

WABAMUN SCHOOL THOUGHT EXCHANGE REPORT 2022

Parkland School Division 70

Q1 What are some things you appreciate and some concerns you have about Wabamun 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.)

Use of the Remind App is helpful for parents to kids in older grades Communication on key pieces

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Glad the school remains open

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Continued opportunities for youth to participate in extracurricular activities is appreciated Chances to build skills, relationships & experiences

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Building genuine relationships with students should be priority Kids will learn most if they feel connected

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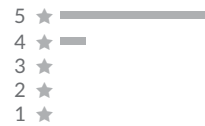
I like that Wabamun School is has a high degree of communication with parents, we are always informed of what's going on via social media and Remind.

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Wabamun School may be small but it is mighty! I feel that my children have multiple opportunities here and love the small community feel.

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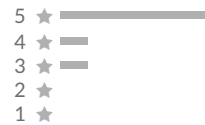
I appreciate that Wabamun School provides individualized education and an inclusive environment. The teachers are fantastic.

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i appreciate having such an open minded principal. i also like the class size. it's better to have people who are easy to speak to. the remind app works great

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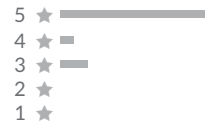
At Wabamun School, I feel that there is a personal touch to everyone, whether it's the principal calling or teachers with the students. My kids are not just a number there and their individual strengths and challenges are important and looked after at this school.

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Student of the Week and PRIDE slips It's important for kids to receive positive recognition.

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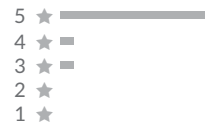
Les Worthington of Wabamun School is an excellent principal who is always approachable about any topic and has the students best interests at heart.

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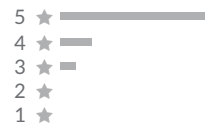
Technology It's great that the school has enough devices to be 1:1.

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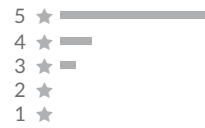
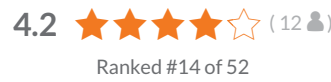


The after school tutoring provided by Mr. Pon is next level. Extra effort is appreciated, and noticeable, in the confidence my child has been displaying academically. Thank you Mr. Pon.

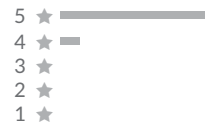
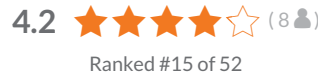
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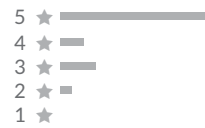
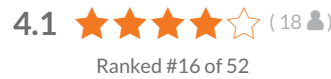
With what COVID has done. The school is doing the best they can



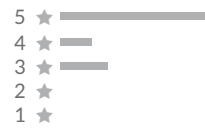
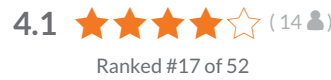
I am thankful that you did not volunteer to pilot the new curriculum. The new curriculum is garbage and should be tossed out. AND bringing is such a big change during a pandemic is a bad idea.



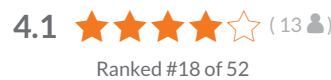
Hot lunch program is appreciated A break in routine for those making lunches at home



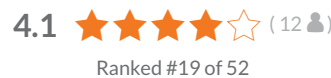
I like that at Wabamun School, I feel that my children's teachers are very organized and I get daily updates on Google Classroom about what they are learning about.



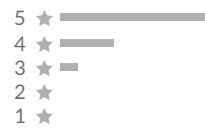
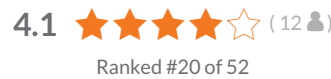
I LOVE the PRIDE slip idea and student of the week. My children are always excited when nominated for them. Great way to recognize students!





Good communication To stay connected with the teacher



I would recommend the community of Wabamun to anyone looking to buy out in the country because of having such a great school in the community. I appreciate that I can send my kids here and know they are getting a quality education.





I appreciate the extra steps & covid protocols taken to help keep students & staff (& their families) healthy. Living through a pandemic is challenging, so helping to keep the spread at school down helps to keep the school open and the community healthy.

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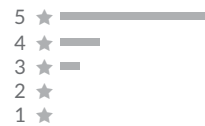
The level of communication from teachers is fantastic. It is great to know what is going on with my kids and I appreciate having an open dialogue with the Teachers.

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I appreciate outdoor gym! The fresh air and time outdoors is good for kids and it is great that you take advantage of our beautiful surroundings.

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Mr. Worthington is an excellent principal and it truly feels that he cares about each student. Good leadership is important and he sets a great example for his team.

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Grateful for the counselling services provided at the school. The last couple of years have been especially challenging and wellness is important.

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Every time I call the office at Wabamun School, I'm always greeted by their friendly secretary and always have any questions resolved quickly.

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I appreciate that Wabamun School is a community focused school. Students are always highlighted around town with student of the week. It's important that the community knows what is happening in our wonderful school.

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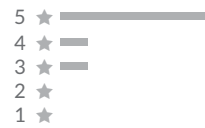
The teachers are approachable and communication seems important

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Wabamun school has offered a safe, positive and fun environment for our kids!!

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Mental health of students is a major concern for me Because it is affecting the students learning

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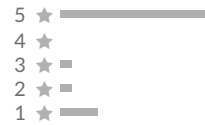
I appreciate all the hard work from the staff who continue to keep my child safe and happy in their environment.

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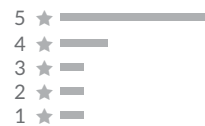
I wish that the school (PSD) allowed for more interaction from parents within the school. It's important for families to feel apart of their child's learning.

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Sports teams (Basketball, volleyball, archery, etc) Kids need to get back to being kids and there are lots of valuable lessons taught when on a team.

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That the school does not force u to fund raise That can be annoying

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Inclusive language should be used readily It can be hurtful to generalize when no two kids & their families are alike.

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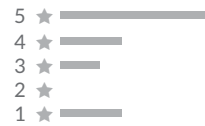
I love the atmosphere and teachers of Wabamun School. I am concerned with how psd has chosen to take on certain restrictions. The atmosphere encourages learning and respect. Restrictions have an impact on our kids learning and freedom of choice

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Harsh teaching styles are not productive

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More snow removal needed beside busing lane There is not enough space for students and parents to walk next to the buses

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Year end field trips need to start happening again.

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Kids need to be kids again. Because it's like they are living on the edge never knowing what is really expected of them

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CoVID I feel it's important to have CoVID protocols in place.

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Perhaps they need to be able to talk about their feelings It is not healthy to keep everything bottled up

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Full time kindergarten is important Gives kids the start that they need

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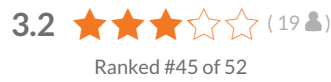


School exterior The outside of the school needs a facelift. It looks terrible after all of the graffiti.

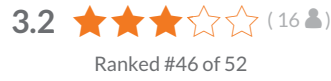
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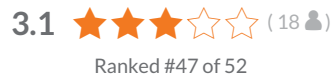
Face masks should be a choice not mandatory



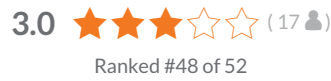
I think PSD transportation needs to reconsider their current transportation model as it is resulting in too long/early of bus rides. Living in a rural area, we are forced to travel for extracurriculars. Early mornings are hard when getting home later.



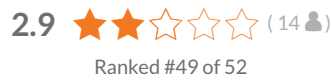
School cleanliness is subpar With Covid being in the forefront, the cleanliness of the school should also be and is not. The children say the school is not as it used to be.



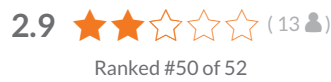
Why is it the kids can give out cards but not candy? They are individually wrap , this make no sense at all The kids have lost enough enjoyment in the past 2 years, they can all have breakfast club and hot lunches what is the difference ?



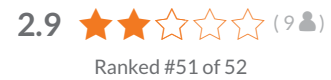
Bathrooms are very dirty now My children complain daily



Narcissism, is not a trait I wish an educator to have. The most treasured teachers, evolve with the times. Old school theologies belong in the past.



Reprimanding a child in front of others, is unnecessary. Targeting a child's anxiety will not help matters. I am shocked this is allowed to continue. There is no follow up with parents. No improvement from the teacher. The basis? Personal disdain.



The school just isn't clean like it use to be

2.6 ★★☆☆☆ (13 👤)
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