

2019 MILLGROVE SCHOOL THOUGHT EXCHANGE REPORT

Parkland School Division 70
Millgrove School

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

Good staff / principal Keeps things running smoothly

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Appreciate - Extra Curricular Activities for Students Millgrove does a fantastic job at providing students with many extra activities, whether its archery, music, field trips, etc. You do a great job!

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I appreciate the contact from my children's teachers via email etc. The receptionist in the office are amazing and super friendly. The principals and staff are amazing.

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i believe the school needs to not be putting so many children with learning issues in one class with no aids. this is unfair to teacher and children i believe that more aids are needed so that regualr student have the learning help they need and other students need aids too

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Appreciate - collaboration with parents Millgrove staff always goes above and beyond in communicating and engaging with parents.

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I appreciate the increase in communication. A monthly newsletter and the use of apps such as See Saw are important to me, as I do not use Facebook and often felt out of the loop in past years.

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I appreciate that our teacher uses an app to share kids activities As a mum that works full time I don't get the opportunities to volunteer in the classroom; and I would miss out on some great moments for my son

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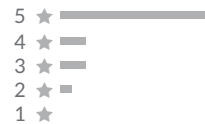
Teachers are great My son's teacher is caring and all about making strive

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I appreciate our principal, Mr. Lillico, and the staff members who help with traffic every day before and after school. It helps keep our children safe and makes driving less chaotic.

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I really appreciate the care and concern the school shows towards my child. I'm always kept well informed and up to date.

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School has been a warm, caring environment where my daughters are excited to go each day.

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We appreciate the wonderful teachers we have had over the years; such a fantastic school

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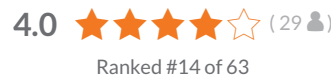


Allowing IP options for children who are above their grade level and ahead of their peers academically As it will allow children to grow academically and not be stuck in their learning when they surpass their peers.

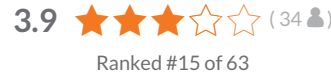
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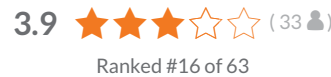
All staff members are approachable, caring, and accommodating. Feel comfortable with discussing concerns and bringing up issues. Staff willing to make changes when approached with ideas to make things better.



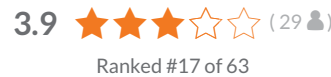
The atmosphere of the school is very warm and welcoming. The front end staff and individual teachers make sure that students feel valued and appreciated.



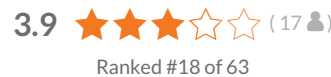
I have no concerns, Millgrove is an amazing school!



EAs should be included in IPPs and parent/teacher interviews as they are a huge support in students learning and development All team members should be involved in the plan to in order to create a child specific learning plan to maximize their abilities



Amazing Staff! I love to see teachers and staff that still have passion to teach, make school fun and think outside the box to allow kids of all abilities to thrive



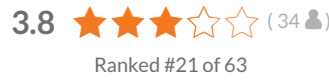
I feel that how adults interact with the children sets a precedence on how the children interact with each other. It's important to have my kid feel comfortable at school and feel he can go to a teacher or admin staff if he needs help.



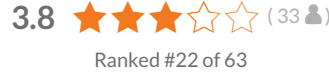
Teachers are amazing They are all very interactive with the kids and really make learning fun. The activities they come up with are great.



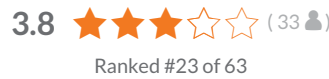
Really enjoy the easy communication



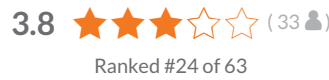
Both the school and staff are amazing! Anytime there was something whether a question, illness, concern the staff were more than helpful, always followed through and it was done efficiently



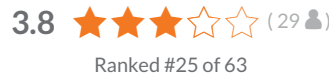
I LOVE the extra-curricular/learning opportunities (e.g. math night) I would love to see more of these!



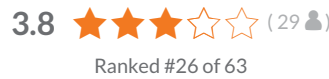
I appreciate the hard work that my child's teacher puts into making sure my child is challenged. There have been times when my child has just coasted through and I feel that he is showing a ton of growth in his learning this year.



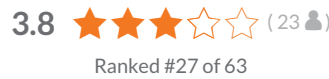
Allow students to participate in school enhancing tasks: recycling program, emptying book bins, delivering milk, cleaning, shoveling snow Having children participate in school enhancing activities helps create a sense of pride for the school





I love the LLI program that was offered to the grade 2 this year. My son was behind in reading and struggled but is now reading in his everyday life outside of school work.



Friendly staff Child is comfortable and loves going to school





variety of experiences for the students kids like to learn about different things

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The app for sharing student work as well as the website and blog that share what the students have been learning. I can see what is happening day to day

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Brought up bullying/fighting to the administration and it was dealt with quickly and effectively. As a parent I felt heard and know that my concerns are being addressed.

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This is our families first experience with a child in grade school and we are very pleased with the experience. You never know what to expect.

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i love that the grade 1 classes did a full week of real swimming lessons this is way better than the play parkland. this helps kids learn a skill that some families may not have time for. life is so busy and school should be helping with this important skill.

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I have also appreciated how excited my child is to attend school. He comes home eager to tell me all about his day. I feel that a happy environment ensures that he will feel comfortable learning.

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So supportive I have never felt so comfortable to send my child somewhere knowing he can be himself, and the teachers give him the tools to set him up for success.

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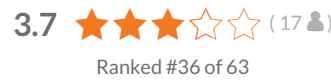


Staff is friendly. Makes you feel comfortable

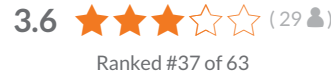
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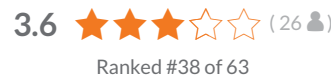
The staff at Millgrove have taken actions to promote and foster respect and compassion and are quick to nip bullying. It's important to instill an environment that is caring and promotes positivity amongst peers and nips bullying and degrading.



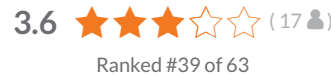
Additional options for special needs students such as quiet rooms, low sensory classrooms (equipment, lighting, furniture) Supportive environments enhance learning for all learning styles.



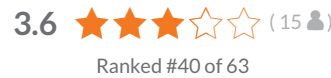
I have appreciated how forthcoming my child's kindergarten teacher has been with information about where he's at in his development. It's important in order to be aware of any things that need working on in order to ensure school is a place that he enjoys.



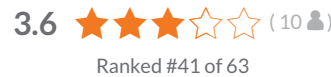
Supports Our teacher has gone above and beyond to support our sons learning, thinking outside the box and finding new tools and strategies to help him.



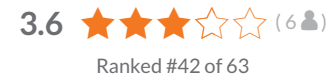
Teacher is amazing My child's teacher is outstanding. Very tentative to my child's needs and provides a great space for my child to learn.





parking lot is so busy kids could get hurt



Seesaw What an amazing tool to keep connected to the classroom and reach the teacher. Every class should use this tool.





Violent students in the classroom without adequate support to keep others safe a huge concern Children cannot learn if they don't feel safe at school

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I love the archery program! My daughter has enjoyed having a new hobby and I think it's fantastic that is da can try something they might not have access to otherwise.

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My son loves school again we are new to the school and the amazing staff has made the transition seamless. it warms my heart to hear how happy and excited my child is everyday

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The teachers and admin staff are friendly, and seem dedicated to their job. My sons Grade 1 teacher has been wonderful this year. It's important my child feel supported and comfortable at school. My son has had a wonderful grade 1 year and he knows he is truly cared about.

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The learnings my child has completed My child loves his school and always excited to go to school to learn the next lesson.

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Pickup and drop off Needs to be more enforcement at pickup for the people who double park or park in no parking areas. Parking lot is dangerous because of these parents

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Please make the hot lunch and milk tickets available for purchase at the same time. It's very inconvenient to do two separate orders.

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Students needs are not being met due to inclusion. Teachers are stretched too thin and cannot reach all levels of learning

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The boot room is small and cluttered Lots of pushing and shoving goes on in here

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Love using Remind to IM teacher! It's so handy when I remember something after I've dropped my daughter off or if I need to confirm something.

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kids with needs not getting enough help success for all means we need to support all the needs

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More extra curricular activities for children such as Justice League, ski club, coding, religion , gardening etc. Expose students to a variety of experiences

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There seems to be a lot of violence on the playground with little remorse for the kids My daughter has been hit twice on the playground this year when she was doing absolutely nothing with the kids who hit her. The kids weren't repriman

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Removal of trees disappointed that they were removed. They should have been cared for

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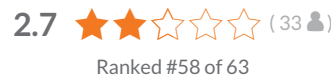


Communication between the school and parents many times these past years things going on in school division haven't happened at this school or at the same time. eg anti bullying day was moved

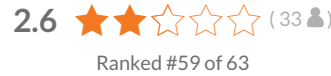
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My child's class has two different teachers and I'm really not a fan of that structure. I think in the lower grades it's important to have one teacher, for consistency and building relationships; especially when there are anxiety issues



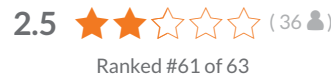
Good teachers Poor EA communication



Students are not being retained when they should be. Kids are getting lost in class



Bullying in the school is a huge concern The way the bullying is dealt with is very unacceptable. I feel that the school doesn't and wont deal with bullying.



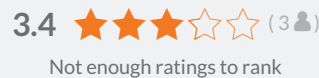
Not enough space Sometimes it gets crowded / distracting



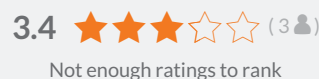
I do not understand the purpose of all of the fundraising that is done through the school by Foundation. If the school consistently needs more money to operate, parents should not financially support the individual school they should lobby the government.





Appreciate communication with teachers

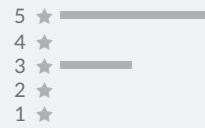


Concerned with school yard bullying





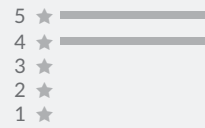
Extra effort to provide sports programs is appreciated. Kids get to develop fitness habits by being in run club, archery etc. Also try new things like snowshoeing, skiing etc.

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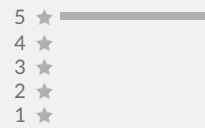
High flashing lights at the Marlboro cross walk behind the school, near Marlin St right by the School Driveway. Child Safety! Parents dropping off coming East on Marlboro are whizzing by so they aren't late and not paying attention to students needing to cross!

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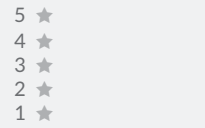
I always feel so welcomed in Millgrove School. The staff are always so friendly and helpful. It's important when you're trying to be involved in your child's education.

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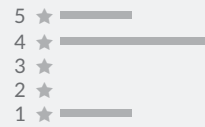
I love the app SeeSaw that our teacher uses. Keeps me in the loop with what my child is learning and allows me to ask more direct questions about there day. And it's a great communication tool.

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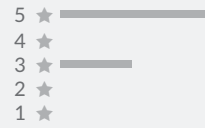
Kids missing recess because teachers want them to stay in and finish work. Outside is so important. Kids can focus better when they get to run and play. It shouldn't be a form of punishment. Positive Reinforcement is key!

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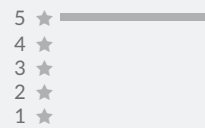
Loved the Math Family Night! It's always great to learn new ways to introduce math concepts to the kids.

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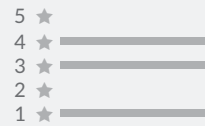
Musical events like the Talent show, Christmas concert, spring dance are appreciated. Teachers are investing their time in providing kids with these positive experiences that are highlights of the year.

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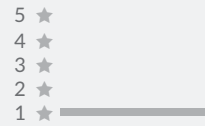
My daughter has such a great teacher. She recognized my daughter needed modifications and quickly put a plan in place. My daughter believed she 'wasn't as smart' as other classmates and with a lot of encouragement and modification, she's doing much better.

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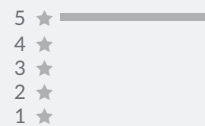
Need additional support/challenges/activities/programs for kids that are ahead of their grade level. There is only support for those that are behind. My child is often bored having completed work ahead of classmates leading to disruptive behaviour while sitting around with nothing to do.

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Not enough ratings to rank





Office staff are very helpful and know the kids by name. Kids feel valued and able to come in with questions or concerns.

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School staff do a great job managing traffic before and after school Being greeted by smiling faces and knowing children are being kept safe is a big deal.

3.3  (1 )
Not enough ratings to rank

