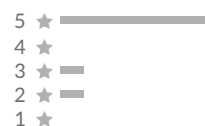
I appreciate the fun and engaging teachers and administration that have brought in playful and silly themes this year Help to lighten the heavy mental health challenges this pandemic has brought.

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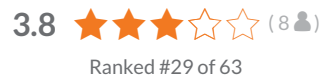


Mental Health of our children These few years have been rough! I am concerned about the mental health of our children. On a school side I would love for them to talk more about it

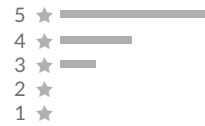
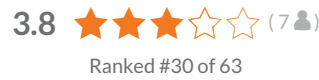
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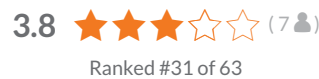
communication -I appreciate the teachers sending us updates on work done or work that is due, and what is going on in the class on an education side. But I would like input from them on the social side. Not being able to volunteer in class and be present in the school, I feel out of the loop.



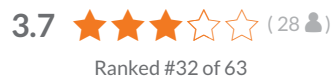
I love how supportive the teachers and others staff are.



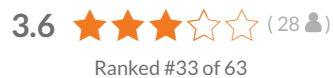
Welcoming environment Kids were new to the school and they have felt at home from day 1.



I appreciate communication from the teacher through seesaw It helps me feel connected with what is going on even



I appreciate the communication email that comes once a week to let me know what is happening at High Park. This communication provides me with a quick overview of what has happened during the week.



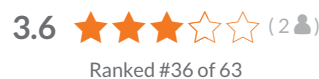
It's the parents responsibility to monitor their kids online not teachers and high park staff





I appreciate the grade 7 teachers as my daughter is really enjoying learning this year Enjoyment in learning leads to more learning and sets forth a positive cycle moving forward



Actions = Consequences If a child misbehaves there needs to be some form of consequence. Just a conversation is not sufficient that does not prevent future behavior issues.





Switching school boundaries should never impact existing students. It impacts the mental health of those students. These years can be pivotal and removing them from the social structure they are in is a bad decision.

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Lack of communication Ever since now principal took over at high park the weekly emails have been useless. She writes bare minimum in them

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Concerned about ice removal and safety near the front doors. I witnessed several people fall at pick up. Important to keep that area clear as the kids always seem to come barrelling out the doors. Don't want kids or guardians getting injured.

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I worry about the size of the classes. It is too hard for teachers to ensure the multiple needs of students are met. Need smaller classes. Every child matters, leave no child behind.

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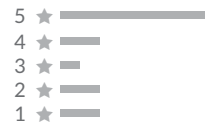
Any concerns that we've had concerning our child at school has been dealt with quickly. Things aren't left and my child feels like they've been heard

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Cyber bullying absolutely falls under the schools responsibility. Read up on PSD's own Administrative Procedure 360: Student Discipline. Yes, we can do our part as parents but the school shares this responsibility

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I am concerned with how lenient administrators are with students with behavioral issues. It takes away from the education of others, especially when students are having to evacuate the classroom almost daily to accommodate poor behavior.

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I would love to see more arts programs supported in the division. We are in full support of the academy options in middle school Arts support creativity which in the professional world is needed

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We need better ventilation in classrooms. It should be updated throughout all PSD schools. I've been told it's been done, but haven't seen proof. Would be helpful in a regular cold & flu season, not just Covid. We should also have AC in schools. Fundraising to support this update s/b allowed.

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My children loved gym class and this year they are not so much. They say that the new teacher is not nice and she is a bit sassy. I feel a great pe teacher is important as physical activity is so key in our kids lives.

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Students are encouraged to be good citizens as well as good students. I really like the character forms connected to sports teams this year. Academics is important, however, creation of good quality human beings should be a priority. I appreciate that the staff create accountability.

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I just saw COVID updates on website. Very appreciated. Was concerned info wasn't being passed along

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Lack of communication It seems like kids tell us more of what is happening then teachers or staff

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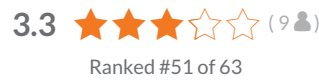


I feel that the division is not putting forth the effort to close the learning gaps created by the pandemic It is important because these students are aware that they may have missed key instruction and it creates a feeling of uncertainty

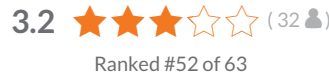
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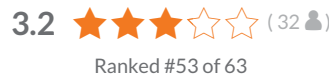
Such a carry school and worked so hard with my son and myself to see to his success with his mental health



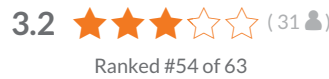
Concern - Kids are still having to wear masks. For little kids learning to read , it's so important to be able to see their teachers face. Mental and emotional toll - they can't see a reaction, how can they gauge and learn from each other.



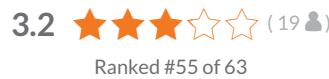
I wish kiddos had staggered leave times It would help alleviate home time crowds



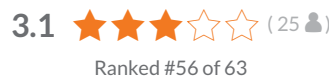
Lack of genuine communication from the admin from High Park (principal in particular) to the parents regarding the students and school in general. No communication gives the impression of a disregard for the students and day to day goings on at the school. We need information and to feel included



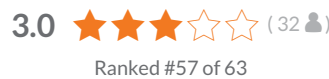
Concerned about Principals ability to do her job effectively. There seems to be lack of communication skill, and ability to handle conflict or criticism.





There are many opportunities for students outside of classwork and class hours Students build relationships with peers and staff in different ways - outside of academics



Communication is poor It keeps parents informed





Inconsistency in teacher preparation from year to year. It is important because it reflects poorly on High Park and ultimately the students' performance.

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Cyber bullying The amount of H.P. social media pages created by students in order to harass peers is astounding. School HAS to monitor this better.

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Concerned there is lack of consistency with our school divisions approach to COVID, compared to other divisions like Edmonton public

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Staggered dismissal times needed. Staff does a good job letting kids in a different times & keeping kids in designated areas, but after school is a gong show.

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PSD should continue masking policies even though the provincial government says they don't have to. I don't want my kids getting sick, having to stay home & potentially dealing w/Long Covid. If the gov't won't protect our kids, the schools should.

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I have a concern with the new gym teacher this year she doesn't even teach regular gym it's all new stuff sorry my kids don't want to do dancing in gym

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