



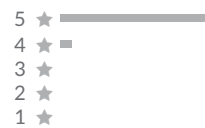
# 2020 ENTWISTLE SCHOOL THOUGHT EXCHANGE REPORT

Parkland School Division 70  
Entwistle School


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

**The new secretary** She is a great fit for our school!

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**Concerned about the finances of our school**  
Concerned about the schools budget and the management of public funds

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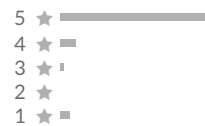
**The ski trip was wonderful!** A great opportunity for a small school to get outdoors. Well done.

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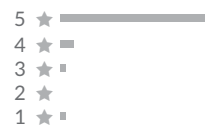
**FOELS does amazing work!** Thank you for everything that you do

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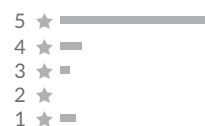
**Love the Community Breakfast** Love how the community supports the school and we give back with the breakfast! Love that in a small town!

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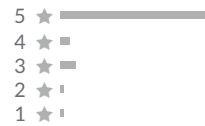
**There are no consequences for students who bully others.** The principal does not seem to take bullying seriously and there seems to be no consequence for students who treat others poorly.

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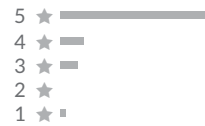
**No reading program this year for struggling readers** I hope to see this return because it helped so much.

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**Sense of community** I feel that our school and its surrounding community are very close and connected. Our school supports and is supported by the community.

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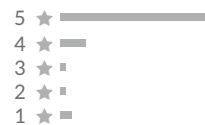
**Mrs Ekroth works hard to keep things running smoothly at the school. Thank you for all you do!**

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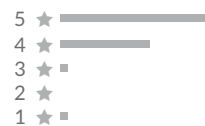
**Students who have behavioural issues are getting special treatment and those who do their best seem to get looked past.**

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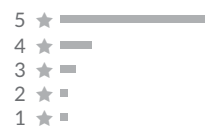
**Appreciate the skating lessons and kindness of staff** This is important because it builds skills (physical) and self-esteem in children.

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**I appreciate the smaller class sizes**

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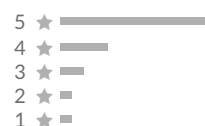
**Concerned about the library leaving** No plan has been announced. Are we hiring a librarian, will we keep doing the book fair, how will books be managed in our school.

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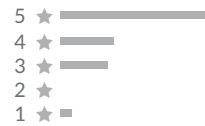
**What is the focus of our school?** I enjoy the clubs our school has started but worry there is not a focus on academics (Ex: reading program is not running) and sports are Non existent

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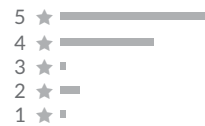
**My concern for this next year would be how will the new government funding effect the ability for a child to get extra support in the classroom?** Teachers are stretched to their limits dealing with educational demands, delays and behavioural in the classroom, will they be provided extra support?

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Ranked #15 of 55





**The small school setting.** I appreciate that my child does not get treated as a number.

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**Mrs. Klingspohn is a fabulous addition as the school secretary.**

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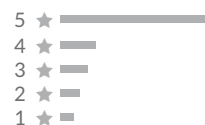
**Lack of academic focus** There is more attention being given to playing games and knitting than academics for those students who really need the extra help.

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**Our school lacks focus. Academics are well below provincial average and sports and other extra-curricular activities are almost non-existent.** With such small numbers our students should be getting more focused teaching and training. We have an opportunity to be excellent, not sub-par.

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**Winter snow removal** Until this week, our walkways and paved areas were dangerous and had never been properly cleared. This must be addressed for everyone's safety.

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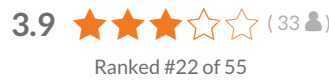


**Will kids have access to books within the school once the library moves?** I hope all the schools books are not going with the library. Kids should have easy access to lots of books at school

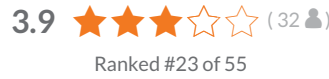
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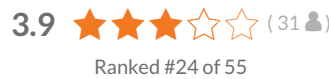
**Grandparent program is great.** Thanks to the grandma who bakes with the kids.



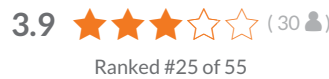
**Extra help for kids struggling** No extra help in the classes for kids who do not have severe needs. Especially in older grades.



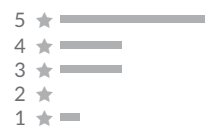
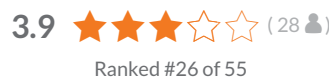
**Volunteers** I am amazed at the fast responses that volunteer coordinators get from parents. Our last school really struggled at times to find volunteers.



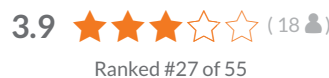
**I appreciate the tight knit community and how caring most of the staff are. I have concerns about the administration.** I feel the majority of the staff are vital, long term parts of this community



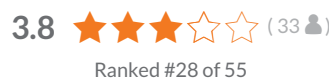
**It's important that all students, parents and staff members feel equally valued, heard and treated fairly.** People (even kids!) are perceptive and can tell when they aren't treated the same as others.



**Most staff member are welcoming and accessible**





**Junior High Washrooms are often locked** Why are all students having to share just one set of bathrooms?



**I appreciate the wonderful staff at this school** The staff regularly show they care about the students and each other.





**Jr. High teachers are doing an amazing job for being one 1st year teacher and the other relatively new to teaching. Teaching 4 grades core subjects**

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Ranked #30 of 55





**Grade 5-6-7 M. Seely is going a great job. M. Seely have 4 difficult kids in the same classe and He should have help . so the students have more attention**

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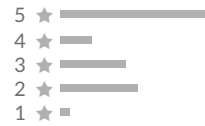
**I have concerns that funds are not being allocated well, there is a focus on making the school look nice while EA hours are being cut. We need more staff and more EA hours to enhance the students learning.**

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**The EA's at the school care about the students they work with. It is great to see my child's EA so dedicated and willing to go above and beyond for the sake of him.**

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Ranked #33 of 55




**Teaching aides only sticking with one child instead of benefiting many Instead of teaching aids helping all children struggling, they seem to focus on one child in each class with behavior struggles instead.**

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Ranked #34 of 55





**Would like to see more quizzes and exams in class Its hard to gauge how well our child is doing if they are never tested. Would like to see communication withwhat is being tested so we can help study**

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**The general consensus is that parents do not feel as welcome in the school this year. This is a small community where parents and community members have always been welcomed in the past.**

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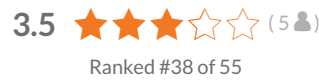


**I appreciate the dedications teachers have for their students**

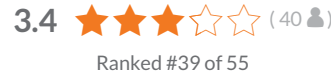
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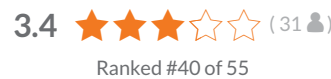
**Students are sometimes falling behind in school and parents are not made aware until parent teacher interviews.** Parents are often willing to help and encourage homework if they are aware their child is falling behind.



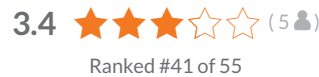
**Concerned about field trips** It is advertised that each class will go on two trips. Over halfway done the year and most elementary classes haven't even done 1 trip.



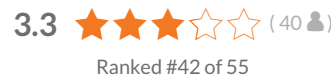
**No Community Lunch this year** I really missed the Christmas lunch that we usually do. I hope it comes back next year. Great opportunity for families to be involved.



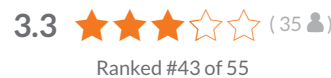
**I think Mrs. Webster has done a fabulous job communicating with parents through the Seesaw App this year. Great job!**



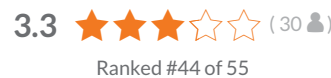
**Teachers are helpful always**



**I do not like how moderated this forum is.** Im sure this comment wont get published and it doesnt need to, but many honest comments from years past from various parents never get posted. Not ok.





**Our wonderful teachers!** They care so much about our students and it shows! Thank you!



**The teachers need to be more trauma informed and gentle at times (bring in speaker Jody carrington).** Not every child learns through blunt communication. Some children need a different approach. Some children need space and time to process.





**Concerned about the structure of the school and how safe it is to have paint peeling from walls and ceilings (especially after the roof fix last year)** It is important because my children's safety is my priority and I want to make sure their health and wellbeing isn't in danger.

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Ranked #46 of 55





**Need more extra courses like they should teach french in school**

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Ranked #47 of 55





**The cold weather snap communication was very unwelcoming.** The messaging sent out was very pointed that children shouldn't really come. This is not okay on paid school days. Some kids benefit from review days.

3.1  (35   
Ranked #48 of 55




**I love the Seasaw app and wished all teacher would use it**

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Ranked #49 of 55




**students should learn French as second language**

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Ranked #50 of 55





**loud teachers are scaring young children**

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Ranked #51 of 55



**Purdys fundraiser too expensive** Many families can't afford \$20 boxes of chocolates. Can we try something else?

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Ranked #52 of 55



**Really like the new principal** She is definitely more in tune with the class and is welcoming to the parents!

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what is the importance of summates

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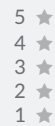
**I find that FOELS is continually requesting volunteers thru the schools Facebook page I have commented offering my help but no one ever gets back 2 me** Last year they took a large list of names and numbers for volunteers but not once have I been called nor other members of my family

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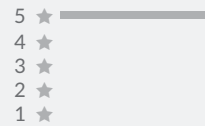
**I appreciate very much our wonderful Pembina Playschool Association within our school!** This playschool and its sole teacher Danielle Pequin are an attribute to our school and community. This playschool brings in more students to school.

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 Not enough ratings to rank



**I appreciate the level of community involvement and support for my kids school.** We have a wonderful society FOELS that supports our school and the programs within it! This is a charitable foundation that supports our students.

3.8 ★★★☆☆ (3)   
 Not enough ratings to rank



**I'm concerned about the political leaning towards liberal ideologies in all school curriculum's.** I believe it is important that education is not taught based on any political ideologies or beliefs, schools and education on a whole MUST remain bias

2.3 ★★☆☆☆ (3)   
 Not enough ratings to rank

