



2020 DUFFIELD SCHOOL THOUGHT EXCHANGE REPORT

Parkland School Division 70
Duffield School



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

Documents folder on school website is not comprehensive. In the digital age I expect to find CURRENT athletic schedules, hot lunch forms, handouts... Keep parents connected, not reliant on kids to bring home paper copies, especially in homes with shared custody where parent doesn't see child daily.

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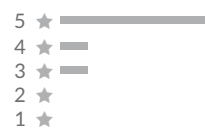
Small class sizes Help children who need more guidance and individual attention can get it when they need it.

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Hand washing and hand sanitizer I volunteer weekly and have noticed everytime I am at school that snack and lunch that there is no mention of hand washing or hand sanitizing. GROSS!

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I am worried about how the budget will affect duffield school next year.

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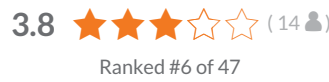


I like the Remind app used by most teachers
Enables me to help keep my child on track

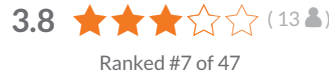
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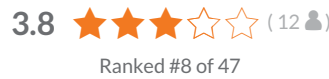
Wasted time in morning due to new bell schedule and bus drop off. Bus drop offs in the morning are way to early and creating a lot of wasted time in the morning often before homeroom bell rings.



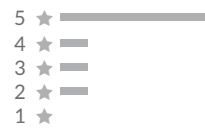
Bus ride times - too early of a start. Bus ride times and an earlier start have children getting up at too early of a time to be able to send them off to school rested and ready to learn.



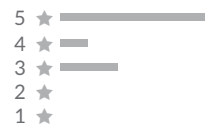
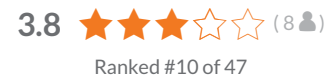
Things I appreciate are the teachers and for the most part the communication. My childrens teachers are simply amazing and we all appreciate them very much. I appreciate emails and news lettabout what is going on in the school.



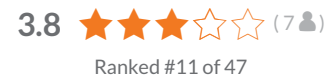
Smaller class sizes Teachers have more control of the students and are better able to teach with smaller class sizes



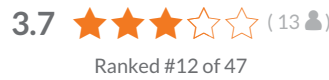
The parking lot needs to be made bigger because during events at school there are not enough parking spots available





No parking. Not enough parking in general. Also is there even any handicap parking? I couldn't locate it. The morning congestion in a small area is dangerous.



Horrible bus and bell times. Too much unused time in the morning. The start time is way to early for the younger grades and the bus arrival is way to early for the bell times.





I'm concerned with the public parking around the school. With more buses and it now being a transfer station, parking situation needs to be addressed People are parking on the north of the school which makes it a hazard if emergency vehicles need to drive down that road

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Parent council members that are super committed to fundraising are one of the school's best assets. Their tenacity and enthusiasm are so appreciated! This sense of community involvement and dedication serves as great role model for our children.

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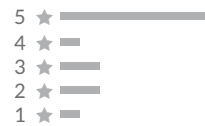
Lack of snow clearing and ice removal in the playground area and walkways to back doors. It is important to clear the ice build up on walkways to doors that the children are required enter and exit the school to prevent serious injuries.

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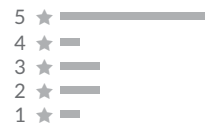
Concerns I have are the bussing and early school times. We are many months into the new time changes and we still have not adjusted. 6:50am is way too early to be waiting for the bus.

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Drop off and p/u at school is confusing with way busses line up in front and side of school. Should allow for easy drop off at 1 entrance at least. Kids safety at risk when they have to navigate snowbanks, puddles, busses, and cars.

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Great teaching staff! All staff I've worked with are highly motivated and do a great job delivering the curriculum.

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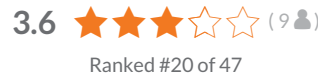


Missed the outdoor skating rink Great opportunity to support physical outdoor activity in winter time.

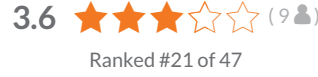
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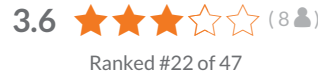
I like the smaller class sizes my child gets better one on one attention



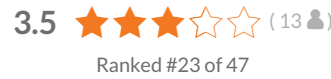
Was not impressed with the new schedule Early mornings made for some grouchy kids



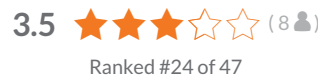
Would like to have smaller class sizes Students get better time with the teacher and I feel are better able to understand the work that is being taught to them.



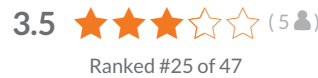
Buses not equipped for icy conditions Transportation should at least evaluate the cost to have contractors equip busses with studded tires, rural roads pose a significant risk of rollover.



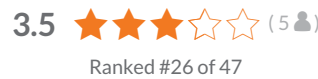
Always feel welcomed Every teacher says hi in passing, whether you know them or not.



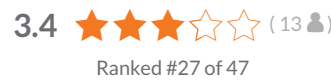
Parkland Play is great. I'm glad our kids can participate in this program. Promotes healthy lifestyle



Transportation is incredibly frustrating. Bus ride times are ridiculously long. Our kids spend way too much time on the school bus

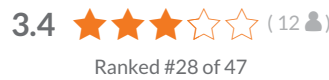


Complete lack of snow clearing. Snow clearing is non existant. I've seen from kids to elderly parents fall on numerous occasions. I'm surprised there hasn't been a lawsuit yet.



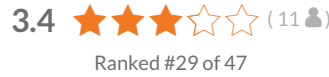
Lack of an appropriate literacy program.

Seems like everything from spelling to reading is no longer being taught at school. We try to teach it at home but our child is falling behind behind.

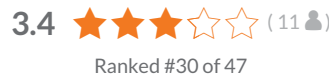


No skating this year was very disappointing.

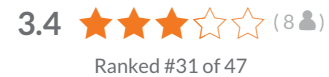
Unlike town schools who have so many guests, performances and field trips I feel like no skating was not fair to these country kids.



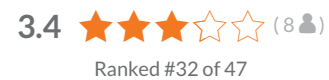
Where is the skating rink? It wasn't great but it was something. Why was no effort made to provide this service to Duffield?



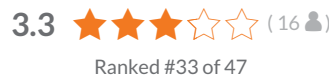
I am glad that there is a school counsellor available to students 2 days a week. Some kids really just need to talk to someone about their thoughts and feelings.



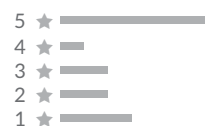
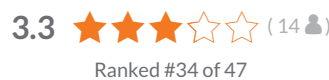
I really like the remind app. Teachers are really good at keeping the communication open to parents and students It keeps my kids accountable and makes them be responsible to get their stuff done.



How happy my kids are at school and how they love being apart of Duffield School. They feel safe and have a lot of fun with their teachers and friends.



No lockers for the elementary grades. There isn't enough space on hooks. Kids clothing and backpacks are stacked on each other. It isn't hygienic.

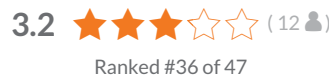


A concern in literacy in the early grades. It seems a lot of focus is placed upon home reading and "reading with a friend" when some students are struggling with reading with no in class help

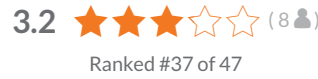


Really enjoyed the opportunity for ski club!

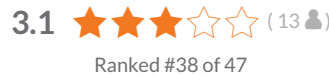
Encourages outdoor winter activities giving many students a chance to try out skiing or snowboarding that might not otherwise.



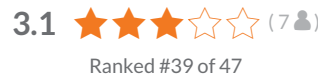
The love the friendly atmosphere of duffield school My kids love going to school



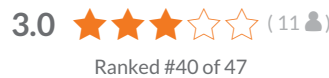
Amazing support for inclusion of high needs students!! Students are able to grow and develop in ways that wouldn't be possible without regular interaction with typical children.



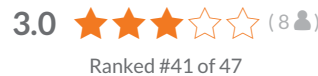
I like the new early school schedule but I do drive my kids to school. I would not like it if they had to be up for the bus schedule.



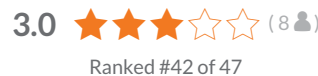
get exercise bikes in the class This might help the “energetic” kids burn off energy and help to be less disruptive.





Entirely too many treats & outside food in Kindergarten class, nearly every day our child attends, seems to be a treat we haven't been made aware of We send food that we would like our child to eat, as we know its source. Many days things are going in the garbage after school due to treats in class



Scented oil diffusers in school. Why are these allowed when other public spaces have no scent policies? Often seems to be an overwhelming perfume scent in the school & noticed oil diffusers around. Smell even stays in my child's clothing once at home





Glad there has been a change for the principle at our school. Too many things where being ignored.

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Conflict with kiddos have been dealt with amazingly! Action and consequences have been brought forward immediately by Mrs. Jewell and Mrs. Miners

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Our school is very welcoming and inclusive of all students learning styles and individualizes learning approach when necessary. The best education possible at a young age is key to future success.

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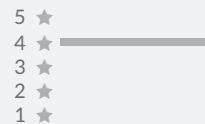
Bus cancellations Multiple days were missed this year

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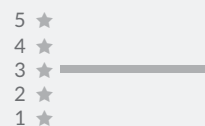
Bus lane congestion The bus lanes, as well as the front of the school, becomes way to congested in the mornings. It has created safety issues for the children.

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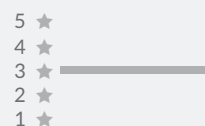
No parking. It is hard to park as there is very little parking and no clearly labeled public spaces. I've also been unable to locate the handicap parking spots.

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Bus times and bell time is too early The early bus time and the wasted 35 minutes before the bell is very unhealthy for children. It is unacceptable.

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Power school website is difficult to use Its not a very well set up website. Paper options should be supported.

3.3  (2 )
Not enough ratings to rank



LOVE the Rabbit Hill after school ski lesson program. Wish we still had a school ski day as well to include kids not able to participate after school Promotes healthy active lifestyle and learning new skills

2.4  (4 )
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