

2020 COPPERHAVEN SCHOOL THOUGHT EXCHANGE REPORT

Parkland School Division 70
Copperhaven School

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

school dismissal is in some instances inconvenient for extracurricular activities
Children should be able to participate in the extracurricular activities same as the students at other schools.

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Your parking lot is awful Congested, time consuming, is a waste of the admin time at the end of the day

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Students walking to and from school have no choice but to use the traffic circle. It's a very busy and dangerous intersection. Students on bikes and scooters are not following pedestrian safety and drivers are driving too fast and not always stopping for pedestrians.

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Drop off and pick up It's a bloody gong show to pick up and drop off. How many vehicular accidents need to occur? The front is packed by 3:30... ridiculous.

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Pickup and drop off. Mornings aren't too bad but everyone agrees pickup is a nightmare. Something needs to be done.

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The pick up and drop of area is crazy. There needs to be a better way to deal with end of day pick ups. Its a dangerous spot just waiting for a accident or injury. Not to mention how much time is wasted. I also don't understand why the kids can't come ou



The parking lot fiasco! Allowing that 3rd row of cars to just stop behind the parking stalls when the bell hasn't even rung is causing grief. I'm -40 the traffic ends up backed up, the buses can't get into transfer, kids waiting outside for 5-15 min.



High ratio of identified needs vs general
Students on both end of the continuum are not getting what they deserve. Not enough educational assistants.



My concern is the lack of parent involvement and volunteer support Copperhaven has
Without strong parent involvement and suport system within the school, many programs currently running will suffer, and many more will never happen.



Parking is awful. Drop off and pickup ks a nightmare Logostics.were but.thought out for parking and traffic flow. Especially with families being denied bussing as even a paid option.



Student pick up is stressful and potentially dangerous Safety of children is #1.



Bus line backup due to parent pick up extreme weather days students shouldn't have to wait longer to board the bus because the bus is unable to get to them due to back up in the traffic



Parking Lot The parking for the school is a HUGE concern. It is a safety issue for the students and a major frustration as a parent. Something needs to be done



Drop off and pick up at the school continues to be time consuming and chaotic.



The age range in the school and that the junior high kids classrooms are beside the younger grades. My son has expressed feeling intimidated and nervous about being around and walking through a group of junior high kids. I don't want him to feel this



Really not enjoying the younger kids with the older kids. Several times daughter has been talked to disrespectfully other been pushed. The older kids Have the worst language and can not believe how awful it is



Bad language from older kids Teachers say nothing when jr high kids swear in the halls in front of young kids. Separate grades, Jr high up, lower grades down.



The gym was finally completed So happy that the gym was finally completed. Thank you for this.



Has the school considered staggered recesses? The playground is so congested, resulting in injuries and conflicts. Students (particularly younger) are not safe, and the monitors can't possibly see everything that is going on.



I am concerned about the language and subject matter overheard older grades. Kids already grow up too fast. Unnecessary exposure early on is upsetting.



Parking at the school mainly end of day Traffic is ridiculous when picking up my child even parking in residential is impossible, very frustrating. We have tried everything.



I feel like the older students are not acting or behaving as the proper examples like the administration hopes they could be for the younger ones. Inappropriate language and behavior language in the hallways and seems to be overlooked by everyone which is frustrating



Are we please able to do something about the parking lot? Morning drops, afternoon pickups and special event parking are an absolute disgrace. Needs to be fixed as soon as possible.



Jr High mixed with younger grades... While they should be more responsible they have potty mouths around younger children.



Your communication is awesome It has been great through email, phone, newsletter, etc. Keeps parents in the loop



Family culture needed Very unwelcome feeling. Needs family events. Family lunch, mothers day tea, family dance.



Fundraising team is amazing! You all work so hard to raise funds for our school! Great job!



Communication should be electronic with teachers/staff/coaches It's easy to refer back to written communication. It also helps with accountability.

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I appreciate the care and attention staff pays to the students It's fosters a caring environment that allows the kids to learn

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Sidewalk safety. Kids on bikes and scooters and constantly darting through people and cutting others off or going too fast so they are unable to stop My children have been hit by bikes and scooters numerous times. An assembly regarding sidewalk safety/etiquette would be extremely valuable for all.

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I appreciate the teachers & staff As a parent, you are trusting people with the well being of your child; their happiness and success at school is largely dependent on the staff

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The staff is very helpful and friendly to guests

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Would like to see more funding for children that have special needs but are considered "high" functioning. Even though the child is "high" functioning, they still need help and I've seen them not getting the help they need due to lack of funding.

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No tolerance with bullies - might be looking for a new school next semester My child is bullied on a weekly basis and they don't want to go to school. The school has been made aware but they won't do anything about it.

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More tools for children with ADHD is needed.

There are a lot of children with high levels of ADHD but don't have the tools or help to keep them focused in class which results in low test scores.



I appreciate the principal and vice principal trying to control the traffic nightmare each day after school. You can tell the kids safety is a priority and they work hard to do their best despite many obstacles.



Needs more training in special needs children, particularly ADHD. Perhaps getting more EAs or some OTs to help out with this. Kids are being punished for their brain chemistry when it can be such a simple solution.



Seems like a lot of chaos at lunch/ recess Maybe too much exposure for the youngest to the oldest students. Lots of unsavory behavior witnessed by and projected onto the youngsters.



I appreciate the gym being built So the kids can have consistent physical activity



Need more training in children with ADHD Simply knowing how to support a child with ADHD would make the world of difference in the classroom. Instead we're looking at a new school for 2020



Appreciate the Rainbows program being run at our school. Supporting our little with peer support through his loss



My son's teacher is very kind and approachable. She has made sure any issues were dealt with quickly and I felt like she really cared about my child.

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I strongly believe the recess times should be split. The older grades should not be with the younger grades. My grade 2/3 children come home on a regular basis saying they are being sworn at, pushed, kicked and are too nervous to say anything, thinking it will be worse.

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Teachers going above and beyond to learn a students strengths and weaknesses. Every student is different and when we can see past trying to make them fit a specific pattern is when they really shine.

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The amount of communication home is great. I know what's going on in the school and my son's classroom.

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I appreciate how diverse the school is. Teaches children of all ages about diversity.

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Supporting teachers and students with special needs. Ie ADHD options for seating balls, standing desks etc. These kids with special needs have teachers punishing them and getting mad at them when supports need to be in place to know how to work with special

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Kids are being punished for behaviors out of their control and being made to feel bad when it could be as simple as needing a wiggle break or help with focus. More support and resources needed for special needs

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Teachers need more training on ADHD and special needs. Kids are being punished about things they cannot control. A diabetic can't control their sugars just as an ADHD child can't control brain chemistry.



Teachers need to change up the way they teach to help all children that learn differently - especially those that have ADHD. Not all children learn the same and my son has asked his teacher to teach him a different way but the teacher told him that they don't know a diff way



Parent Association is great Great fundraising opportunities, they seem very active in the school



I really dislike how all the grades are mixed in together. We have grade 3's on one side of the hall and grade 8's on the other. My son is constantly around children swearing and being inappropriate and he shouldn't be exposed to that.



Homework. My child is expected to do about 1-1.5 hours of homework per night. She is 6 and burnt out/overwhelmed. With the later dismissal and an earlier bedtime because of her age, she has next to no down time between homework, dinner and bedtime routines.



Children are being disciplined for things they don't do. Children will not want to come to school anymore because they fear they will get in trouble for things they didn't do.



I think the hot lunch program should be improved. Most schools have local restaurants delivering to schools. My daughter had complained ever lunch that it isn't ever was and it not very tasty. I have stopped ordering . Need different options.



Co-teaching class rooms are very nice. My child is in one and they seem to be able to provide more attention to those who need it in certain areas while continuing with the class.

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Hot lunch options More options! Subway, boston pizza, perks.

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Lack of transparency of funding changes
There has been a huge lack of communication about how our school will be affected by provinical gov't funding changes. No information has been provid

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Lunch should come before recess. I believe that exercise is important but so is having the energy to do it.

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Love the hot lunch options More options for picky eaters

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I like the later start time. The kids are not falling asleep on the bus.

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I feel the kids have too much homework at young age. Not sure about older children but noticing how many kids seem burnt out already.

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Concerned about fees next year I know it's not

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I appreciate the integration of different students of all ages. Younger kids get the chance to spend time with older and vs. To promote community. Understanding. Tolerance and acceptance for all peers

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your fault but it's nerve wracking not knowing if we can afford the bus or what we will end up paying.

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Ranked #65 of 65



Drop off and pick up is not efficient Not sure if things are still needing to be worked out with us being a fairly new school? I pay for bussing just so I don't have to deal with it

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Not enough ratings to rank



We love all the communication and appreciate all the reminders Lots of time and effort goes into a communication piece. It has been rare for us to feel like we don't know what's going on. So appreciated

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Not enough ratings to rank



Christmas Concert was a nightmare. Families clearing out after their students had preformed was incredibly rude. No decorations or art work. We need to create a community in this school with it being new it will take time.

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Not enough ratings to rank

