

FOREST GREEN SCHOOL THOUGHT EXCHANGE 2022

Parkland School Division 70

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

Small and caring community school This is important because all staff know the kids and are committed to helping them learn.

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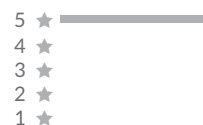
The principal is helpful I believe it is important to have a good principal/parent relationship.

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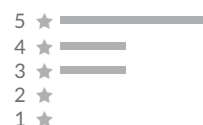
We appreciate all the hard work of all the staff.

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Love that the hot lunch program is back this year Because it gives the kids something extra to look forward to.

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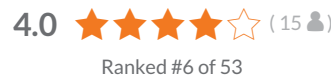


I love the forest by the school. Its symbolic and this treed area helps mental and physical health .. even for the parents picking up their kids.

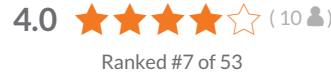
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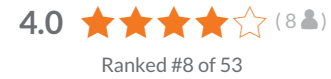
Small school Get to know the staff



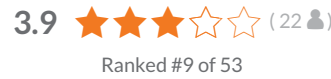
I appreciate the size of forest green It keeps the relationship with school personal



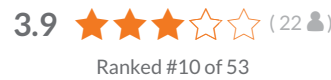
I love the small school and amazing staff: teachers, EAs, custodial and office staff all are amazing Kids want to be in schools where they feel loved and cared about



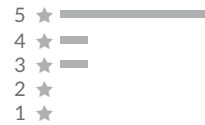
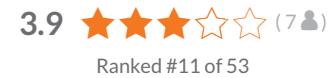
We appreciate the Nature Kindergarten Program and wish something like this could be incorporated in more schools. Gets kids outdoors learning about Nature & Environment.



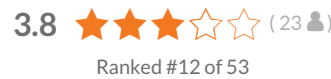
teachers seem to be doing their best during hard and ever changing environments. They set an example for our children as to how to handle hard times.



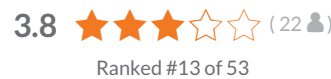
Highly supportive admin team With this past year being very difficult for all students. My children have received many kind words and support while navigating the year.





Their constant concern for the childrens safety, sending emails about drop off and pick up as well as updated procedures. As a parent it's nice to know my child as well as everyone else's are their highest priorities



Love the friendly ness and professionalism of the staff





Communication with parents about when some concerns come up. I feel that all the staff at Forest Green School really try to communicate with parents.

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Forest Green is committed to strong teaching. The literacy and numeracy interventions will help our students be stronger learners.

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I appreciate the land acknowledgment. I want my child to grow up with appreciation for the land we are on.

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I'd love to see a garden or plants in the front of the school. I know they have a garden in the back but no one can see it. It would make it look more welcoming and colorful.

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Would appreciate more of a platform for sharing like Seesaw. Where photos and conversations between parent/teacher can be more easily managed. To better manage Parent/Teacher conversations in one easily accessible place

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They strive for reaching every child's needs

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I love how genuine and caring my child's teachers have been, great communication and the small size.

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With more and more complex needs in our classrooms, teachers are feeling pulled in too many directions and the needs of students are not being met.

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Appreciate the weekly updates from Teacher & School. Allows Parents to easily keep track of upcoming projects/activities at school.

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Honestly the communication is amazing and always sending us email

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With absences teachers are so pressured to meet curriculum there seems to be less school spirit and fun because every one seems to be in survival mod We're surrounding our kids with stress.

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I appreciate the direct personal connection via had with teachers over the years which varies : direct meetings,/text/email We all have preferred ways of communication. I hate the phone and am glad to not have calls.

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Love the hot lunch program I would love to see some different types of places on hot lunch program. I found a lot of the asain inspired food some kids dont like

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Communication has been great Keeps us informed and up to date on important issues

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Everyone is working as a team on the Covid changes in the school and classrooms and also reminding parents about volunteering in the school. I appreciate how everyone is reminding the students and parents about masks and social distancing and sanitizer.

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Thanks for taking amazing son of our son during his first year of school

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My son's teacher is approachable and communicates concerns with us. She is open to feedback and willing to try new strategies. I feel comfortable talking to her about concerns

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The dedication they have to staying connected with their families As a parent I appreciate the constant contact between the school and my child's teacher.

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There seems to be a bit of a disconnect between the school and community. Less parent involvement, and engagement from the parent Council. I feel that strong community connections help build stronger relationships within the school district.

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That they care about my son

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Parkland is a strong team. Moving in the same direction means resource stewardship and strong team work!

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I find ad students get older, the communication with teachers is lacking. A weekly update and better communication with home would be helpful. Be better connected with school and what is happening in the classroom.

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Children don't have a drive to want to go to school. They are having a hard time seeing why school is even important. It's stressful for families where parents are constantly trying to convince kids to go to school.

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Marking system makes it hard to see where a child is excelling and falling short. We are just pushing children through the system, there is no consequences for not doing well in school.

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I like the small community feel of the school. I do not like how the grounds are kept, particularly garbage on the grounds and the snow and ice. I am disabled and struggle to walk my child to school when there is snow and ice.

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We need better options for hot lunch. The same restaurants are always used. There are plenty of restaurants in the area doing hot lunch programs. Variety and giving students more options.

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I would like more open communication, such as the remind app or the use of agendas daily. It's important to have easy access to teachers for open communication. Some times my daughters agenda hasn't been filled out at all.

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My top concern would be the fact that masks are mandatory in school and should NOT be! It is wrong to make kids wear masks all day and make them ask their teachers for "breather breaks" or "mask breaks". They can't breathe properly!

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I fear for the mental health of our kids. They need to be able to play as kids play & see their friends smiles. Unmask the kids (in school & on buses) They need the freedom to just be kids and enjoy their freedom and not feel like prisoners.

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There are no events the kids are looking forward to. There are no mile stones or markers that make attending school fun.

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I think sometimes kids dont get enough gym time.. For high energy boys it helps burn off energy.

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The parent council & fundraising society I are both very unwelcoming and clicky. Both feel like a popularity contest and deters me from participating I would like to be more involved but feel awkward around the members.

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Our child's school doesn't have a single male employee, I think diversity is important,

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I don't think masks should be mandatory. Because my child cant breathe!

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I think kids should still wear masks It's important to think of others safety as well as self. Teaching kids to empathy and respect at an early age would be beneficial.

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There is not a lot of sense of achievement as students don't have clear goals set for their learning. Marks written as satisfactory makes kids feel like there's no way to compete even with themselves in order to improve.

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Pit seem to be online and optional. Great! They were traumatizing as kids and as a parent I hate them. I'm busy and my child is doing fine so no need.

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Never found PIT traumatizing. Only occasionally smelly. Proofreading is important.

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One concern I did have was how young they are teaching children about the residential schools, I love that it is being taught, just sensitive My son came home upset thinking he may have to go to a residential school. So the approach to explaining this topic should be explored more I feel.

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Communication with the school isn't great. Sometimes I miss emails and I feel like I never get to talk to the teacher. I value transparency and open dialogue.

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