



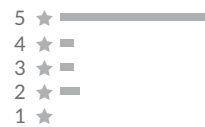
2019 WOODHAVEN MIDDLE SCHOOL THOUGHT EXCHANGE REPORT

Parkland School Division 70
Woodhaven Middle School



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

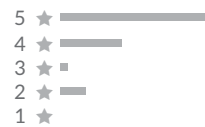
Appreciate daily phys ed Provides exercise for students, leading to improved concentration and appreciation for active living.

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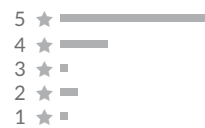
Appreciate dedication of staff - especially those who volunteer their time to run extracurricular activities. Greatly enhances the students' school experience.

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I am concerned with the lack of percentage marks in upper middle school. It's important for students and parents have a clear understanding of their children's academic standings.

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I appreciate the daily PE programme. I appreciate all the extra curricular activities we have. There are lots of things for kids to do. It is important to keep kids active. For some this is their only activity.

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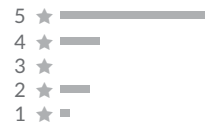
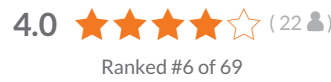


Daily Physical activity Promotes healthy lifestyle habits

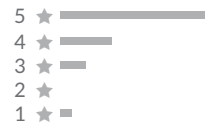
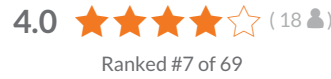
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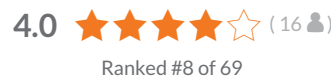
We have a great teaching staff. Kids need to connect with teachers. It helps them be better learners



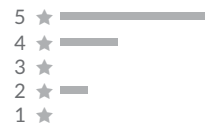
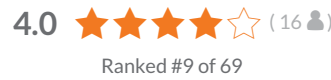
Office staff is fantastic and makes this school a welcoming environment for parents and students. The office staff convey a positive attitude that helps to set the tone of the school.



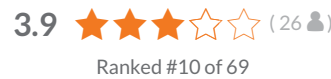
Athletics Dedication of coaches and volunteers is very much appreciated



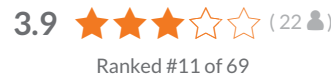
I love that the school prioritizes physical activity and does physical education every day! Children need to move and be active. Physical activity helps with learning, focus, mental well-being, confidence and maintenance of a healthy weight.



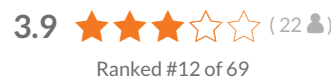
It seems that school staff's hands are tied when it come to disciplinary actions they are allowed to take If a student repeatedly offends or offences are serious, do they not forfeit their privilege of public school?



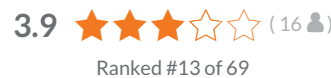
Teachers care about the students!





Teachers have had to be creative with physical space due to constructions woes. Thanks for making it work!



Fine Arts Dedication of directors is very much appreciated





I appreciate being able to easily communicate with my child's teacher to discuss his particular needs So the teacher is aware of issues that may affect his learning and behavior and can offer support as needed.

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Behaviours that are not disciplined appropriately are a concern. Inclusion can be a disruption in the classroom making it difficult for some children to focus. This does not provide a clear learning environment.

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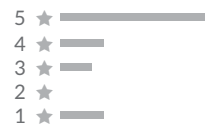
Concerned with lack of respect for school facility - students litter quite a bit. Makes job of custodial staff much harder.

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I'm concerned the use of cell phones is inappropriate. My daughter has had other students use airdrop to send her inappropriate photos in class. Students should have to leave phones in lockers until lunch or after school so learning can be the focus of their school day.

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I appreciate that there is so many extra things for students to do Keeps them out of trouble and connected to their peers

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The teachers are more than willing to help if my son asks for some help during recesses or after school if my son asks. To me it shows that the teachers care

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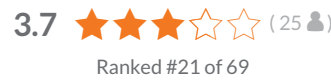


Concerned with lack of respect for school staff - hear regular reports of inappropriate comments and actions toward teachers and EAs. Negatively impacts quality of working and learning environment.

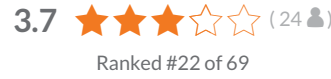
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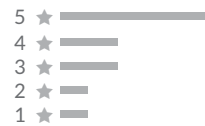
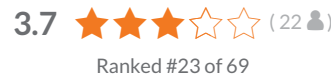
Massive Lack of Options for Grade 7-9 Students With only one or two desirable options courses offered each term, my child has been stuck with options he doesn't want more often than not.



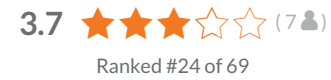
Good communication. Any time I have had to talk to staff or admin with an issue, or to solve a problem, they have been very quick and easy to work with



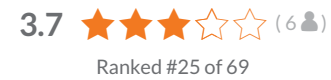
Lots of opportunities to be involved!



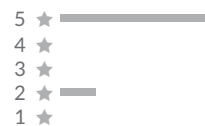
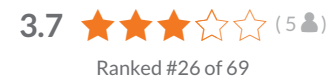
Option classes are very limited at Woodhaven School students would benefit greatly from having more choices they are interested in



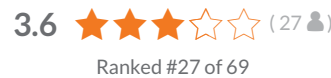
I am regularly getting feedback from my children about the (seeming) lack of consequences for disruptive and/or bullying students. When students' perception is that "nothing is ever done" about issues, they start to lose motivation and interest to be at, and perform at school.



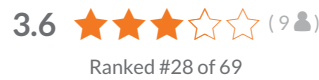
Admin and secretaries are amazing. So joyful and happy to work with you. Creates a good environment for the kids and parents that come in.



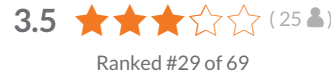
I enjoy that most the teachers are letting me know what homework has been assigned. It helps me to know what my son has to do for his assignments so that he doesn't fall behind



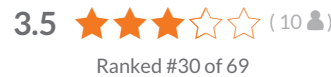
Teachers and principal are available for discussion It is very easy to sit down with a teacher or the principal to discuss any issues or concerns. Everyone is very willing to help address issues.



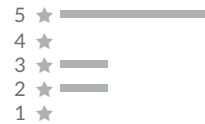
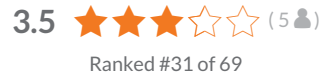
School Environment The teachers seem to like being in the building and I think that makes it easier for students and parents.



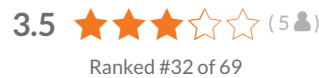
Some homework would be helpful If the child has homework, as a parent, I can see what he's working on and how he's doing. There would also be more marked worked coming home.



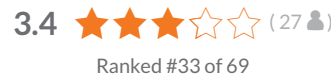
Love the sports teams and all the opportunities the students have! Go wolfpack! Helps build the students up. Builds teamwork. Friendships, etc. Love it!



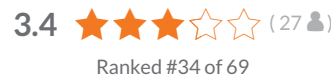
PSD should consider elementary from K-6. Grade 5, and 6 are not quite ready to deal with behaviours from grade 8,9 students





Class size Growing class size is becoming a problem



My only concern is I'm not finding out how my son is doing in his classes. I only get the report card at the end of the semester. My son struggled last year and did not help with his self esteem. I would like maybe a mid semester update or something along those lines





I think it's great for the block that was created for the kids who haven't finished assignments to catch up & to have a teacher in the room. As I'm an older parent alot has changed since I went to school therefore some of the things my son is learning is so different than how I was taught

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Parental Reminders About Safe Student Drop-Off It would be important to send a reminder to parents that the bus lanes are off-limits for cars, and the drop-off lane is a no parking area.

3.4  (25 )
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The Drama and Choir ProgramIt gives the kids that aren't into sports a place to shine. The program shows they put on are amazing. The dedication these teachers have to these students and the countless hours they give is appreciated.

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I appreciate the school's concern for my child's mental health and emotional development. We are raising people, not robots. Academic achievement means nothing if it comes at the cost of of emotional maturity and psychological well-being.

3.4  (24 )
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I feel disconnected with how my son is doing academically. Even after reaching out numerous times to his teacher and having expressed a desire to hear We cannot be a help at home if we do not know what areas he is struggling in at school. Even after numerous emails about wanting to be involved.

3.4  (23 )
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The teachers in the MCP program are amazing They truly care about each child, which ensures the kids are in an environment where they are comfortable and they feel they belong

3.4  (6 )
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Little nervous for my gr 5 to start here. I feel the school is more suited for maybe gr 6 and up. If not maybe 7 and up. Although my daughter did fine They are still young in grade 5. It seems they should still be in a elementary setting.

3.4  (5 
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Lack of options for grade 9 Other schools have far more interesting options and many more to choose from. Woodhaven does not offer very much and nothing is ever added

3.3  (26 
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Gym Construction Needs to be a priority to get built! 24 months is not okay!

3.3  (13 
Ranked #43 of 69





Communication with teachers and school is great! With remind 101 and email plus powerschool, we know what is happening at all times!

3.3  (10 
Ranked #44 of 69



Often the option classes at Woodhaven don't even have much for the students to do in the class Seems like a time waster, I think the teachers could be more creative in keeping students learning

3.3  (7 
Ranked #45 of 69





The school is under construction currently leaving the kids exposed to behaviours from older children.

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Ranked #46 of 69





The school staff has been amazingly supportive in dealing with my childs mental health Mental health supports foster a stronger, more efficient learning environment

3.2  (27 
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I am a convert to the concept of inclusive education, but is my child's classroom teacher? We have had varying degrees of success with inclusive ed. I think it depends directly on the application of that philosophy by the classroom teacher.

3.2  (24 
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I appreciate that my son likes his school He did not enjoy attending his previous school for 2 years

3.2  (24 
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It's great that the kids have the extra time to complete assignments as it's hard to get them to focus at home to complete.

3.2  (24 
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I appreciate the ability to talk to the school's administration about the education of my special needs child. Teachers change every year, so the school's administrators become the constant point of contact to reflect on my child's past and plan for her future.

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Athletes of the month Same students are picked over and over. There are other student athletes who would love to be recognized. Reinforcing the same students every year.

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It can be difficult to know how your child is doing in class We don't get a lot of returned and marked work so that we can see how our child is doing.

3.2  (10 
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Bus Lane This is one of the best setup for kids, buses and parents in and out of parking lot. It can get full and things move slowly but at least it moves.

3.1  (24 
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It's time to be more innovative. I'm excited about programs like My Path at Connections for Learning. I want to see those philosophies and opportunities for kids become the norm.

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Why does your school wifi shut off at 4:30 when non of the other schools do this? Especially when after school activities are going on. Hard to reach my kids when I need to make alternate arrangements to pick them up from school sports without paying for data plan

3.1  (24 
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More pride in programs other than sports and drama I would love to see woodhaven show more pride in students who enjoy the other great groups.

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Concern: leadership Administration to give parents a sense of confidence

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I am very thankful that Woodhaven has the MCP program I so appreciate that my children can be a part of a faith based Christian program in a public school

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Can you modify the band program Kids aren't going to choose it when they have to give up their entire year of options

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The fine arts program

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Individualized Program Plans (IPPs) are great! Report cards for students on IPPs are terrible! Periodic review of our my child's IPP gives great feedback and opportunities to adjust goals. The report card is uninformative and negative in tone.

2.8  (24 
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I am hoping the hot lunch program will offer a plantbased option to reflect the new updated Canada food guide. Plantbased diet is important and should be included in food choices

2.7  (22 
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Den Days I can understand how this engages the younger students, but older ones mock this - why don't we try prepping them for high school instead of colouring

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I am concerned about the access to vending machines in school, particular the high sugar and caffeinated drinks. Sugar, artificial sweeteners, colours etc can be detrimental to children's ability to learn. Health and education are inextricably linked.

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Options Certain students ALWAYS get their first choice of options. The blatant favoritism needs to be addressed.

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Participating in Drama and Sports Were told this was NOT possible... only to see certain students able to do both. Preference definitely given to certain students.

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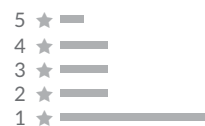
Hearing concern around grade 9 Farewell. Building construction is making things interesting but I'm hearing students are feeling like the event will be degrading this year not having own time

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No trip to Quebec Child was looking forward to the trip. Not run this year. Greystone went ... could we have not worked with them to send our students?

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Communication is a bit of a concern The transition for my Grade 5 student has been hard from Grade 4 to a different school

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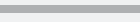
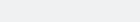

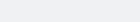
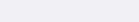
Computers for grade 5/6 are too much of a distraction Students are playing video games and so distracted that the computers loose their purpose.

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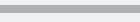
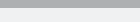
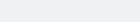
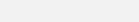
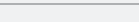
I also think that there should be stricter rules about phone use during class time. There would be less distractions. Marks would probably rise. And the teachers would have one less thing to deal with.

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I really appreciate that fact we have contact wiyh each of the teachers every day. If we have a concern we can email them and talk to them right away It is important to keep this contact between teachers and parents.

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I would prefer paper report cards Sometimes it's difficult to log on, you need to be on a computer not a phone. Having a paper copy is easy and immediate.

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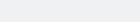
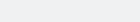
Love the sports programs!!

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Shared teaching positions This is great because the students have a fresh teacher every time they come to school. Love that the district allows for this.

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