



2019 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?

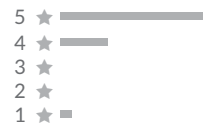
Mrs. Godfrey is simply THE GREATEST. She is always helpful and knowledgeable. She's just fantastic

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Rink Great to teach basic skills that encourage and enable children to stay active in the winter

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Something more needs to be done about the violent kids and bullying. EVERY child in the school deserves to feel safe. If a child is repeatedly violent, he/she should be removed regardless of reason-diagnosis/bad home.

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Also it's seems to be a reoccurring issues of bullying from certain students and they seem to be no repercussions for their actions. Kids need to understand that it's not okay to be a bully and there are consequences for their actions and not just recess taken away.

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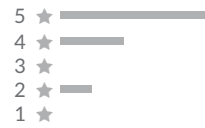
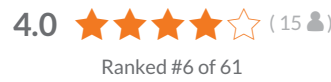


There are some great teachers who definitely care about our kids

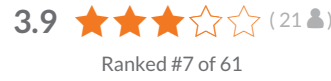
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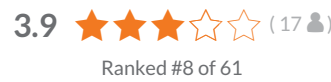
Parkinglot There needs to be changes to the parkinglot for parents



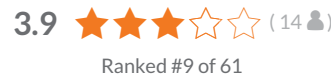
The no retaliation policy I understand very much so, but telling our children who are being bullied constantly need to be able to stand up forthemselves Children do not need to learn how to be a door mat and just ignore the bully this doesn't always resolve conflict. They need help in resolving conflict



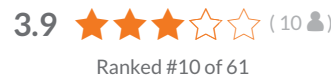
Christmas Concert Well done and grea to attend.



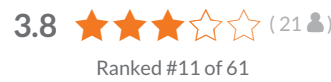
Parents need to step up and address their child's behaviour instead of blaming the school. They don't know the whole story so it is easy to blame the other child when their own child is an active participant in bullying.



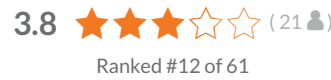
Love the hot lunch program! Allows my daughter more variety at lunch to keep it fresh and interesting so she eats.





My main concern it's the how some students are allowed to be disrespectful, wander the halls, be bullies and nothing seems to be done about it. Children even with behavioral issues or come from a "bad home" need to be responsible for their actions not matter what.



Principal and vice principal interact with the kids all the work time. Nice to see they are not hidden away in their offices.





Feeling as though ALL administrators are approachable. So that I as a parent do not feel uncomfortable or invasive when wanting or needing to communicate. Particularly with the office.

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New administration over the past four years. Really improved the feeling when walking through the front doors. Much more positive. I'll be sad to see the principal retire.

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Duffield School values kindness and the teachers treat the students with the same kindness and empathy

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Caring staff My children know they have many supports at school.

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Duffield makes all of its students and families feel welcome when walking into the school.

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I love how the school is small it's so great. Everyone just about knows everyone, but their needs to be more support for the students. Students need to know they are being heard by the staff and just not ignored or looked as a whiner or a bother.

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Good focus on a variety of opportunities - art, drama, band, choir, sports It's not just a sports focussed school

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Amazing staff that offer so many programs for the students. Having the number of activities for our size of school is amazing and promotes school culture

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Duffield is a great place to have students take part in academics and extra curricular
Duffield is an amazing school

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Playground The rocks need to go!!!! I'm sick of having to replace clothes every few months because the rocks stain them.

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So many opportunities for parents to be involved Students see their parents as an active part of their education

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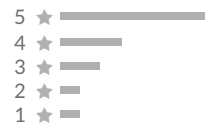
Class sizes Class sizes are all quite larger than provincial guidelines. Doesn't leave enough time for teachers to engage with younger students individually.

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School ski nights Evening ski program is great. Nice to see kids have the opportunity to learn winter activities with their friends and encourage active lifestyle

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The staff has been great this year. My girls are going through a rough patch and the staff has been very supportive

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Rabbithill Afterschool Ski Club is amazing! It is wonderful to watch the students be active, learning a new skill and have a great time.

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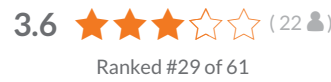


We very much appreciate the sense of community within the school. Being a family who was transferred to the region and not having family nearby, we have very much appreciated the small, welcoming community.

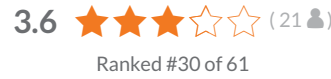
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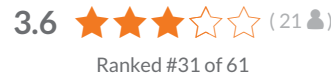
great teachers and staff



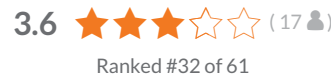
Duffield strives for excellence and Mr.Sydora is always so proud of the students achievements and pushed them to always strive for more.



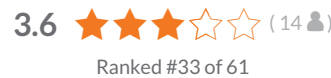
repetitive bullying from one student. Many years, complaints, and no resolve. The problem still remains. MANY students have been subject to verbal & physical abuse by this student.



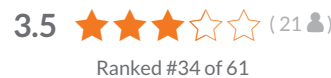
School grounds are amazing compared to the past. So much has been accomplished in such a short time. Shows that everyone cares about the school.



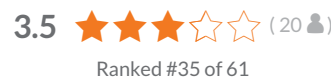
Bullying is huge issue!! It seems the staff would rather brush it under the rug



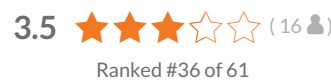
Small school/community feel For the most part, this is a "nice" school without a lot of the bullying, substance abuse, etc of city middle schools.





Communication between admin and parents. To provide a smooth flow and conversation that is easy to folow



Administration is top notch and does the best they can to communicate and solve problems. They have a tough job! They work harder than I have ever seen!





Bus rides are too long Children are too tired to learn. Just over an hour in the morning and 1h 45min ride home is way too long, children are not adequately rested to learn.

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Lots of sport

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Science Olympic Team Awesome to see teacher support for a team to participate in science Olympics

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My child's teacher is very qualified She has the best possible chance to learn

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Excellent Leadership through Mr. Sydora It inspires the teachers to be better

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Concerns" promoting and mentoring social skills, sportsmanship and problem solving Children at this age still needs guidance in coping and ways to communicate

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Terry Fox Run Great day out and extremely well run!

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Hate having to do everything online I, myself am not as techy as some parents and doing it at the school feels better to me than online.

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I love the time the teachers take to teach our kids

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Remind101 I love this feature! On the website it lists the teachers and their emails. Can we get their remind link on there too??

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It is fantastic that the school supports sports but I wish Duffield promoted other students talents and not just the athletes Other students deserve some spotlight too.

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Inclusive education is failing everyone. Some children's needs can be accommodated in a regular classroom, some cannot. PSD need to stop making this a lofty philosophy and look at reality.

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Full day skiing Very disappointed to see the loss of this activity. For a lot of children this is the only opportunity they Get to try skiing.

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I noticed that the teachers don't always get both sides of the bullying. Or to deal with it.

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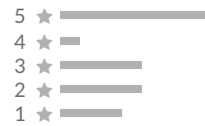
Children with behavioral issues shouldn't just be allowed to disrupt the classes or just leave cause they don't want to be there. Children with non behavioral issues see the other students doing whatever they want but they are suppose to obey that's quite unfair.

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Too many PD days. Too many extra days off. More emphasis should be put on school days and then more summer holidays. We get a very short warm weather season in Alberta. More time off in June would be smart. They don't learn much in June anyways.

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Special needs do not flow as smoothly as needed with other students. My child speaks often about chaos and disruption. It's difficult to explain why it can't change and why it won't.

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Concerns: bus ride times are too long

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The kids really do love the school but I'm concerned with students leaving as jobs are lost in the area and facing another Keephills scenario

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No enrichment program All the extra time and money go to children with behaviour problems.

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Extra Curricular programs are costly. Consider all students who attend. It singles some out.

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All inclusive doesn't work Those with minor needs it could work for easily but not all have the capabilities to be included. Yet they're included at what cost to others

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Social Media tools can be great but also overused. It's not uncommon to receive 10 updates from one staff member in one day re unnecessary items. Remind is not utilised efficiently by the office.

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Cost for school Some people can't pay for school and after school activity

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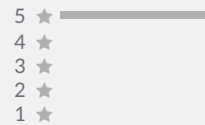
There are some teachers who aren't that good and kind of bother me how they handle things

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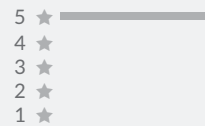
Are the breaking news of the retiring principal it would be nice if the replacement was introduced to the students and staff and parents Children are very adaptable when they have all the knowledge

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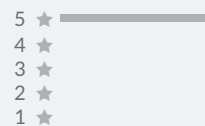
Class sizes are always a concern this year there were several splits to accommodate lower student to teacher ratios Wondering if the next principal has the same skill set to deal with that

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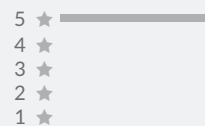
I appreciate the upgrading of the school, and programing The school is starting to look sharp with some of the recent upgrades aswell as the expansion in some of the programs it's now able to offer

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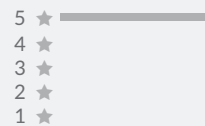
The inefficient way to pay dues and school fees It would be a lot more user-friendly if there is e-transfer available rather than forcing it to be on credit card through the acorn system

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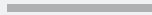




The report card system with proficient and achieving really gives you no scale of where your child is at Percentage-based maybe old school but it was sure accurate

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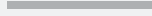



Transportation is a concern. There are still children barely making it off before 5 p.m. and special needs children are not being accommodated If a special needs child is soiling themselves every day because their bus ride is an hour and a half that's unacceptable

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We appreciate teachers taking time out of their own schedules to coach and allow the children to experience sports Sports are in a central part of development a skills that you cannot get in a classroom

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