

2019 WABAMUN SCHOOL THOUGHT EXCHANGE REPORT

Parkland School Division 70
Wabamun School

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

It is good to see a more engaged principal the principle is creating more opportunities and sharing more with the parents this year

4.4  (26 
Ranked #1 of 50



Approachable Principal Previous administrator, my children were uncertain & fearful. Our current Principal is willing to work at relationships and earn respect from kids

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Ranked #2 of 50



Communication Having a daily agenda, texts sent from both teachers & Principal, newsletter & Facebook updates is great for being kept in the loop

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Ranked #3 of 50



Sports teams Youth have been given the opportunity to be part of a team, when otherwise the option wasn't available to them. Soccer, archery, basketball, vollyball

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Ranked #4 of 50



Les Worthington! He is godsend. Consistent, considerate and compassionate. He has added not only to the education of Wabamun, but the community as well.

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Ranked #5 of 50



Great Volunteers! Small communities thrive when they have amazing volunteers. Our school is fortunate to have an outstanding and dedicated volunteer group.

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Ranked #6 of 50



Staff for the most part, are amazing. Shootouts to Mrs Miller, Mr Kucher and Mrs Olson. Its important to have staff like the aforementioned, because they engage the students as if they are human beings, which of course they are.



Great improvements over the past 2 years.



There is always a "what next" Having a vision to strive harder and the devotion to see tasks through is very evident with the staff.



Welcoming & warm atmosphere I feel comfortable being at the school, whether to volunteer, or to have tough conversations. My opinion is important and my voice is heard.



I appreciate that my kids' teachers encourage them to do their best It shows my kids that hard work pays off and that they can succeed .



I appreciate the great staff at our school, they engage with the kids of all ages and it is nice to see. Kids need different adult interactions to learn how to function outside of school. It's great for their confidence.



Positive & inclusive leadership within the school Our Principal continues to seek involvement from community members & residents, highlighting our successes & creating a sense of value for all.



I wish the school district would look at boundary lines to make student enrollment more fair. Wabamun school has a low student count with only 1 bus but our neighbouring school 5 minutes in Duffield has 5 buses and is over crowded.



The school is always welcoming Very knowledgable



The school has a friendly and welcoming environment It is important because it shows that the staff and students are happy to be there and that they want others to come and see what is school is about.



Our kids feel safe at wabamun school They need to feel safe



They encourage all students in extracurricular activities



Most staff are fantastic Great at helping the kids learn and very encouraging and positive



I appreciate that the school and teachers have educational field trips and interesting and engaging lessons.



Les Worthington goes above and beyond for the children !! Always approachable and willing to answer any questions we have



Spelling I have a child in grade 3 who i believe could really benefit from spelling in school. She struggles a little with reading, I think spelling would help

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Ranked #22 of 50



Community breakfast & community engagement It is wonderful to have our school be so involved in the community.

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Ranked #23 of 50



The junior high teachers are fantastic!!!! It is great to have my kids come home and talk about all the different things they did in class.

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Ranked #24 of 50



Breakfast club This is a wonderful program for students to help them start the day and helps ensure everyone starts the day with a healthy meal.

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Ranked #25 of 50



Resiliency Coach/Guidance Counsellor This resource position should be available full time, I feel many students would benefit from having this available every day.

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Ranked #26 of 50



Mental health sometimes matters Although I feel some staff have focus & understanding of a struggling child- there are some quite dismissive of looking at the "why" for that child

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Ranked #27 of 50



lack of communication between school terms would be nice to be advised when child is struggling i certain subjects or not doing well - hearing at report cards is not enough

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Ranked #28 of 50



My questions are always answered A peace of mind

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Ranked #29 of 50



Excellent staff I am thankful to have a principal, teachers & staff that I can speak to on a regular basis about concerns or challenges with my children.

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Ranked #30 of 50



Small class sizes I appreciate the smaller class sizes & additional supports (TA's) that help ensure the kids that need extra supports and one-on-one time get it.

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Ranked #31 of 50



Amazing admin team School has become a community center

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Ranked #32 of 50



PowerSchool needs to be more user friendly Days when I remember my password for PowerSchool I find it hard to navigate through the website

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Ranked #33 of 50



Grades The new way of grading is terrible i feel. Not sure what was wrong with the way it was before. I like to know how my children are doing with marks.

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Ranked #34 of 50



The junior high teachers encouraged the kids to do their best ! They help the kids boost their confidence !

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Ranked #35 of 50



The small size and community closeness. Concern- The lack of resources the school can access due its small size. Children with complex needs may not get the supports they need.

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Ranked #36 of 50



We appreciate the new opportunities our daughter is having at school going bowling, community walks, Yowochas, swimming and cross grade activities Although classroom time is important , community involvement and experience in so valuable and something our daughter is excited about

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Ranked #37 of 50



Love that the teachers work with children to be their best!!

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Ranked #38 of 50



i think the school should be a cell free place during school hours - and parents should know so they know when its appropriate to contact child i see too many times that kids are texting during school, or on their phones, or taking photos - school is for learning and not being distracted

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Ranked #39 of 50



The communication between the school is excellent Need to be informed of everything going on within

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Ranked #40 of 50



Over the years there seems to be changes made in the school curriculum, I don't agree that Spelling is no longer important or hand writing. As parents we want the best for our children and knowing that the kids today will not be able to read or write in hand writing is unfair for them

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Ranked #41 of 50



sometimes having more class participation is nice - to have a fun day once in awhile, or reward like pizza day could have like monthly competitions "cleanest classroom" "best decorated door" "best decorated class for that months holiday"

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Ranked #42 of 50



Why bullying isn't dealt with right away!!!

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Ranked #43 of 50



grading would be nice to have better grading on report cards - nothing wrong with A+ to F

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Ranked #44 of 50



Kindergarten and Grade 1 and 2 There seems to be a need to control these students by their teachers. Guide students and learn to understand them.

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Ranked #45 of 50



We need more fundraising opportunities Helps support educational enrichment programs

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Ranked #46 of 50



Communication I feel the school is not great at sending out communications when it comes to certain things. Just had a previous issue with my children due to it.

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Ranked #47 of 50



Great communication with teachers to know exactly how my children are doing

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Ranked #48 of 50



schools fees having such high school fees is hurting to parents who struggle financially - buying all the school supplies, paying for sports, paying for CTF, etc

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Ranked #49 of 50



lack of intramural activities - afterschool programs or even during the lunch hour would be nice if there were more fun activities ; sports, dance, lego clubs, etc after school. i believe this would allow for skills to be acknowledged

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Ranked #50 of 50



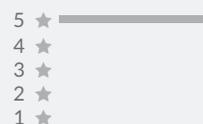
Communication about what's learning objectives are being met or not by our learner

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Not enough ratings to rank



Communication to parents, regarding activities and events is either very delayed or very vague in the details. I feel more "out of the loop" this year than any other year.

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Not enough ratings to rank



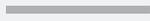
I appreciate all the effort Les Worthington is putting in to build community in Wabamun. The schools numbers have been shrinking and I think building community is a good solution.

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Not enough ratings to rank

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School council meetings are at an inconvenient time It would be nice to have more options to share thoughts and get first hand info, without having to leave work early to attend.

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The jump from play based kindergarten to curriculum focused grade 1 is a tough transition for students. I think play based learning and exploration based learning are more valuable than sitting in a desk for a majority of the day.

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