



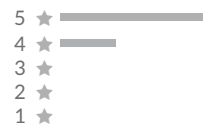
GREYSTONE THOUGHTEXCHANGE 2022

Parkland School Division 70



Q1 What are some things you appreciate and some concerns you have about Greystone Centennial Middle 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.)

Weekly emails are appreciated Shows the commitment to communicate with families and keep everyone on the same page.

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Constant communication from school and teachers through social media, newsletters, and emails. Helps the school, teachers, and families stay on the same page

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I appreciate how hard the teachers and staff have worked through the challenges of a pandemic and changes to what has been expected of them It has provided a sense of routine and support that is echoed from home

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Amazing staff.

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Frequent communication to parents Keeping us informed to changes in process and other important topics helps us parents feel confident in how the school is operating.

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I appreciate the Administration, Teachers and support staff. You have all been amazing throughout this pandemic!

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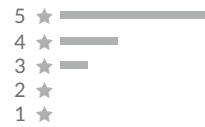
Our extracurricular programs are so important and our kids love them. Allows energy outlets and team building

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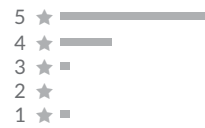
The effort that has been made to continue offering classes, clubs, and sports through the ongoing pandemic Helping kids to feel normal and cope with the pandemic helps prevent anxiety and depression.

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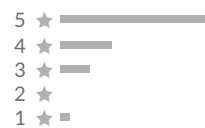
Teachers Simply amazing and supportive!

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Welcoming environment. My kids really like their grade 5 teachers, athletic and office staff. I appreciate the time the staff members take to get to know my kids.

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The staggered break times are great to allow more mobility both inside and outside the school at breaks, & assists in reducing negative interactions The mix of younger and older grades outside all at the same time limited their movements at break

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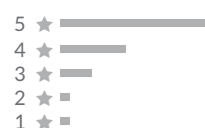
Teachers encouraging students to try out for teams. Some kids need a personal invitation or extra encouragement to participate in extra curriculars.

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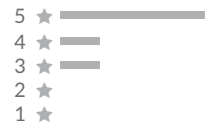
Glad to have in class learning A lot of kids did not do well with online classes. I'm glad it is an option for some but in class learning needs to stay

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I appreciate the weekly communication coming from the teacher my children have and the newsletters that go out digitally monthly. Being a busy house with three active boys it helps to keep on top of things that are going on.

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I have appreciated the teachers and admin for their response to the pandemic and how they've done their best for my child's education. I am happy I can feel like I'm sending my child to a safe, learning environment. It's made a huge impact on keeping him healthy mentally.

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The way the athletics department made sure all games were live streamed so that the parents and families could watch their children play. Because of restrictions we would not have otherwise been able to see them play so it was greatly appreciated.

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I appreciate the support my children have received at Greystone, the connections the staff have made with them is remarkable. It is important for my kids to feel connected to someone in the building as they both suffer with anxiety although mild everything helps.

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I appreciate PSD keeping parents informed and being proactive with communication.

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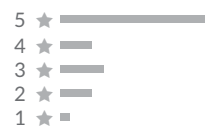
Very grateful to have a school counselor available to students this year! My child deals with severe anxiety. While we attend regular counseling sessions outside of school, Mrs. Scheidl has been very helpful in our progress

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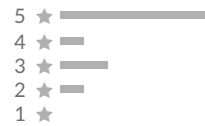
Communication Parents are always in the know and actively involved.

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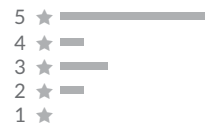
I am grateful for the teachers that have taken time to help my child focus his energy on more positive things and are helping him grow into a leader It's helped guide my kid into social groups that are more in line with our family values and what makes him feel good about himself

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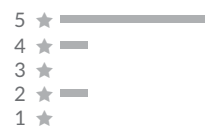
I appreciate the weekly summaries that keep me updated on what my child is doing and his progress It gives us a chance to talk about school and make sure he's keeping up to date with assignments

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Masking should be based on science & not Facebook videos. There are vulnerable kids or family members that rely on these for their health & safety I'm tired of kids with medical complexities being forgotten about. What if it was your kid?

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Masks should still be encouraged. Vulnerable kids still deserve to feel safe. Someone sick of wearing a mask isn't a good excuse to risk others health.

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Shared EA between two classrooms that have high special needs, behaviour kids. Teachers feel overwhelmed and under supported as parents are getting emails, and kids are being under serviced and flagged unfairly.

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When I needed help with School Zone, the administrative ladies were there to help right away being new to the district, this was really frustration to the max

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Glad to see the change of having one on one access to school counselor this year versus group sessions, as some kids need one on one to start. Fair access is not in place and criteria to weed students out is in place- removing parents from the conversation on my child's mental health is wrong

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The staff at Greystone especially the principal Mr Haley have been absolutely amazing, communicative and accommodating in Thai pandemic! Because I am not left with unanswered questions when sending my kids to school! Because I trust the staff and appreciate their honesty and communicati

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I do not have any concerns at this time.

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The parking lot entrance is not wheelchair accessible. Only one spot & it's not accessible to the school. The path isn't big enough thru the meridian I am a wheelchair user and can't guarantee access into my kids school. People often park in front of the ramp on the sidewalk too.

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Bullying is on a rise at the school and when confronted with the problem, nothing was really done. It was more of a brush off for answers I got. I don't tolerate bullying. It is harmful and has a huge in pack on kids these days.

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Our just switched and came with an IPP, they implemented strategies right away. This wasn't the case at our last school

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a concern I have is the lack of respect students have for the school and the people in it. Respect is an important life skill that needs to be taught at home and in school.

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Unfortunately I disagree. I feel like there is so much teaching on the LGBTQ issues that my kids are afraid to be straight! All sexualities including being straight should be taught equally and less focus on one or the other

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Our teacher was sick for a few weeks and the kids had a new sub every 2-3 days. No consistency for the kids and that much change is really hard.

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COVID Communication So parents know what is going on

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Ensure classroom Aides understand boundaries, and their duties. Clear expectations helps to promote mutual respect, appropriate interactions, and cohesion with regards to teacher instructions/routines.

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Accepting We moved from a very small town and my daughter was accepted immediately

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There needs to be an online option for French. We had to switch to English because my son was sick so much & missed too much school. He had to sacrifice 7 years of French immersion because of this.

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Office communication perhaps needs reviewing. It's not easy to get messages through.

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Lack of respect with children and appropriate boundaries Kids need boundaries

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The unscientific mandate to mask children and the constant change from in class to online. Kids need normal life back. masking and distancing is not normal and is dehumanizing.

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In person parent/teacher interviews Video chats are too impersonal and that leads to not voicing concerns and not asking questions to better know how our children are doing

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the only concern I have is the lack of supervision of students in halls while supposedly working If we don't have proper supervision you have issues arise

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Having the school more open to LBGTQ2S community. There is no where in the school that I see that supports these students my child is LBGTQ2S

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I really think you should reconsider having students in the same classroom for two years. Any hard relationships between students in the same classroom or students and teachers could be more mentally manageable if it was only for a year.

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Reduce the restrictions. It's our children's youth and mental health that are being taken away.

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School used to be enjoyable for my child but since moving to Greystone two years ago she is miserable. There is never anything to look forward to. I know Covid has made it hard to have school events but I feel like teachers should be doing more to add in some fun into these incredibly long years.

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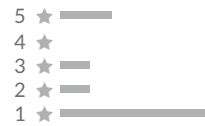
Masks - would like them to be optional

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I'm concerned about the fear of covid 19 negatively effecting our children's lives as well as the constant mask wearing. Its unhealthy for my children to not be breathing clean air. Take the masks off and live life like it was.

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Not a fan of the COVID protocols. It's a mental struggle for our children, and the restrictions are proven not to be helping.

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The people working in these schools are good people. But hiding behind the catch all of 'just doing my job' will not save their conscience. Doing the right thing will not only help our children develop, but let the staff live with a clear conscience.

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Hiding behind government edicts and 'suggestions' for such irrational / damaging practices of making children will not indemnify the actors. These actions will be remembered and the individuals enforcing such horrible practices will be remembered, one day: Socially, civilly or criminally.

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If masking of our children was only irrational, the practice would be tolerable. But because all those who can read know now that masking is hurting our children, the practice is abhorrent. Stop it today. Take a stand for what is right. We don't need a Gov. directive to think clearly

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