

DUFFIELD SCHOOL THOUGHTEXCHANGE 2022

Parkland School Division 70

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

I would like to see more enrichment opportunities. When most of the class is below grade expectations, the quick learners have limited growth. Everyone deserves the chance to reach their potential.

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The facilities are adequate. There should be some division budgeting focused of Duffield as the largest west school

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Love the remind app. It helps keep us all in the loop

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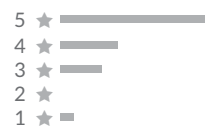
The apps make it easier to communicate with the teachers. Teachers are quick to answer questions for both the students and parents

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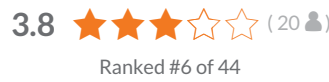


I appreciate the staff know my child as an individual. I feel they are looking out for him. A sense of belonging and community helps keep kids safe.

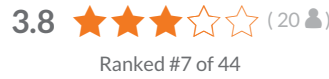
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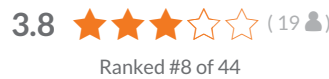
Amazing inclusive environment! Children with special needs feel included in the school



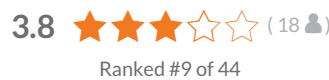
I appreciate that the school is small and teachers know many of the kids and their parents



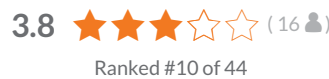
Recess!! The kids need to move, get exercise, get fresh air. Instead, they have been herded into small areas like cattle. An entire grade 9 class with 30 students, forced to simply sit in the gazebo for recess, does NOT do this any justice in the least!



Excellent teaching staff and EA supports Positive connections with families



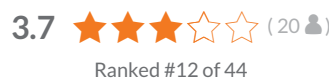
Hot lunch program needs to come back. Field trips and a sense of whole school connection. There is so much separation. Fun days need to happen again. Kids need to feel the connection with the whole school.



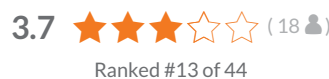
My first concern is the dogs that seem to roam unhindered in the school area Because my kids tell me sometimes outdoor recess is cancelled due to this





Open communication with staff at every level This is our children's education, it's so important to know there is full transparency in all that occurs in the school



Literacy and numeracy groups for students. Many students are working in small groups to build their reading and math skills.





More focus on reading and math Lots of kids need support with reading and math

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Good communication. Community members all know what is happening at the school

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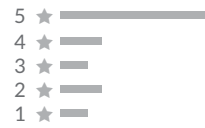
I appreciate the communication with parents! The staff are caring. My child feels welcome at his school.

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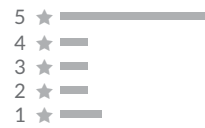
The teacher attempt to make things as normal as possible during this pandemic The world is a crazy place and the kids are struggling to understand it.

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I am concerned that junior high options Foods got cancelled (Covid) I payed for that BtW but basketball etc can still run. Haven't been reimbursed This is important for the kids' experiences. Since all these mandates and silly rules my child's junior high has been nothing but disappointment.

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The weather has been very up and down. However, the lack of maintenance in the school play area is appalling. No salt or sand. The kids keep getting hurt! They also haven't been permitted to move about the field so they are not getting the needed excersize

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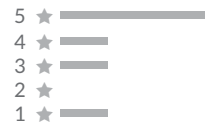
Duffield has an increased focus on literacy this year It is refreshing to see the academic needs of students being addressed

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I loved how the teachers just rolled with the punches during covid Because at home, I don't think a lot of children had 'normal', so that school was their normal during CoVid

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Lots of extras for kids even with covid. Love the school spirit days and positive messages from staff. Fun for kids and builds sense of community!

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Normalcy like a simple Pizza Day To keep a little bit of structure of what we had and could be excited about

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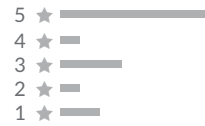
Appreciate focus on reading and math I know that lots of kids are struggling and the extra support is appreciated

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Really good communication between home and school We know what is happening day to day in the building and know about special upcoming events

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Community feeling Everyone helps one another

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Pizza Friday! The kids love it. My issue being that they do not offer refund options. If the child is sick, school is closed, or covid switches to online, we are SOL.

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Too much unnecessary cut backs of extra curricular activities such as Parkland Play, shook ski club. This could have continued with current restriction Kids need to get out for group activities again

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RECESS!! Kids need room to run and play. Instead there is 30 Kids jammed into 1 tiny spot all recess. Go back to 2 separate lunches and recesses! Not only for their health but their safety.

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Good school spirit-Western Day, twin day, candy grams for Valentine's day My kids love these special days because it is what they remember most

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A proper sidewalk in front of the adhool Because alot of people pick up and drop off there and it's all ant hills and terrible grass where we have to use

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Children are getting asked to wear masks too long in school

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One concern I have was getting g a phone call Duffield school telling me that my child will be suspended if he did t wear his mask at all times. This concerns me because I know that there is things that happen at the school such as bullying, hitting, name calling that isn't dealt with the same

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Communication to parents is definitely lacking especially not being able to be in the schools anymore.

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I think reading and math has always been forefront, but with CoVid and no volunteers, let alone enough teachers, they had to adapt

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Love the focus on reading and math supports Hasn't been a focus so I am happy that it is a priority now.

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Concerned about the dogs around the school.

One child was bit last year, and outdoor play has been cancelled due to dogs on the school property.

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Communication I think that there needs to be more thorough communication. More updates to situations.

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The unfounded mask mandate. Too many loopholes with the decision on the kids activities. Where are the options I paid for?

Because these children have been held hostage for far too long. Let them be a kid.

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I appreciate the positivity if our principal and staff Because it's hard to find positivity right now with CoVid and how people are reacting politically to it.

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The long term impacts of covid and face coverings on my child. If it is not permanently resolved by next year I will pull him. My child's mental state and education is impacted

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Drop the bullshit mask mandates and restrictions on our children's learning. I shouldn't have to explain why it's important. It's self explanatory.

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My sons birthday happened over a weekend and it was not announced when students returned. I was told this 1 month later so it obviously hurtful to him To show you care

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I do not agree with the controls put in place over children's cell phones. Can't use them on their break (outside)? Teachers use theirs all day. parents have allowed these phones, their children suffer with anxiety and need to hear a parents voice. Personal property being taken by controllers

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