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PINELLAS PREPARATORY ACADEMY

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**2007 PARENT SURVEY RESULTS**

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90 Surveys were returned

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**Results by Percentage –**

	Disagree	Neutral	Agree
My child enjoys attending this school.	6%	10%	84%
The teachers go above and beyond my expectations.	4%	13%	84%
Overall, I am satisfied with the school's administration.	2%	6%	91%
Overall, I am satisfied with the academic program being offered at my child's school.	4%	6%	90%
I feel my child is safe while attending school.	0%	5%	95%
My school welcomes and respects my opinions and concerns regarding school issues.	3%	20%	77%
My child's school offers me many opportunities for parental involvement.	1%	13%	86%
I would recommend this school to my friends who have school age children.	1%	6%	93%
My child is being challenged this year to reach his/her potential.	8%	14%	79%
Issues are dealt with in a professional way.	3%	20%	78%
The online homework and grade book have been helpful to my family.	8%	8%	85%
I believe my child will benefit from learning another language.	2%	7%	90%
Overall I am satisfied with Pinellas Preparatory Academy.	2%	6%	91%

**Results by Response –**

	1	2	3	4	5
My child enjoys attending this school.	1	4	8	21	46
The teachers go above and beyond my expectations.	0	3	10	33	33
Overall, I am satisfied with the school's administration.	0	2	5	42	33
Overall, I am satisfied with the academic program being offered at my child's school.	1	2	5	35	36
I feel my child is safe while attending school.	0	0	4	35	39
My school welcomes and respects my opinions and concerns regarding school issues.	1	1	16	33	28
My child's school offers me many opportunities for parental involvement.	1	0	10	37	32
I would recommend this school to my friends who have school age children.	1	0	5	27	48
My child is being challenged this year to reach his/her potential.	3	3	11	31	32
Issues are dealt with in a professional way.	1	1	16	34	28
The online homework and grade book have been helpful to my family.	3	3	6	25	42
I believe my child will benefit from learning another language.	1	1	6	23	50
Overall I am satisfied with Pinellas Preparatory Academy.	0	2	5	29	45

*1 = Strongly Disagree, 2 = Disagree, 3 = Neutral, 4 = Agree, 5 = Strongly Agree*

## Results by Grade –

	4th	5th	6th	7th	8 <sup>th</sup>	App	No Ans
My child enjoys attending this school.	4.8	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.2	--	4.3
The teachers go above and beyond my expectations.	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.1	--	4.0
Overall, I am satisfied with the school's administration.	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	5.0	4.0
Overall, I am satisfied with the academic program being offered at my child's school.	4.7	4.3	4.2	4.6	4.2	--	4.3
I feel my child is safe while attending school.	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.4	--	4.3
My school welcomes and respects my opinions and concerns regarding school issues.	4.3	3.9	4.1	4.2	4	5.0	4.0
My child's school offers me many opportunities for parental involvement.	4.3	4.0. 4.4	4.3	4.4	4.3	--	4.0
I would recommend this school to my friends who have school age children.	4.8	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.6	5.0	4.3
My child is being challenged this year to reach his/her potential.	4	4	4.1	4.1	4	--	4.0
Issues are dealt with in a professional way.	4.3	4.3	4.1	4	4	--	4.0
The online homework and grade book have been helpful to my family.	4.7	4.6	4.1	3.9	4.3	--	4.7
I believe my child will benefit from learning another language.	4.7	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.7	5.0	4.0
Overall I am satisfied with Pinellas Preparatory Academy.	4.9		4.3	4.6	4.4	4.0	4.0
Averages	4.5	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.8	4.1
Number of surveys returned	12	20	30	16	18	10	3

## What are PPA's biggest strengths?

### Summary of responses:

Staff (31)	Disciplined (4)
Small classes / small school (30)	Safe Environment (4)
Academics / Curriculum (12)	Art / Music Program (3)
School's Atmosphere (10)	Facility (1)
Online tools (8)	Spanish Program (1)
Individualized Attention (8)	Types of students (1)
Creativity (6)	Location (1)
Challenging (6)	Teams (1)
Communication (5)	

### Actual Responses:

Academics	Team work	No comment
challenging	class sizes	Small classrooms
Small class sizes	staff, staff, staff	Small class size, location
Small class sizes, creativity	Small family like atmosphere.	Small classes, central location
small classes, individual attention,	smaller class sizes, helpful teachers	Individual attention, quality academics
Small classes. Private school atmosphere.	creative approach helps keep kids interested	Excellent teaching staff, great moral standards.

Closeness, creativity, the extra mile gone by most	small size, large # of gifted students, caring teachers	small classes, great teachers who care school curriculum
Online gradebook Small classes Teachers who are involved.	Close knit supportive learning environment. Friendly staff	the main goal is to make sure that the students are the priority
Small classrooms, caring teachers, online homework, gradebook wizard.	teachers/staff, curriculum, class size, safety/well being of my kids!	I feel the staff is accessible if there is an issue needing to be discussed
Small class sizes Involved Principle Able to check grades online. Safe environment	Wonderful teachers, wonderful principal, close knit school, online grades? Homework.	Being a small school and the staff knowing who my child is by name without being told. Very personable
Small class sizes Gradebook wizard to see grades & how well child is doing. Caring teachers and staff.	A strong effort is made to meet the individual needs of students. Communication with parents is excellent.	Small classes and dedicated teachers. Teachers availability to the students and parents. Great atmosphere.
Mrs. Mizzi, the art and music program, Mr. Fuller's organizational and communication skills. Small classes.	That you don't teach with the goal to just pass FCAT tests. Small and personable. Fun and caring teachers.	That they don't teach with the goal to pass FCAT tests only. It's small and personable. Fun and caring teachers.
Choice of hands on / creative assignments approachable staff, cooperative atmosphere, nurturing and very nice teachers.	Great teachers, small classes so every students get the attention they need. Students seem well disciplined. Great school	Excellent teachers, responsive to individual students (Teachers and administration) flexible but also challenging environment.
Teachers-Ms. Welt is a wonderful, fair, caring teacher! Principal is very hands on and friendly with kids, knows their names.	The involvement of Mr. Fuller. I feel he is strongly involved with every aspect of the school and he cares about each student.	small school setting with a statewide standard for academics. Great music and art program, Great spanish program, awesome teachers
size-I think the teachers actually "know" their students. My child feel he is respected by the teachers, and it has given him confidence.	Teachers that help students learn by using different methods of teaching styles. Friendly and professional staff, great music/art program	We like the size and "private" feel the school has in comparison to regular public school. Academic program is good and you have great teachers.
Love the online grade book - eliminates controversy at home over homework. Great communication with home/school. Excellent curriculum. Saxon math.	I love the fact that I can check my child's grade on a daily basis. Whenever I have an issue or concern the teachers always responds in a timely fashion.	My son's first year at PPA, loves it. Was concerned for him but he loves it! Don't have to worry about him because he is in good hands and I respect that.
Teachers push students to do their best. Teachers are very accessible to parents to discuss progress. HW assignments and online grades. Excellent administration.	project based learning! Having expectations surpassing grade level work in thought processes involving teaching the whole picture rather than rote and memorization creates learners and thinkers	Small size. Dedicated faculty. Ability to work with families and not having to march to the school board's tune and curriculum mandates. Mr. Fuller and 5th grade teachers specifically are fabulous.
Smaller class size, more parental involvement and input into school issues, more challenge to students, more use of creativity with student activities, higher moral standards, less tolerance of bad behavior.	School administration (principal and board) is strong and committed to excellence. Involvement and concern demonstrated by teachers. Safe, friendly environment, Nice, new, well-planned and built-out facility.	Small classroom sizes. A desire to instill moral values. A desire to promote higher levels of education and to encourage students in what they are best in. Ability to deal swiftly with potential behavior problems.
It's staff, especially Ms. Welt. She is the best teacher my son has ever had. She is fair, kind and doesn't sweat the small stuff as many teachers often do. MR. Fuller is a very hands on leader, knows all the kids by name and is kind.	Class size, faculty stability, teacher and staff dedication to the students, academic program challenging on all levels while taking into consideration the students abilities and weakness very little to no behavior problems that disrupt class learning of students	

# What are PPA's biggest difficulties?

## Summary of Responses:

Outdoor Field / Play area (11)  
 School lunch (9)  
 Car circle (6)  
 Transportation (6)  
 Athletic Programs (6)  
 Size (6)  
 Technology / Online tools (5)  
 No recess (4)  
 Need More Academic Services (4)  
 Staff (3)  
 Not Challenged (3)  
 Academics / Homework (3)  
 Science Program (3)  
 Location (3)  
 Student types (2)

Behavior (2)  
 Class Disruptions (2)  
 School Times (2)  
 Budget (2)  
 Need choir program (1)  
 Not enough field trips (1)  
 Communication (1)  
 Organization (1)  
 Dress Code (1)  
 Don't offer enough grade levels (1)  
 Math Program (1)  
 Language Arts Program (1)  
 Spanish Program (1)  
 Before / After care (1)

## Actual Responses:

none	Size	sports
Aftercare	No busses	tutoring?
car circle	No hot lunch.	car circle pick up
no organized sports	Location. No bus system.	Lunch is a little too early.
Lack of good science program.	no additional rooms, no sports	lack of outdoor recreation area
after school sports, playgrounds	Too bad you don't offer high school.	dress code being enforced, afternoon pick up
Afternoon dismissal, unorganized. Early lunch.	Lack of P.E. facilities. Lack of hot lunches.	I don't feel my children are challenged enough.
no recess for children, no after school activities	Parking. Drop off and pick up our child is difficult.	Computer difficulties in the beginning, they have been ironed.
No time to go outside. Some children may require more structure.	hiring well seasoned, long lasting teachers who don't play favorites	Transportation Lunches are not great. Need outside area / playground
Lack of a playing field-we are very happy with the PE program, however.	Teachers yell. Children get very little social interaction Overwhelming projects	Nto being able to afford supplies needed, not being able to attract good teachers who will stay.
Start time is too early many students tardy everyday, it's hard for us to make it sometimes as well.	Starting late this year from the move. Not always having up to date HW on line. No enough space for PE.	no recess for students, no field to play in, city locale (no campus), no sports (comp. with other schools).
The only difficulty we have experienced is the lack of bus service, btu it is more than outweighed by the benefits of PPA.	A 10 minute drop-off window for car riders is very difficult... to guage traffic. I am very disappointed with unexcused tardy slips for my child.	That's a hard one. Hot lunches need major improvements. Starting time should be at least 1/2 hour later~ 8:30 or 9:00, would cut down significantly on tardies.
Disruption in class making learning / concentration difficult. No cafeteria that prepares food. No buses. Playground / more outside games. More challenging classes.	I think a absolute no tolerance rule is a little strict, and also if children have done something and there is proof such as a video, parents should be able to see.	no team sports, no gymnasium, no playground, no track, no 8th grade baby doll home and have to tend to baby when it cries, no science fair, hot lunches or microwaves

the online homework and grade book are great for keeping parents informed, but they are not always current which creates confusion I wish there was school bus transportation	Little communication between staff & parents. Child doesn't have opportunity to work at their own pace and advance when they need to, even though I was assured that they would be able to do this.	student courtesy, students come to this school at times because they have had behavioral/grade issues. Find a way to intercede prior to taking their first class! These students are disrupting class and bullying others
Tutoring or extra help when needed doesn't seem very doable. When we come to a conference, all teachers should be there. I feel there have been to many outside, extra projects and homework which is a hardship on the family.	Gifted students need more hours. Science lab. Science Fair? Library. Outside PE non-existent, but we understand no outside facilities. 5th Grade assignments not even posted on website. Lunch - County provided lunches are dismal.	Lack of sports program (year round, ex: baseball, basketball, soccer). Lack of a school yard (recreational). Not enough field trips, since 4th grade, Natalie's been on 1 per year. Would like to see more choices other than the zoo.
The 8th grade math teacher for 2006-07 (overall, the math program has been very poor for 3 years. The Spanish program (after 3 years, my child knows very little Spanish), an 8th grade English program that has a strong emphasis on scrapbooking!	The sudden expansion in size of the school last year really changed the personality of the school. I am not sure it is a good idea to be advertising the free tuition thing on sign, etc. It has attracted students that weren't the original type to be in PP	Tutoring or extra help doesn't seem very do-able (teachers not available). When we come to a conference all teachers should be there. I feel there have been too many outside of the class homework and projects required, they should be optional or scaled down. If you have more than 1 child it's a lot.
Location, traffic. A lot of people don't understand "charter" schools. Better understanding is needed. I think it would be beneficial to have some kind of athletic sport teams that would play perhaps some of the other private schools in the area. Such as soccer, or basketball. And also a school choir for interested kids would be nice. I love the music and arts programs.	Inconsistent posting of homework/assignments online. Lack of visibility to meaningful "teacher schedules" for classroom and homework activities. Many teachers schedule online are blank. Presence of students and parents who don't belong at PPA because they don't fit the profile" of being an engaged parent with an emotionally mature child who has a "love of learning." The school is not designed, staffed, funded, or intended to be a resource for "troubled" students who didn't fit in at other schools. These types of students are a distraction to both other students and staff. The inability to "screen out" parents and students who are not a "good fit" for the school.	

Does your child have access to the internet from home for educational purposes?

**Yes – 84%, No – 16%**

How many hours do you say your child spends doing homework on an average night?

**Average: 1.62 hours**

# What types of fundraising would you be willing to participate in to raise money for the school?

## Summary of Responses:

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|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Bake Sale (10)         | Business Sponsors (1)            |
| Candy (5)              | Gift Cards to stores (1)         |
| Rumage Sale (5)        | Festival (1)                     |
| Any (5)                | Bowl-a-thon (1)                  |
| Car Washes (4)         | School night at restaurant (1)   |
| Entertainment book (3) | Calendars (1)                    |
| Cash contributions (3) | School store (1)                 |
| Ham / Food (3)         | Large event instead of small (1) |
| Auctions (3)           | Cookie dough (1)                 |
| Typical (3)            | Not selling items (1)            |
| Bookfair (2)           | Gift Wrap (1)                    |
| None (2)               | Magazines (1)                    |

## Actual Responses:

any	any	any
Any	any	None
none	Normal	Auctions
car wash	Bake sale	Bake sales
bake sales	Gas money.	Rummage Sale
Car wash, etc.	Chocolate Bars	Magazine sales
Regular fundraisers	gift wrap, magazines	Bakesales, Garage Sales
Bakesales, Garage Sales	Any but not selling items.	bake sale/car wash/auction
Bake sales / rummage sales	Cookie dough is a good one.	volunteer, cannot sell items
Funding for arts and science.	Not sure, but willing to help	Not sure, but willing to help
Do we even have a PTEG this year?	krispy kreme, cinnabon, candy bars	Bake sales, other promotional sales
selling food (ham was easy to sell)	one large fundraiser as opposed to all the small ones	I would rather make a cash contribution than do fundraisers
The local book you sold every year for \$10 has tons of coupons.	Whatever needs to be done on most cases I should be able to help.	Pizza or bake sales at lunch/after school oppose door to door stuff
Bake sales, candy sales, anything after 6pm or anything on weekends.	bake sales each semester, school store (School supplies), Donuts and Hot Coco in the am	I think a candy bar fundraiser, books to buy items, calendars with potential to win money
Anything, let me know. I joined the PTA (or whatever) but have never been recruited to help.	I work 45+ hours per week, so my time is limited. I do try, however, to purchase fundraising products.	It depends on the amount of time I'd need to spend. I'm rather short on time right now. Also, what exactly is needed.
car wash, rummage sale, bake sale, book sale, restaurant nite (everyone eat there same nite), bowling for bucks fundraiser	We support the school. The fewer gimiks, the better. Probably lower priced fundraising are easier to sell to the community.	We participate in the catalogue fundraiser and do really well. Natalie was top seller last year. Raffle tickets of some sort.
willing to participate in various programs but it would be nice to have fundraising activities that the kids could participate in	Candy sells! Most people don't have a lot of money to buy expensive items. #1 candies are always easy to sell and people tend to buy more.	In the past six (6) years our family has participated in every: Bookfair, fundraiser booklet sales, annual campfire, autumn festival, personal monetary donations and supplies to every homeroom teacher and to some areas of speciality (science

Fundraisers could include Entertainment book sales, Sally Foster Sales, anything practical and useful and not too many sales each year so as not to overwhelm our family and friends. One good fundraiser is a silent auction. Families get donations from bu	my friend's daughter's school is in a program that sells gift cards to national and local stores, and company denominations are set by the buyer. This goes on all year and is accessed on the school web page. I'm getting the information and when I have it I will pass it on.	Schoolastic book fair, honey baked ham. I am opposed to fundraising activities that put pressure on the child to "compete" to sell "junk" for which only a very small percentage of revenue goes to the school. I feel parents should make some sort of financial contribution to the school for each child that attends.
I never really bother anyone other than myself or grandparents to participate in buying or selling things to raise money. I feel that most of the time people get aggrivated when asked to look at cataloues, etc. I'm not an expert on fund raising, but I wish I didn't have so much to do with catalogues. Maybe solicit more with bigger businesses?		

## What changes would you like to see in our Before and After Care programs?

### Summary of Responses:

Lower rates (3)

Too strict (2)

Staff (negative) (2)

Additional homework time (2)

Trips (2)

More homework (1)

Academic programs until 6pm (1)

Scholarships (1)

More social time (1)

More credentialed staff (1)

Early before care (1)

### Actual Responses:

none	None	none
none	No complaint	sorry don't use anymore
Transportation to park.	Don't see any as of yet.	Earlier before care hours
We don't use the program.	Don't participate in either.	currently not using to comment
no opinion-don't currently use	happy with before and after care	N/A - We don't use it currently.
nothing my child does not attend	Additional Homework time, lower rates	Additional Homework time, lower rates
My child does not go to before/after care	Only used it a few times, I wouldn't change a thing.	I don't like the lady who runs it. She is not personable.
More teachers or staff available for assistance with homework.	At this time my child doesn't go to Before or After Care programs.	The late fee could be \$1 a minute instead of \$10.00 for 3 minutes.
Pleased with it. Wish Robert would use the time to get more homework done!	I don't use the after care program, but I DON'T like the woman who runs it.	N/A - my child says aftercare is run like school -- too strict (doesn't attend)
My child does not use before or after care, but I think it's a good thing to have for some parents.	I strongly agree in homework time at aftercare, however, they should be allowed social time as well.	None The new activities such as knitting are great, both ladies present many options (must finish homework first though!)
Think it works just fine as is. Maybe a scholarship program currently paying double and is a hardship (from his elementary level)	I olove the rule of homework club that requires "quiet time" for the first 30 minutes and that there is no charge for the first 30 minutes.	Start later, at least at 8:30. Also stop trying to attract the mass public,PPAused to be a school for serious learners who were different or unique.

I don't know if you have after school educational programs in music or science. I'd like to see a after school program that would offer instruction until 6pm	My Daughter is not a current student, but I would like to see the after care programs help them with their homework so when they come home the entire family can relax.	less referrals given, teachers should give a detention 1st to disruptive students, then move forward to referral, I feel they are given out too freely. Some even have them pre filled out as if it was expected
I would like to extend the homework club time to 3:45, because when you have 1 child in a club until 3:45 and another in homework "club," you find yourself rushing to get one out at 3:30 to avoid a \$10 charge for 10-15 minutes.		

## What changes do you think we could make to improve our school?

### Summary of Responses:

Playground (8)	Fund raising timing (1)
Add Sports (6)	Better dances (1)
Improve Lunch (5)	More field trips (1)
Improved Discipline (4)	More guest speakers (1)
More Clubs (3)	Curriculum Improvements (1)
Improve Communication (2)	Increase teacher oversight (1)
Choir / Orchestra (2)	More Spanish (1)
Build Gifted Program (2)	Improve Online postings (1)
Transportation (2)	Library (1)
Club operations (1)	More languages (1)
Improve Professionalism (1)	Car Circle (1)
More hallway supervision (1)	Dress code (1)
Less homework (1)	Security (1)
More computer classes (1)	Change school times (1)
Swimming (1)	Recess (1)

### Actual Responses:

none	More Clubs	Hot lunches
a playground	More Phys. Ed	bus transportation
Outdoor area for PE.	We're pretty satisfied	Recess. In school book club
more follow through on discipline	introduce ball room dancing for PE	start time needs to be pushed back!
Sports programs, on-site cafeteria.	Better afternoon security during dismissal	make the gifted program more inclusive/frequent
Offering after school clubs and sports programs	It would be nice if there were a choir & orchestra.	Outside activities, school lunches, transportation.
We love the school, maybe hot lunches or playground.	It would be nice if there was a choir and/or orchestra.	I am interested in helping fund the outdoorfield/play area.
dress code, afternoon pick up, getting our weekly newsletters	Jay would like a Japenese Language class. Outdoor activities.	Post homework assignments. Improve Library. More hours for gifted.
Increase length of spanish class time or number of classes per week.	Stronger curricluum and teacher oversight in Spanish, Math and English.	I feel the school has had a rought start but has come along quite well. Kudos.
Would be nice to have more space for lunch and PE, but the new school is great.	I would like to see more sports activities for students both during and after school	organized sports for the middle school students, volleyball, basketball, track, etc.

more guest speakers, more field trips. Better dances (all recommendations from Madison)	Not having all the fundraisers right there together before the holidays... spread them out over the year.	onsite cafeteria or on site vendor lunch program. Access to community swimming pool for swimming classes.
It would be great to have more physical after school activities; cheerleading, football, soccer, basketball, track, etc.	More computer classe. Learn ty type classes. More stricter classroom discipline. Less disruption in classroom with children that talk a lot.	Busses! We spend 2-3 hours per night on homework. We travel 2 hours a day morning and night to pick up for a total of two hours plus homework time!
make homework club an actual club separate from after care for those who do not have homework. For the kids to be able to go outside a few days a week in after care	I believe Pinellas Preparatory is definiately heading in the correct direction hne it comes to educating my child. Keep up the good ork and keep pushing ahead. The school is perfect	Post an adult (any that is parent volunteer leader/teacher) in the HALL during class changes and pre post classes for the day. Have a staff meeting to brain storm ways to control classroom disruption
Be more orderly, more professionally in the way you run things. Operations at PPA always seems to be so crazy and it stresses the teachers, the parents, and the children out! (car line, field trips, etc.)	It meakes more sense to have both clubs end at the same time. Also I would like advance notice, at least 1 day before if a club is cancleed so I can arrange pick-up for my kids at the correct time. Better communication on this issue would be greatly appreciated.	More discipline and higher expectations for classroom and hallway behavior and noise level. The noise level is very distracting to both students and satff. More focus on proper beahvior, manners and kindness swould be nice. More parental involvement operationally and financially. Parents need to undersand the school operates on a very tight budget and if they want more service and upgrades, they need to "put their money where their mouth is" and make a financial contribution to the school to fund these desired improvements and spend a few hours a month volunteering at the school to help out with services that school can't afford to hire out. Mandated and consistent posting of classroom and homework activities on-line, at least one week in advance. Eleveated academics and as slighter faster pace of teaching/learning.

## Summer School

Not interested in summer program: .....	21%
Morning: .....	13%
Afternoon: .....	10%
All Day: .....	42%
Academic Classes:.....	27%
Hobby Classes: .....	27%
Day Camp Classes:.....	43%

## Specifically, what classes would you be interested in?

Sports	Ceramics	Math, Art
Chess club	Math, hobbies	incorporate all
math and science	40 per week per child	scrapbooking, photoprahy
sports/arts/structured fun	Reading, and skill and fun.	A good mix would be awesome!
Chess Clubs. Math & Science.	Art, basekteball, music, volleyball	combine hobby classes with field trips
Science, cooking, art, creative fitness	Math, science, art, writing and research	cooking, art, science, inventions, sports
trips, themes-movies, sports, movie making	Learn to type, powerpoint, word, excel, etc.	math tutoring, test taking skills, arts and crafts
Academics - math, social studies, arts, mosaics, drawing, pottery	Reading, writing, other languages, active play activities too (basketball, etc.)	My daughter enjoys art, music, and field trips that involve science (MOSI, Hands on Museum, etc).
I think it should have a little bit of all of these, worked out on a daily basis (just as school hours)	Anything that prmotes education: Florida Aquarium, any museum, Heritage Village, Florida Botanical Gardens, etc.	If Aleah were to attend a summer program I would want it to be well rounded. For example, certain days for academic and foreign language with hobbies and trips on other days.

## How much would you be willing to pay:

60	yes	150wk.
80-100	Depends	\$50/week
\$60/week	\$75/week	\$75/week
\$50/week.	100.00 week	40 per week
75 per week	\$20-25 / day	65 dollars a week
whaterv er it takes	50-75 dollars a week	\$125 per week, all-day camp
It depends on frequency, etc.	Most schools are \$60-\$80 / week.	same as before/after care \$50/week
Dpends on duration and hours during day.	Can afford to but my child is interested.	Depends on how it was set up, teachers time etc...
1/2 the summer, my child is with the other parent	rates competitive with other day camp alternatives	Half the summer, my child is with the other parent.
I would be willing to pay whatever cost deemed necessary	Little enough to be affordable but enough to be fun for all.	Depending on how it was setup, how many hours available, etc.
Depends on what is offered, lunch trips, activities and time frame.	Uniforms are ok - but why hav to wear them certain ways (e.g. tucked in)	Last year we paid \$150 for whole summer, that included lunches and trips.
Was paying \$80/week at the YMCA. Costly for a single mom with no support.	Obviously, cost is an issue. What I can say is that Largo Rec' s \$80+ dollars a week for camp is cost prohibitive at this time.	I am interested, somewhat, I would need more specifics and it would have to be something my kids would enjoy. Probably on a weekly basis.

Some parents have started to ask about requiring uniforms at Pinellas Preparatory Academy. How do you feel about uniforms?

Support Uniforms: ..... 40 (59%)

Do Not Want Uniforms: ..... 28 (41%)

ok	NO!	No.
Yes.	Yes.	Yes.
no thanks	great idea!	No opinion.
would agree	No uniforms.	I don't mind.
not necessary	Doesn't matter	No preference.
No preference.	no preference.	No to uniforms
No to uniforms	Does not matter	I'm all for it.
I would like it.	I support it 100%	Don't like the idea
I don't like that idea	I don't care either way.	No problem with uniforms.
I think it's a great idea.	I am NOT in favor of uniforms	No uniforms! Brianna says yes!
uniforms are always a great idea	I don't like the idea of uniforms	I strongly disagree with uniforms
I would love to see PPA require uniforms.	I agree with uniforms being worn to school.	Would solidly support and approve of a uniform.
No uniforms. Each child should be an individual.	Absolutely not. My child would want to change schools.	uniforms are easier, but satisfies if we do not go with uniform
I am for uniforms. But do not think tucking in shirts is necessary.	Uniforms are ok, but why have to wear them in a certain way eg. Tucked in?	I disagree with the uniforms I would suggest to strongly enforce the dress code.
My child would not want to wear uniforms. As the parent, it doesn't matter to me.	I agree to uniforms. More economical. Less competition among students on being "cool."	Not something I Feel is necessary I prefer allowing some way to epress individualism.
No uniforms. If the vote is yes... don't have to tuck shirt in, add skorts, bermuda shorts.	I disagree with this completely and I think students should be able to dress the way they want	Being a creative school, I don't think conforming with uniform would be beneficial for the kids
I strongly feel that uniforms would benefit the students and parent to bad wasn't brought up sooner.	Yes, uniforms would be good. Appearance is important. Shouldn't allow flip-flops. Sandles are okay.	I would be happy either way, but am a fan of uniforms as they are more consistent than a dress code.
big supporter of uniforms, as all children are equal and there are no students dressed inappropriately.	I would support the decision of uniforms if on fridays the kids could wear their normal every day clothes	opposed as an unnecessary burden and expense. Also like letting kids express their individuality in dress
I think it's a great idea. No peer pressure, looks more like a class with no morning issues of what to wear	Casey came from an elementary school that had uniforms -I loved the idea. She won't be there next year though.	I am not really sure how I feel about uniforms. My husband thinks it's a good idea, but I could go either way.
I don't care one way or the other, but I seldom have the money to be able to spend on extras, like uniforms, etc.	How about not just solid polo shirts but allow striped and patterned polos as well (as long as no pics or writing)?	Yes. Definitely. Tucked in should be optional. Some kids caused embarasement by this~ Jay says "no way!" to tucking.
I personally don't mind the idea, easier to get my child dressed in the morning, however, my child doesn't like the idea.	Girls should have option of wearing pinafor or pants. Please keep in mind that some sizes are hard to find in quantities.	I support uniforms (something along the line of red shirts/navy blue for boys and white shirts/nay skirts/pants for girls)
I Disagree! Individualality is a key to feeling good about yourself and your school. Truthfully, I'd move Deana to a new school.	Uniforms would be okay, but only as a last resort. If students dress improperly. We like PPA and the ability express through dress.	I am AGAINST uniforms as my son has trouble finding clothes that fit as it is. They go against creative atmosphere and philosophy of school.

<p>Not interested in uniforms. Feel that children prefer not to wear what everyone else is (some styles and colors) let them stay individuals.</p>	<p>My son is enrolled in Starkey Elementary and they have uniforms. I have loved it. #1 the expense and #2 they are always dressed appropriately.</p>	<p>I don't like uniforms at all if I have to pay for them. Even if the school did cover them &amp; my child would wear it, I still don't like uniforms.</p>
<p>No. It's my opinion that students can and will adhere to a specific dress code that allows them some freedom to show their own personality.</p>	<p>I favor uniforms. I think this allows the child(ren) to focus on academics rather than fashion. Would the uniforms be available at local retail stores? (i.e. Target)</p>	<p>My kids have done the uniforms, I as a parent think it's a good idea and with 6 kids it's actually less expensive. The kids like wearing what they want. I would approve of uniforms.</p>
<p>I neither agree or disagree with the uniform, but do say that you will not be able to get all the children to tuck a polo shirt in all day! Also you should have shorts and pants available.</p>	<p>I feel that as a parent of a potential student that uniforms are a good idea. I feel that uniforms make for a better learning environment. No social or economical signs of a difference in the students.</p>	<p>Great idea and reduces the "Class or possible class structure" that students face by NOT having that special kind of shoe, shirt, etc. Also makes shopping for school clothes much quicker. Support it 100%</p>
<p>I like uniforms and I think my son did also. Christopher had the opportunity to wear a uniform with a tie from kindergarten to third grade. Uniforms seem to extract part of the competitiveness and add a sense of belonging.</p>	<p>The expense of attending this school (Transportation) is already forcing me to look for alternative schooling for my daughter. Additional expenses would definitely push me out of your program. I am a single mom with NO help.</p>	<p>When our boys were younger, I liked uniforms. At middle school age, and, in a small environment, I think the students should wear street clothes. ( I do realize that one or two students always push the envelope and wear clothing not age appropriate.</p>
<p>I absolutely think that uniforms are a good idea. It is hard enough to learn at school without the added "competition" in fashion. Don't forget that girls might like jumpers or skirts/scooters, as well as pants. There are a few girly-girls still out there</p>	<p>Uniforms would go against everything PPA claims to stand for. It is a school for CREATIVE Children, as the motto says, uniforms are not consistent with this. I have enough trouble finding clothes for my son that fit as it is, I would consider changing s</p>	<p>I personally don't mind uniforms, I would like to see what they looked like before I decided. I know my kids don't want to wear uniforms, but I do understand and support some of the clothing concerns that parents have and how a uniform can "equify" everyone and reduce bad clothing choices made by students, such as "gothic," etc.</p>
<p>I like the idea because it would place "controls" on those students whose parents don't properly manage them, but goes against the premise of the school which is there to offer a "Creative environment" for "emotionally mature" students and "Engaged parents". So it is not a solution to the issue, I would support them because I am accustomed to uniforms and it is not a big deal to me or my child. I know from experience, children behave better when they are properly dressed.</p>		

If you have any other comments or concerns, please address them here:

none	More PE	Entrance exam.
Entrance exam.	Pam Brouchulk (Same Radjeski)	Make spanish class more fun for students.
Thank you for all your hard work and efforts to make PPA a great school	car pool window of 15 minutes is too tight. 20 minutes would be an improvement.	I would like regular tutoring setup and available longer than 15 minutes prior to school.
I think Pinellas Prepratory has the ability to become a leading school in Pinellas County Education	We need more fundraisers. There is a need for more \$ for the year end field trip for the 8th graders.	I think the year is shaping up nicely. Communication definitely has improved from the beginning of the year to now!
All 7th & 8th grade teachers should act like professionals. Stop yelling and spending too much time with kids in halls.	Student led conferences don't allow you to ever meet with teachers, one real/parent teacher conference would be helpful	Thanks for sending me this. I am interested in having my son shadow a student at you school. I'll contact you next week. Thanks again. Linda Obermeyer
I am checking into the "choice program" as we speak (or write as the situation calls for). We have given Pinellas Prep every chance, and opportunity, we simply can afford no more.	My child loves PPA and seems to be getting an excellent education there! I am not so impressed with PPA, but because my child feels strongly about PPA, that is good enough for me.	If traffic jam is the reason for tardies, it should be excused otherwise school should open the door earlier than now. It is too ridiculous to pay 5 dollars for 5 minutes. Don't push your morning care thing
My daughter and I toured Pinellas Prep and we are highly anxious to be involved with the school community. We found the office staff and teachers to be very friendly and highly motivated with the students.	Having actual parent teacher conferences would be nice. The student lead conferences are not real helpful. My son gets straight A's, so I don't need to really see the paper work and tests i can just as easily see at home.	We don't have a computer at home and can sometimes use a friends or one at the library. I'm concerned that it will affect my child's school development, but I can't afford a computer or internet service and have no room for one.
Here is an excerpt from a letter discussing an upcoming fundraiser from my kids current school (Academie Davinci). Could be adapted to fit PPA. "The Firehouse Gallery in Dunedin has asked if we would like to hold a fundraiser there. Basically the Ga	Janine is looking forward to shadowing a 5th grader soon! I'll be in touch.  Thank you! Mrs.Mary Ann Bunker Development/Database Administrator Academy Prep Center of St. Petersburg Joan Fortune Campus 2301 22nd Avenue South St .Petersburg, FL 33712 (727)	I think you're doing a great job this year, however, I have a few concerns about religious freedoms. My seventh grader expereiced a certain teacher that was mad another teacher was playing Christmas music and made reference that she was Jewish and didn't approve of Chrismtas music. I did not thin kthat was appropriate for the teacher to say.

One of the best moves you made was hiring Donna in the front office. She's an angel. She was very helpful to Natalie and I and continues to do so, when Natalie had surgery last year.

My biggest concern is the volume of traffic that parades through the school grounds every morning because they are avoiding the light on Belcher/ Ulmerton. It's extremely dangerous the way they speed through. It leaves room for a real tragedy to happen (God forbid!) I'm not there in the afternoon, but my dad says it's the same way in the afternoon as well.

1) It would be nice if more parents had a better understanding of the financial constraints of PPA and that the County does not provide as much financial support or services that it provides to traditional public schools. Therefore, what PPA offers to its' families is going to be different from what traditional public schools offer, such as hot lunches, expanded PE, more and better equipment, etc.  
2) Mr. Fuller is fantastic! His level of professionalism and commitment to the successful operation of the school and the education of our children is to be commended. It is a BIG and demanding job to essentially "start a school", manage the construction of a building; manage the operational and business aspect of running a school; recruit, hire and manage staff; work with demanding parents; and last but not least, manage the education of our precious children.

Overall, I have been disappointed in PPA. MY child has attended PPA for 3 years. The 1st year was very strong academically, except for the Spanish program. The second year was average academically due to the very weak math program and the continuing weakness in the Spanish program. I was also very upset to hear how my child's class was rushed through the Spring FCAT testing (due to starting late) and the resulting low test scores. Being in 7th grade, the Spring FCAT was important for my child's high school choices. I know my child abnormally low scores were the norm. This last year has been the most disappointing year of all. Had I known 1 year ago what I know now, I would not let my child return to PPA. As it is, this is my child's 8th grade year, I do, however, have a very difficult time recommending PPA to other parents. After 3 years of Spanish, my child knows little Spanish, even though the report cards reflect another story. Also, I have found that the 8th grade Spanish class have been watching movies and learning "life skills" for 3 weeks. The math program is not much better. I hear from my child how the 8th grade math teacher makes comments about math subjects such as "oh, not fractions again" or "I don't want to teach this subject/topic". Not exactly inspiring. I also hear how the 8th grade science teacher provides tutoring during science class on math topics. Thankfully, she does that. I also am very concerned about the 8th grade English curriculum with such a strong emphasis on "scrapbooking" I kept an open mind at the beginning of this school year when I saw the supply list that had scrapbooking supplies, but... very disappointed at the emphasis on scrapbooking in the English Curriculum. I am very concerned is not prepared academically for high school. I hope that next school year, more emphasis is placed on the math, foreign language, and English programs and the administration does more teacher oversight.