



PINELLAS PREPARATORY ACADEMY

2008 PARENT SURVEY RESULTS

123 Surveys were returned

Results by Percentage –

	Disagree	Neutral	Agree
My child enjoys attending this school.	3%	7%	90%
The teachers go above and beyond my expectations.	3%	15%	81%
Overall, I am satisfied with the school's administration.	4%	10%	86%
Overall, I am satisfied with the academic program being offered at my child's school.	0%	11%	89%
I feel my child is safe while attending school.	0%	5%	95%
My school welcomes and respects my opinions and concerns regarding school issues.	4%	16%	80%
My child's school offers me many opportunities for parental involvement.	1%	11%	88%
I would recommend this school to my friends who have school age children.	1%	5%	94%
My child is being challenged this year to reach his/her potential.	6%	10%	85%
Issues are dealt with in a professional way.	6%	10%	83%
The online homework and grade book have been helpful to my family.	6%	12%	82%
I believe my child will benefit from learning another language.	5%	12%	83%
Overall I am satisfied with Pinellas Preparatory Academy.	2%	2%	96%

Results by Response –

	1	2	3	4	5
My child enjoys attending this school.	1	2	9	40	71
The teachers go above and beyond my expectations.	2	3	19	59	41
Overall, I am satisfied with the school's administration.	1	5	12	43	63
Overall, I am satisfied with the academic program being offered at my child's school.	0	0	14	57	53
I feel my child is safe while attending school.	0	0	6	48	70
My school welcomes and respects my opinions and concerns regarding school issues.	0	5	19	41	57
My child's school offers me many opportunities for parental involvement.	0	1	14	47	61
I would recommend this school to my friends who have school age children.	0	1	6	31	86
My child is being challenged this year to reach his/her potential.	1	6	12	45	59
Issues are dealt with in a professional way.	3	5	13	42	61
The online homework and grade book have been helpful to my family.	3	4	15	33	67
I believe my child will benefit from learning another language.	4	2	15	28	75
Overall I am satisfied with Pinellas Preparatory Academy.	0	2	3	48	71

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

Results by Grade –

	4th	5th	6th	7th	8 th
My child enjoys attending this school.	4.3	4.6	4.4	4.3	4.1
The teachers go above and beyond my expectations.	3.8	4.3	4.1	3.9	4.1
Overall, I am satisfied with the school's administration.	4.3	4.6	4.3	4.2	3.8
Overall, I am satisfied with the academic program being offered at my child's school.	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.3	4.0
I feel my child is safe while attending school.	4.5	4.7	4.5	4.5	4.5
My school welcomes and respects my opinions and concerns regarding school issues.	4.0	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.0
My child's school offers me many opportunities for parental involvement.	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.2
I would recommend this school to my friends who have school age children.	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.4
My child is being challenged this year to reach his/her potential.	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.2	4.1
Issues are dealt with in a professional way.	4.1	4.4	4.3	4.4	3.7
The online homework and grade book have been helpful to my family.	4.1	4.3	4.1	4.3	4.2
I believe my child will benefit from learning another language.	4.2	4.7	4.3	4.0	4.3
Overall I am satisfied with Pinellas Preparatory Academy.	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.4
Averages	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.1
Number of surveys returned	23	29	38	22	17

What are PPA's biggest strengths?

Summary of responses:

Staff (51)	Professionalism (4)	Website (1)
Small Sizes (32)	Honors Program (3)	Preparing for middle (1)
Curriculum / Academics (20)	Aftercare (3)	Facility (1)
Administration (14)	Art (3)	No FCAT Focus (1)
Communication (12)	Family Atmosphere (3)	Receptive to Parents (1)
Methods (10)	Motivated (2)	No Uniforms (1)
Music (8)	Clubs (2)	Location (1)
Challenge Students (6)	Gifted (2)	Cooperative Educ (1)
Front Office Staff (6)	Charter Concept (2)	Homework (1)
Individualization (5)	ConnectEd (2)	Core Values (1)
Creativity (5)	Computers (2)	ESE (1)
PE (5)	Scheduling (2)	Health (1)
Grade book Wizard (4)	Recess (2)	Private School Feel (1)
Security (4)	Morals / Values (2)	Dean of Students (1)
Spanish (4)	School hours (1)	

Actual Responses:

grammar	Teachers	Academics
everything	Academics	Small school

Communication	Great Web-site	small class size
gradebook wizard	Awesome Curriculum	small size, location
Top Notch Caring Staff	Caring & Creative Staff	small school atmosphere
Small size, & caring teachers.	teachers creative learning styles	small class size art & music class
Friendly Staff with caring attitudes	small classes enthusiastic teachers	teachers creative learning strategies
Good Teachers, Extra Help when needed	Teachers & Principal are the best at PPA	Being a small school, having more control
smaller class sizes safety family feeling	small classes great teachers great principal	Computer availability in Library, small campus
keeping the kids safe communication, teaching	Unity in the school staff, strong administrator	the teaching staff and the approach to teaching
Staff Support & communication, small class size	Great Teachers, Great communication with parents	The Principal & teachers are the best at this school
Small School Feel, Majority of the staff really cares.	Small Class Size, Strong Academics, Music program, Spanish	The teachers try to go the extra mile with helping the kids.
The teachers try to go the extra mile with helping the kids.	Small class sizes. That is what attracted me to this school.	The small classroom sizes are a huge benefit for my daughter
low class numbers, very devoted teachers, wonderful principal	The caring teachers and staff. The way the kids are motivated.	Online retrieval of grades, challenging curriculum, smaller size
Stronger curriculum, some teacher availability, office worker help.	Small school student population; good teachers; affordable aftercare	Class size, creative learning, allowing students to show individually
Helping the children to learn as much as they can; front office staff.	Wonderful teachers who really relate to the children. Great academics.	ability to work with and meet the needs of my child on an individual basis
PPA truly has a child centered operation. I am very happy with everything.	Challenging the students more than public schools, more personalized teaching.	Size, opportunities for good, communication, creativity, music program, friendly staff
Teachers, staff, administration, small school and size, class size, better curriculum.	1. Challenging students 2. Communication with parents 3. Teaching good morals and values	Integrity and equal treatment of students, automated phone call reminders very helpful.
Great school: Size Quality Clean Great Teachers	Teachers know each student and pay close attention. Teachers are very sincere & enthusiastic.	Smaller environment, More "hands-on" Learning, On-Line text books, friendliness of Most Staff.
Good School wide communication, Teachers available and very helpful, academically challenging.	Communication between teachers, students, parents. Teachers who appear to care & like their jobs.	Low student ratio, programs offered, friendly office staff, principal open to conversation on issues.
For 6th grade, many hands on projects, For 4 & 5th grade, A chance to be settled in before middle school	The closeness of the staff and children. The smaller classes which allow this "family feeling" atmosphere.	Good School wide communication via email and phone system. Teacher accessibility. Academically challenging.
The teachers communicate well with the parents and with each other. Small amount of students at this school	PPA's strengths are the teachers and staff. The teachers really do care. They also try to make things right.	Good Structure, Great After school, Clubs & Programs, Great email system, Everyone very professional and very very nice!!
I think the teachers are helpful with the students. They make things easy for the students to understand their homework.	Small class size, individual attention, challenging curriculum, caring teachers and staff, supportive of students' interests.	small classes keeping class with same students hours are wonderful compared to other middle schools PE twice per/week is wonderful

<p>An important aspect of PPA is that the students are kept together throughout the day instead of each student having a different schedule.</p>	<p>Quality teachers who truly care about their students. Professional administration. Small enough for familiarity between staff and students.</p>	<p>The size of classes and school in general the caring teachers the emails for parents on assignments etc caring friendly staff all the way down the line.</p>
<p>I like the structure PPA provides. PPA teachers and staff have been very good at emailing and calling when needed. Everyone was very professional and polite</p>	<p>Friendly and caring staff Constantly trying to improve every aspect of the school All kids feel welcome and normal, regardless of strengths or weaknesses</p>	<p>Mr. Fuller has a positive impact on students. It is wonderful to see a principal who is involved in so many aspects. He is very easy to approach and speak with.</p>
<p>The Principal; solid teachers who care about the students; the overall quality of the student body; small enough so the teachers are aware of all the students.</p>	<p>some great teachers (especially Mrs. Walker) My Child is more willing to do school work Doesn't constantly voice a dislike of school Good Curriculum, more hands on</p>	<p>The faculty is very involved and takes ownership in the success of their students. They are receptive to parents concerns and work with parents to bridge educational gaps.</p>
<p>I really like so much about the school, the teachers are all so caring, I always feel like my son is being watched over. He is very challenged this year in the honors program.</p>	<p>Friendly staff - front desk, safe environment, creative, great Art & music program, Love the PE teacher & Spanish teacher and ESE teacher, Willing to accept my sons special needs.</p>	<p>The challenging curriculum... accessibility of the teachers..."private school" atmosphere... i.e-small class size, Spanish, music, PE, recess...focus on core values in addition to learning.</p>
<p>Fantastic, devoted teachers & staff. Small class sizes. More challenging curriculum than the public school. Small school - better especially during middle school. Music & Art program are the best.</p>	<p>Curriculum independent of the focus on teaching to the FCAT test. Staff that cares about the students. Principle that balances the concerns of the parents with the mission of the teachers. This is not always an easy thing to do.</p>	<p>The small class size and teacher involvement. The before and after school care. The atmosphere where the teachers and administration know each child and are very involved. The number of computers available to the children and being taught to use them.</p>
<p>I think the Dean of Students has been a very helpful addition to the school. He seems to really care about the kids. I overheard students saying they like having him, mine included. Having him makes them feel more secure in dealing with issues, a big part of middle school.</p>	<p>PPA offers a feeling of security and is on target with their academics. We feel that the amount of homework is just right. The teachers communicate well with the parents, and the administration is professional and meets all needs in an efficient manner. We are very happy we made the switch!</p>	<p>Great gifted program. Mrs. Benway knows children! She sees their strengths and weakness and improves their confidence and desire to do well. Grade Book Wizard, wonderful tool! AMAZING front office staff. Mr. Fuller truly does have an open door policy. The homework club is such a plus allowing the children to get homework STARTED.</p>

<p>*** being a home schooled child, did not want to go to school. She really likes the teachers and is making friends. She is doing great!! I really like the online grade book. It helps me stay involved with what she is doing. Mrs. Cowart is wonderful at E-mailing on missing assignments and up coming lessons for the week. I am very pleased with the school.</p>	<p>The biggest strengths lie in the leadership of the school, including most of the teachers. The attention to curriculum, from state/county requirements to individual needs for things such as art, music, foreign language, P.E./recess, etc. are appreciated as well. The Honors classes provide a good environment for many children, with challenging assignments and cooperative education encouraged, thereby preparing them for high school and their future employment challenges.</p>	<p>Being able to choose your own curriculum for your school philosophy and not having to follow the public school curriculum.</p> <p>No uniforms creative learning Actual instruments for music class and learning to read music and of course a great person and teacher Mr. Wickstrom What a great asset he is to the school program. The warmth and helpfulness of the front office staff Donna and Arly. What a dynamic duo. Mr. Fuller and all he has done for the school and continues to do. The teaching staff and how they care about the children. The gifted program. Having an honors class in each grade Health class including nutrition</p>
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What are PPA's biggest difficulties?

Summary of Responses:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Space (inc. outdoor facilities) (14) Hot Lunch (9) GBW Posts Not Often Enough (Timely) (7) Homework (7) Lack of Sports (7) Need more communication (6) Location / Intersection (6) Student Behavior / Bullies (6) Nothing (5) Car circle (4) Lack of bussing (4) Challenging students (3) Not enough description of homework (3) Professionalism (3) Extracurriculars (3) Language Arts (2) Library (2) Lack of parent volunteers (2) Lack of books (2) Ends in 8th, not 12th (2) Inadequate parenting skills (2) Communication mostly online (2) Starts too early (2) PE (2) Child care when no school (1) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No evening programs for parents (1) No home ec. Or sewing (1) Dean of students (1) Traffic issues (1) Not enough emphasis on spelling (1) Teachers don't have enough time (1) Required volunteer hours (1) Teachers screaming/humiliating kids (1) Not enough computer time (1) Parking (1) No summer program (1) Struggling Student Support (1) Not enough music (chorus, choir, etc.) (1) Lack of crossing guards (1) Not enough arts (1) No nursing support (1) World Language Program (1) Scheduling structure (homerooms) (1) Homework not returned with comments (1) Gifted Program inadequate (1) Lack of recess equipment (1) Consistency among teachers/Behavior (1) Newness /kinks (1) Math work not corrected (1) More hands on Science (1) |
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Actual Responses:

N/A	parking	?????????
lunches	Athletics	No busses
the car circle	Transportation	A lot of Projects
Bullies in school	Pick-up & drop-off	Lack of outdoor space.
Behavior challenged kids	Physical Education (space)	Lack of outside facilities.
Have not run into one to date	Need more books, Small campus	Gifted program is inadequate.
No/Little facilities for Sports	I wish it was through 12th grade	Keeping on-line grades up to date.
No crossing guards on belcher road	Location, No Gym, No Athletics or Arts	Grade book wizard entries in timely fashion
Some discipline problems, unruly children	Required Volunteer Hours for working parents	Online homework website, does not always work.
Activities for PE program, space to run and play.	Giving out too much homework. School starts too early	lack of books for Science, Spanish, and Language Arts
Not enough info about Homework on Website or Grade book	Because it's a fairly new school, working out the kinks.	No transportation, limited resources for struggling students.
Limits based upon the physical size and location of the school	Not enough after school sports, no bus service, no HOT lunches.	A lot of homework and different areas of communication via the internet.
Lack of outside facilities (for PE & Recess). Keeping up with homework.	The Dean of Students is so out of touch with the kids and who they are.	I don't know that there are any difficulties. So far everything is great!
Parents who can't follow the car pool guidelines. Not really PPA's fault.	1. After school sports 2. Extracurricular activities 3. Providing a hot lunch	no gym-small play area for recess no orchestra no choir not needed just desired
Kids need to actually switch class and kids in the class. School starts too early	Location, lack of electives, lack of foreign language studies & no nursing staff.	Limited space for P.E. and extra curricular activities that promote cardio exercise.
Lack of parent support in the form of volunteering and assistance with fund raising.	Hard to know what is being learned in class other than a general idea through the grade book	The younger teachers seem a little overwhelmed, talk and joke about inappropriate things sometimes.
Not having a summer program, and not having a lunch program or at least a microwave to heat stuff up.	There is a lot of mean kids in this school and have problems with bullying a little for about 2 months.	Very dissatisfied with free lunch program. I wish that they would offer home economic and sewing classes.
Consistency among teachers, consistency with "discipline" correction, lack of recess or exercise outside.	Homework load in 4th grade is unreasonable. Communication is mainly available only through the computer.	5th grade science is all study guide oriented, hands on projects would be better for my kinesthetic learner.
Not enough physical space for extra activities, Students having to carry such heavy backpacks around all day.	I have not encountered any problems, nor do I anticipate any. I am very impressed with how everything is managed.	PE, hot lunches, Some teachers seem to scream A LOT & embarrass the children unnecessarily, need a computer class.
The parking lot, car circle and access to entry off of Belcher!! Teachers keeping personal issues more private....	The only difficulties I have is that it stops at 8th grade. I would really like this school to have a High school also.	Way too many projects for the students, my child does homework every nite for 4 hours to 6 hours and thats just ridiculous.

<p>First year teachers need to communicate homework, tests and give the child time to study, This semester has shown improvement.</p>	<p>Traffic--difficulties getting in and out. Not really your problem, I know. The staff does a good job managing the car circle.</p>	<p>Just wish that here was a little more explanation of homework assignments. For ex: Write a paragraph "or" look up 10 types of.....</p>
<p>More communication regarding homework Ex: 5th grade Spanish, too hard to understand the directions for children to accomplish homework.</p>	<p>Not enough info about homework on website or grade book. I had a hard time double checking to see if the kids had homework and what it was.</p>	<p>Location & size of school (classrooms & outside space) challenge the better students, Library -not well used. Language program is disappointing.</p>
<p>Activities, Meals, Sports, Math Homework does not get graded and then when its time for test, my child does not do well because he is not corrected.</p>	<p>Location & lack of outdoor space and indoor. Challenge the top students. Library need to be better used and better supplied. Language program is poor.</p>	<p>Communication of events is OK but I feel there's a need for occasional interim reminders that provide with more lead time; Email alerts would be great and eco-friendly.</p>
<p>Communication within a certain time frame between parents/teachers/students. I am still waiting to receive a response from a teacher that I have called and emailed since December!!!</p>	<p>The only possible improvement I can see (which could be a matter of right-of-way rules) is that I wish there were more signs making people aware that they are driving in a school zone!</p>	<p>Make sure all assignments are listed - as well as study guides for upcoming tests. Make sure teachers communicate with parents; have twice sent emails to teachers and received no reply.</p>
<p>To be honest, I would just love if you could order in pizza once a week. The lunches provided by Frontier are not appetizing. I would love to skip packing lunch once a week. Not a huge difficulty, just a wish.</p>	<p>Being on a busy intersection I feel it is hard for 7th and 8th graders to be with the same kids all day. Usually by these grades, kids get to switch classes to change their day up a little. Even if 7th and 8th graders could be mixed in art and music classes.</p>	<p>The difficulties are some of the students. Some of the students are so mean and don't care about hurting someone's feelings. I had to remove my daughter from PPA because it was so bad. The teachers think they have it under control but they don't. Kids can be so hard on each other.</p>
<p>Wish list!! School programs such as choir, band, and drama productions. Programs put on in the evening for parents (we know there is a problem with space). Child care at school during days there is no school including spring break, etc. More school sports teams and/or cheerleading.</p>	<p>Consistency in the posting of lesson plans, homework, assignments. Every teacher does it differently and there are too many places one must search to find the info. Lesson plans, homework and assignments are not posted ahead of time. By the time the grades are posted, it is too late to help manage the performance of your child.</p>	<p>limited parental volunteers....maybe have a staff member do more planning of specific events and then utilize parents who can sign up for required volunteer hours ... There was an issue coordinating all of the assignments and tests for the kids so that it is distributed more evenly over the week... although since January that has improved considerably when the teachers posted work together on weekly assignment sheet.</p>

<p>I LOVE the Grade Book Wizard, its great feedback. However I think SOME teachers rely on that as sole feedback. I think the children and parents need to see some of the work returned with comments on what they did well and (most importantly) how they can improve. I wish the teachers would communicate a little more when it comes to the amount of homework and the number of tests given on the same day...1-2 hours of homework is too much.</p>	<p>Teachers apparently don't seem to have enough time to cover basics, mostly in language arts. (Sometimes in math, and always the grammar worksheets; as homework is given without the content ever being gone over before being assigned.</p> <p>Not enough emphasis on spelling. Don't necessarily think kids should be docked grade wise in all subjects for spelling when content is good; but they should have to correct their errors so they don't keep making the same mistakes.</p>	<p>I continue to see the biggest difficulties being caused by some of the children's behaviors/influences that seem to be the result of inadequate parenting skills and poor supervision at home. As a result, these children speak about inappropriate subjects in inappropriate ways for the school setting, and try to unduly influence and/or chastise those children who are being raised in a more wholesome environment. Unfortunately, some teachers continue to lack the professionalism and exemplary role modeling one would hope for, and instead conform to the culture at some children's expense. (i.e. one child is singled out in front of the rest of the class when a questionable movie is going to be shown, or a particular subject is to be discussed, as the teachers are aware of which parents would not approve of such an activity. Although the inappropriate activity is then often abandoned, it has served to make one child feel isolated and alienated from his peers rather than having the teacher reinforces interests/topics appropriate for the school setting rather than the social scene.)</p>
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Do you check to see if your child has completed his or her homework every night?

Yes – 86%, No – 14%

On average, how much time does your child spend doing homework each night?

Average: 1.50 hours

4th Grade – 1.74 hours

5th Grade – 1.21 hours

6th Grade – 1.62 hours

7th Grade – 1.45 hours

8th Grade – 1.95 hours

**On a scale of 1-10 (1 being very low, 10 being very high and rigorous)
How would you rank the academic performance of PPA?**

Average: 8.4

4th Grade – 8.9

5th Grade – 8.2

6th Grade – 8.8

7th Grade – 8.0

8th Grade – 7.9

**On a scale of 1-10 (1 being terrible, 10 being terrific)
How would you rank your child's motivation for being successful in school?**

Average: 8.1

4th Grade – 8.3

5th Grade – 8.2

6th Grade – 8.6

7th Grade – 7.5

8th Grade – 7.6

How do you think PPA could improve student motivation?

Summary of Responses:

More fun / creative / interesting activities (7) Rewards for academic performance (7) Individualize (5) Less Homework (5) More extra curricular (5) Homework passes (4) Allow electives to be chosen / more electives (3) Longer lunch/recess (3) More incentives (3) Praise students (3) Awards Ceremony for each marking period (2) Increased accountability (2) More family nights (2) More field Trips (2) "Pep talks" (1) Change scheduling / homeroom structure (1) Don't let lower students hold others back (1)	Encouraged to do personal best (1) Fail those who deserve (1) Focus on student interests (1) Hot lunches (1) Increase classroom organization (1) Increase professionalism (1) More celebrations of success (academic & behavior) (1) More challenge to students (1) Night out rewards (i.e. Xtreme Fun Center) (1) Nothing (1) Provide more feedback on student work (1) Publicize Principal's List / Honor Roll (1) Space Projects (1) Start the day off with something positive (1) Teach organizational skills (1) Treats (1)
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Actual Responses:

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none	none	unsure
nothing	?????????	???????????
Hot Lunches	Less Homework	Less Homework
reward system	Positive rewards	act more professional
more creative outlets	Positive Encouragement	I am satisfied already.
Less Homework PLEASE!!!	Happy with current status	It appears great to me now.
Encourage students interests	I think your doing a great job	Make material more interesting
More Organization in classroom	Have a pep talk to the students	Increase student accountability
It comes from the child as well	Less book work and more hands on	More Incentives, constant praise,
Award ceremony each grading period	More field trips/ more family nights	to offer more of a selection of electives
Rewarding and acknowledging students more.	more group activities, after school programs,	Quarterly awards assembly for parents to attend.
rewards for grades, achievements and improvements	Needs to be more challenging, prepare for college.	Continue to provide homework passes as incentives!!!
It's pretty good overall already. Let's keep it fun.	A rewards system for outstanding academic performance.	I still try to figure out how to motivate kids.....?
Offer more after school clubs and not so much homework	allow electives to be chosen according to likes/dislikes	help students who are middle of the road feel important too
Allow electives to be chosen according to the likes/dislikes	I can't even figure out how to improve my daughter's motivation.	I use treats and special trips at home, cookies work sometimes.
More sports and you can also put the word of the day in Spanish	Reward good performance. Have consequences for poor performance	You may post Principal's list & Honor role students' name on the wall.
Positive reinforcement for small accomplishments, making kids accountable	Survey the students as well as the parents Rewards - it works for my child	I feel PPA is doing a fabulous job. My daughter likes her school very much.

A Little bit more fun instead of homework on their Christmas & Thanksgiving Breaks	More educational field trips, more learning tools such as games to help students retain info.	It's not the school that needs to improve; it's the parents' commitment to homework and the school.
The rewards are motivating but seem to over look some deserving students in favor of "The Regulars".	Give the children recess and more P.E time so they can give their minds a break and keep their energy up.	I would like *** to get more involved. She is so shy; she will not do anything unless she is asked to.
More Extra-Curricular, see if can partner with another school to use Gym for athletics, Maybe Student Theater.	switching classes with different kids in them with middle-schoolers to break their day up seeing the same kids all day	While my children are being challenged, I feel often things are thrown at them without adequate guidance or explanation.
Well, I would have to give that some more thought. More rewards or privileges maybe. Special activities or field trips?	parent involved activities, fun rewards for good grades, work at ice cream parties, water games outside, popcorn & a movie	I am not sure. I know my daughter is very motivated and that comes from the teachers, her and her family. Each child is different
I believe my child is self - motivated and wants to do well on his own. Homework pass rewards 7 socials reinforce his positive achievements.	The only thing I see is that the teachers sometimes overload the projects at the same time. This discourages the kids and stresses them out.	A little bit more fun time instead of work work work, there should not be assigned work over Holiday breaks, that should be fun and family time.
Give the students something positive to look forward to in the morning. (Ex: recognition, announcements, fun facts of the day etc. Start the morning off with a laugh.	Homework passes are a huge motivator, so more stuff like that probably couldn't hurt. I really like the grade rewards each time report cards go out, really a great motivator.	My son has felt very overwhelmed even though he is intelligent enough to comprehend the work. There is weekend and holiday homework which I think is unreasonable considering their age.
know the child, each one is different last year I had an unmotivated son but, through the caring teachers and a little pushing and prodding he got through school and moved on to high school.	More time and attention spent with each child. Teacher's Assistants could alleviate some of the responsibilities of the teachers, allowing them more time to plan, teach, and appreciate their students.	I have a feeling that there is not much to be done. I think motivation is mainly self-driven. My son works hard, but I know he does take the easy way out many times, but I think that's just the way he is.
Give them back a recess. This will give them the opportunity to unwind and talk to friends. They do not have any socialization which is an important part of fitting in and feeling comfortable in a classroom full of peers.	PPA has a high expectation of their students. I feel students need to be motivated by an internal locus of control and not rewarded or punished for their achievements. They need to be encouraged to do their personal best.	Celebrate success - not only academic success (i.e.- recognition for exceptional performance at the end of each semester), but also celebrate behavioral success. Put more emphasis on celebrating good behavior than disciplining bad behavior.
Get to know the kids and not "group" them just because of who they hang out with, Every child has his strengths and weaknesses, I think the teacher needs to devote more time into finding out WHAT they are interested in and work with that,	Give the children feedback on their work. I think their feedback is JUST the grade. They need to see what they've missed and how they can improve it. Especially in language arts. Give them a longer lunch or a short recess to get rid of energy, socialize and rejuvenate.	Not sure there's a lot you can do about motivation... other than actually giving failing grades to those that deserve them. You need to focus on doing all you can to educate the children who come to you already motivated and not let them be held back by the ones who are not motivated.

<p>One of the things I like about PPA is its motivation for students across the board. Academically, my son wants to do well to get the Principal's List awards (along with homework passes!). He has always done well in school, but at PPA he seems more enthusiastic about doing a good job than he did at his previous school.</p>	<p>I have heard parents repeatedly say that their child does the work but from there who knows what happens to it, bottom of the book bag, locker, and bedroom. The kids need organizational skills and time management skills to be successful. Every parent of a 7th-8th grade boy that I have talked to states that there son's backpack is a bottomless pit. I would like to see this offered as an alternative to Spanish.</p>	<p>I like the incentives/rewards the children receive for Principal's List and the commendation for Honor Roll. Perhaps a night at Xtreme Fun Center for those children whose behavior is exemplary, or meet some criteria for a certain number of good character traits exhibited? The better behavior they have, the more ALL of the children will be able to learn, so I think that rewarding/encouraging good choices would also result in increasing academic performance, and that something like this would motivate students to excel in both areas.</p>
<p>This is a challenging question. My student is not a very motivated student. I do tell her teachers that and I am sure they are very much aware. She is an intelligent child and very capable of learning anything. However, she lacks motivation. I don't know what the answer is here. I think children like her will slip through the cracks because I don't see enough being done by the teachers to captivate her attention. I do what I can at home as far as restrictions when I get emails home about missing assignments and poor grades. But nothing I do works. I think it should be a joint effort including the school also, so the child can be a successful student. Please inform me otherwise if I'm missing something. As you know, my daughter has had a few challenging issues to deal w/ over the past couple of years that a young child would not have to go through normally. Thank God, we are beyond that now. I don't see any resolve in getting her back on track to being a successful student. I am very much concerned about her academic career. I welcome any comments, suggestions and help that may be offered to her and I.</p>		

What fundraisers would you like to see PPA and the Parent Teacher Enrichment Group sponsor next year?

Summary of Responses:

- Unsure / Don't Know / Don't Like (19)
- Entertainment books (8)
- Candy bar Sales (8)
- Car wash (6)
- Bake Sale (6)
- Catalogs/Books (5)
- Carnivals (5)
- Walk-A-Thon (5)
- Auction art work (4)
- Solicit Donations (4)
- Valentine Grams (or similar) (3)
- Book Fair (3)
- Silent auction (3)
- Cookie Dough (3)
- Candles (2)
- School bookstore (2)
- Family Nights (2)
- Community nights at stores (2)
- Christmas Shopping for kids (2)

- Shriner's / St. Jude's Hospital (2)
- Coupon book (2)
- Christmas Greenery (2)
- Skate Rinks (2)
- Bowl-a-thon (1)
- Fish Fry (1)
- Craft Sale (1)
- Murals in the hallways (1)
- Sell tickets to attractions (1)
- Krispy Kreme Sales (1)
- Dress Up Days (1)
- Garage Sale (1)
- Dances (1)
- Flower sales (1)
- Parking cars for major events (1)
- Raffle Tickets (1)
- Talent Show (1)
- Hot Dog Day at Lunch (1)
- Lemonade Stand (1)

Actual Responses:

No	N/A	N/A
????	none	?????
Car Wash	Not sure	Not Sure
don't know	don't know	candy bars
candy bars	No Comment	Don't know.
Fundraisers	Walk-a-thon	coupon books
school store	a walk-a-thon	Fair or Bazaar
Santa's secret Shop	Student made items	student made items
Entertainment books	Wet T-Shirt car wash	Don't like fundraisers
Krispy Kreme Sales :)	Keep up the book fair.	sally Foster Gift Wrap
I do not know as of yet	do know, wont be here,	do know, wont be here,
I do not like Fundraisers	More gifts/ less magazines	I dont care for fundraisers
the yankee candle fundraiser	Walk- A - Thon, or Bowl-A-Thon	Bake Sale, Talent show, raffles
Entertainment book, walk-a-thon	discount books at LOCAL businesses	Sell cookies, M&M candies, Bake sale
a car wash, bake sale, lemonade stand	Do a fundraiser for shriners hospital	ones w/ affordable and practical items
Christmas greenery, entertainment books	Not sure, I have seen a great job this year	Target specific fundraisers to specific goals
cookie dough sales, especially around holidays	Candy bar sales are usually pretty big sellers.	car wash, skate rinks, candy bar sales, solicit
Bake sale, car wash, hot dog lunch days at school	Mother/son night Daddy/daughter dance Bingo night?	In school fundraisers (ex: Valentine grams & Flowers)
Yankee Candle - did for baton & made a lot of money!!	St. Jude Children's Hospital for children's Cancer funds.	Candy bars (easy for my husband to take to work and sell)
The regular entertainment book (the thick one that is usually \$20)	Carnivals, more fundraising out of books/catalogues, Christmas gifts/paper	I'm not big on fundraisers. I would rather make a cash contribution to the school.
carnival - everyone benefits from this, NO coupon books, NO candy/peanuts/popcorn etc.	Flower sales on holidays like valentines day, more dances, Christmas shopping for kids.	Less selling of useless items and more ticket selling...such as movie or amusement tickets.
school fair, fish fry, bake sale, craft sale, let the children come up with some of the ideas	Entertainment books - much better than the ones we sold this year Parking cars for major events	Fundraisers in Concert with Wal-Mart would recommend Christmas Wreaths (it worked for Boy scouts).
Pie Sales, cake Auction, These maybe tons of money and fun, I have seen cakes go for up to \$300.00.	Olive Garden Family Night at PPA Sell "World's Finest Chocolate" Car Wash after School School Bookstore	In school fundraisers - ex: valentine grams/flowers maybe pay for dress different days, skating parties.
PLEASE NO MAGAZINES!! The Enjoy the City was okay, but alot of the coupons are not local. That made it harder to sell.	Entertainment book, sally foster catalog sales, cookie dough sales, better to do a few major fundraisers than a bunch of smaller ones.	Cookie dough fundraiser before Christmas - it's great for easy Christmas cookies and raises a lot of money for my others children's school.
Murals painted on the hallway walls of students/parent day for student to be included and the Art dept. paint it or hire someone to do it.	Chocolate bar sales are always easy and bring in a fair amount of cash. We won't be there next year, so whatever you all decide is fine with us!	Have kids make up some art work to auction off. Their are lots of talented kids and I would get lots of enjoyment seeing and buying their artwork.
I always like the entertainment book. I buy them every year. I did not like the one where you get money for giving out people's names and addresses.	Honestly, the book fair and garage sale are the only ones I support I know schools need money but, in our family personally fundraisers are difficult and we don't bother with them.	Fundraisers are problematic because so many offer so little value for the money. Perhaps set a specific goal for a specific project and make the fundraiser relevant to the goal. Ex: A book sale to raise money for the library.

<p>Select 2-3 big fund raising efforts. A Walk-A-Thon that involves the whole school. An Art Auction/Silent Auction. Perhaps one sales fundraiser - like Entertainment Book or Greeting Card. Let Clubs do some the smaller fund raisers - like Lollipop Grams, etc.</p>	<p>Quite honestly I'm not into fundraisers much and I would rather just give you a check for a certain amount. The previous school we attended would send home a donation request sheet once a year in which they asked for a minimum amount of \$25, or \$50 or \$100 or more and it seemed to work pretty well.</p>	<p>I personally think the catalogue fundraiser was a much more successful fundraiser. When I took that to work, we did very well. I did not like the idea of sending out friends/families addresses. I also did not care for the coupon book fundraiser for \$20. A lot of the retailers were not even in this area. Having the catalogue, gave people more of a variety.</p>
<p>I only really like the Scholastic fundraisers, particularly given that I learned in one of my classes that, according to Family Service Centers, 62% of children attending public schools in Pinellas County are living in poverty. I do like the locally sponsored Laser Tag and fast-food nights, but over the years I have collected more stationery, gift-wrap, Christmas greenery, and coupons than we could ever use!</p>	<p>None that send materials home with the students for which there is an associated fee. It is wrong to send coupon book that have a value, home with the students when they have no intention of participating in the selling of the product. Only those that choose to take on the responsibility of "selling" something should be given the "something". Would like to see more activities that create a sense of community amongst the students and parents...maybe a spaghetti night or carnival. Don't care for the selling of goods, especially when they are junky and the supplier/promoter gets most of the money.</p>	<p>Fundraisers are becoming a burden for us. Kids these days are limited to who they can sell too. Feed back from my family/close friends is that they are overwhelmed by the feelings of obligation to buy over priced items for things they don't really want. And when they refuse they are left with the guilt that the kids might not get a prize because of them. My parents have 14 grandkids. These same 14 kids hit up the whole family 2-5 times a year each. That is approximately 50 fundraisers per school year our family would love to support; but it's just too much. At this point, some family members have said they would prefer to make a one-time donation to the school(s) directly, as opposed to the various companies making most of the profits. Understandably though, the school needs these fundraisers and we'll keep trying our best, but sometimes, without as much success. - Maybe they can do an adoption fundraiser. I think the silent auction was a nice idea too. Not sure how successful it was, but it could be done each quarter on the student led conference nights.</p>

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

Summary of Responses:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch program (6) Larger outdoor area (5) Counselor (5) PE Everyday (3) Return recess (3) More extracurricular and clubs (3) Enforce character traits / expectations (3) Improve gifted program (3) Spanish shouldn't be required (2) Traffic in parking lot (2) Keep up with Grade Book Wizard (2) Separate out non-Id'ed Gifted Kids (2) Bussing (2) Gymnasium & Equipment (2) Summer academics (2) School spirit days (1) Weekly email (1) Communication between teachers (1) Respond to all emails (1) Study hall (1) Later start (1) Vending machine (1) More Field Trips (1) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child care during school breaks (1) Bring Spanish books home (1) More electives (1) Less homework (1) Increase/support morality (1) Purchase the entire building (1) Monitor group participation (1) Increase professionalism (1) Make school cleaner (1) Instruction in musical instruments (1) More text books available online (1) Ballroom Dance for PE (1) Start earlier (1) More creative opportunities (1) Challenge students more (1) Set of books to keep at home (1) Increase library (1) Car circle (1) Home Ec. Classes (1) Breakfast (1) Tutoring (1) More loose with kids (1) Add high school (1) |
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Actual Responses:

NA	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A
None	none	none
nothing	Not sure	not sure
No Comment	Study Hall	Have recess
hot lunches	More Sports	gym equipment
less homework	Snack Machine	????????????????
hot food lunch	a lunch program	give back recess
earlier start time	no change necessary	Can't think of any.
Bussing to/from school	bussing to/from school	Summer Academic Program
Academic Summer Programs	lunch served hot at school	maybe bring in a lunchroom
I can't think of any right now.	More time in physical education	I am very pleased with the school
School Counselor, more field trips	Increase the size of the P E field	A larger area for outdoor activities
Hot Lunches, School needs to be cleaner	STOP "cut Trough" traffic (Both cars and bikes)	Offer care during Xmas break, spring break, etc.
larger PE fields, extend Recess through 8th grade	See the notes above in the "Difficulties" section	Bigger play yard, cafeteria with hot foods, tutoring
More teachers involved in extra-curricular activities	Hard given location - would suggest Ballroom dance for PE	Add High School to your school. That would be fantastic!!!

breakfast program cooking classes sewing classes pick up & drop off	creative opportunities such as performing arts or fine arts exhibits	I'm so pleased with the PPA environment - currently I cant think of any changes
have the books available online & make sure all teachers keep up with Grade book Wizard	I don't think it should be mandatory to take Spanish, it should be the family's choice.	More opportunity for extra curricular activities such as football, cheerleading, basketball.
No idea, I'm really quite happy with the way it is. The facility is clean and my son is happy.	Not much!! I think to learn a different language they should be able to bring home Spanish books	start school at a later time - possibly 8:30 or 9:00am (many tardiness occur because of the early start).
The only thing needed would be space for the kids outside, but no space to expand seems to be available.	Gifted program needs to be more numbers and not just writing and research, more clubs or extra curricular.	Enforce the 12 principals, So everyone treats each other with respect and kindness, including the teachers.
Enforcement of Expectation, More objective selection of students for rewards. Less "Study guide in science".	Hot Lunches Instruction in Musical Instruments ACTIVE PE everyday - young bodies need lots of Physical Activity	The teachers I feel need to communicate more with each other as to what projects are being given out and when.
Challenge the better students more. Gifted program needs to do quantitative work as well as LA Get assignments.	I don't think it should be up to the school to make it mandatory to take Spanish it should be up to the parents.	Put more info regarding assignments on-line. Don't just say spelling words due - but rather list the words, etc.
More electives for the children change the lunch schedule and should have some sort of kitchen or food access for kids.	PE every day for every child! They need to move and be active so they can concentrate. This generation NEEDS to get physical.	Implement a more comprehensive and effective gifted program, though I realize this is a challenge given the small size of the school.
Build a gym, increase the library size, Have students have a set of books for home and one for class, so they don't have to carry them back and forth.	If children are to work in groups, be sure that the groups are monitored more closely so that one child isn't doing all the work or kicked out last minute.	I would like to see a counselor on staff for different issues that the children are facing such as divorce, medical issues and a nurse for medical attention.
I am very concerned with the parking lot and the large quantity of cars that cut through the parking lot at aftercare pick-up time. I have nearly been run over more than once!	I think teachers should discuss personal issues a lot less and focus on behaving as role models. For example: Don't voice your opinion on not liking the teacher in the next room.	Greater emphasis on separating out the more gifted students, not just those identified as gifted but those that routinely are on the Principal's List, so that they are challenged more.
Limit the number of behavior children. The school has too many children with behavior problems. These kids get like a cancer to the remaining student body; they bring down morale and development.	If possible, I would like to see donations come in to help the school purchase the entire building and make the storage place a real cafeteria, maybe a gym or more classrooms. Plus the extra parking lot would be nice.	Improve the opportunity for those that are excelling in a subject to continue to excel on an advanced track. They are currently being moved along at the pace of the class, which is sometimes slow for them, rather than on an advanced track.
Teacher answering e-mails more consistently, faster. At Frontier the teachers responded to every e-mail, you knew they read them, even if they did not have time to address the issue you wrote about at that time, they let you know they received e-mail.	Weekly e-mails detailing things going on in the school and opportunities for parent involvement. This may be more effective than relying on parents to go to the school website to discover what is going on. Friday - school spirit day that encourages school spirit and school pride in the students. Find ways to engage the students so they will try harder to engage their parents.	Be a little bit more loose with the kids. They are not the kids we grew up with. Kids are so much different it is scary. But we need to learn how to teach them through our behavior what is wrong or right without putting them down or criticizing them for being their own person, I though the goal is that kids don't succumb to peer pressure and be who the believe in. Kids are so much more self confident these days they were in the 80's.

Just keep going in an upward direction like you have every year. PPA continues to improve in all ways. My only real concern is that of the environment the children have to be a part of sometimes, as I mentioned above. I would like to see teachers support parents who have high standards for their children in the areas of morality, sexuality, ethics and entertainment. I would like to see other children and families challenged to expect more of their children in these areas, as all the research shows that the parents' influence does matter...whether it be talking about drugs, premarital sex, or cigarette smoking, children listen and do as we do. In particular, I would like to see only PG movies being shown in school, and those few and far between, as I think this generation has way too much screen time at home as it is. I would like either no music with lyrics allowed to be played on school time, or the lyrics to be wholesome and void of questionable content. And finally, if there is some questionable activity being discussed, be it movies, health education content, music or entertainment, I would like to see the teachers deal with these issues without singling out one child in front of the entire class. If there is any questionable content, the teacher should automatically ban it from the classroom, and not put the one or two children whose parents have high standards for them on the spot.

We are currently looking at adopting a new Language Arts series. What attributes would you like to see in Language Arts materials as well as other curriculum materials?

Summary of Responses:

Grammar Focus (9)	FCAT Alignment (1)
Spelling Focus (5)	Research Skills (1)
Creative Writing (5)	More book reports (1)
Classical Literature (4)	Continue many presentations (1)
Vocabulary Focus (3)	Less "giant projects" (1)
CD or Online Version (3)	Latin Bases (1)
Essay (2)	Current issues (1)
Reading Comprehension (2)	Punctuation/Sentence Structure (1)
Books (2)	Phonics (1)
Fundamentals (2)	Multi-lingual (1)
Multi-disciplinary (2)	Conservative values (1)
Multiple Genres (2)	Multi-Cultural (1)
Variety of writing (2)	Combined reading/writing (1)
Cursive (1)	Choice of novels (1)
Plays (1)	Creative (1)
More worksheets (1)	Age appropriate (1)
More short stories (1)	Poetry (1)

Actual Responses:

N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	non
None	none	none
none	none	?????
Books	???????	???????
?????????	Grammar	Grammar
Not sure	Not Sure	not sure
???????????	nothing	No comment
No opinion.	reading novels	Spoken Grammar
Creative writing	French or Italian	More Book Reports
conservative values	less giant projects	Curriculum Attributes
More creative writing	Links to outside works.	Vocab. and essay writing

N/A GRADUATING THIS YEAR	N/A GRADUATING THIS YEAR	Spelling and creative writing.
I would have to think about this	Typing classes, not just computer	going back to simple phonics packs
spelling tests at every level, plays	Classics, sci-fi, historic, novelties	Grammar & spelling emphasized earlier.
More work sheets, more grammar lessons	CDs available for purchase and or online help	Emphasis on writing - creative as well as FCAT
An emphasis on the fundamentals of Language Arts.	Very little cursive being taught now or last year	Classical literature, poetry, and a variety of other writings.
It is a huge help to be able to access school text books on-line.	The books available on CD as the Math looks are & Spanish on-line	Latin is an asset to help improve sat scores learning the root words.
I love the Spanish language program and would love to see more of it taught	*** likes the Language Arts material. She is doing well at it right now.	Have not seen current book as it has never come home so I have nothing to compare.
Reading Comprehension & essay writing. I believe she is already learning these things.	More short stories and summary that align with the type of test they would take for FCAT.	Combined reading/writing focus & exercises Materials from varied cultures and time periods and styles
Basic language arts - sentence structure, where to start and end a paragraph, capitalization and when to use it, spelling.	I would like to see more stories that help the students learn about current issues and applying it to how they communicate.	I think the materials are very good already and actually better than the ones my son had to use in the previous school. Keep up the good work.
Age appropriate reading level, multiple genres, creative and unique approach to content, so it also meets Science & Social Studies Curriculum standards.	Thank you! Definitely need more emphasis on spelling and basic grammar rules to improve writing skills. They need to be balanced with reading comprehension.	More reading of the classics in a condensed version for the lower grades and more research based type paper writing to better prepare students for high school and college.
Allow the child to pick the Novels they would like to read. (***) does not/ will not finish a story that she is not interested in.) Her interest in reading has significantly dropped this year.	Incorporate a more realistic vocabulary for 6th grade honors program. Spanish- set up a lab where the children can practice conversation and reading skills with a computer or tape recorder after school or during tutorial	Make sure students understand the words he is supposed to be learning how to spell. The stress being on good understandable communication skills rather than exact adherence to grammar rules. I like the fact that you require the kids to make lots of presentations.
That's a good question and one that I don't feel qualified to answer. I will say, though, that I have been very impressed with the books and materials the children have been given - much better than the ones used at the \$7000.00 to \$8000.00/per year we spent at private schools!!	I really think that schools need to focus on sentence structure, parts of speech. research and writing papers because that's what they will be required to do more and more in the higher grades. If they study classical literature they need to know why they are studying that particular book and how it can help them in their lives today.	I think the children need more writing assignments, and more attention to grammar, spelling, punctuation and capitalization. At the Science Fair recently, despite the creative efforts of the children, I was amazed at the misspellings, erroneous choice of words and poor sentence structure that were displayed on the boards. As much as they may hate it, the children (my own included) could benefit from handwriting assignments with grades reflecting the above areas, and not just content/creativity.

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

Summary of Responses:

Does not apply (54) Nothing / Doing well (12) Interesting / Fun Games (2) Lower price (2) Available when no school (2) Add summer camp (2) More homework help / time (2) Staff Friendliness (2) Maintain current price (1) Field trips (1) Longer pickup window after school (1)	Speakers & Class Options (1) More structured activities (1) More space (1) More Physical Activity (1) More consistency (1) Easier / Affordability of Drop in (1) Easier access to homework club (1) Earlier before care drop off (1) Separate area for quiet reading (1) More outdoor time (1)
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Actual Responses:

N/A	n/a	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A
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N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A
n/a	None	None
None	None	None
Nothing	don't use	Great!!
Not sure	LOVE IT!!	No comment
Don't Use it	LOVE IT!!!	do not attend
Doesn't apply.	not applicable	a summer program
Great, LOVE IT !!	More Homework time	seems to work fine,
I think it's GREAT!!	More Space available	Nothing at this time
Child does not attend	don't use this program	Never used it before.
possibly Field trips?	Doing a Great Job Now!!	A friendlier staff perhaps
N/A GRADUATING THIS YEAR	N/A GRADUATING THIS YEAR	we do not use this program
earlier before care drop off	Not applicable to our family.	More interesting and fun games
Does not apply to our family :-)	No idea, I don't use the program.	None. I feel the programs are good.
Easier access for Homework club kids	Lower the price for school employees	More structured activities, speakers & classes
A little more time outdoors.....Maybe a walk????	Extend for Spring Break, Winter Break & Summer camp.	more than a 15 min. window after-school for pick -up
Occasional non-professional attitude towards parents.	Sorry, but we don't use either service, so I can't comment.	More adaptability for drop-in services. Lower per hour cost.
I would like to see a summer program. Parents still have to work.	I haven't used either of these programs, so am not in a position to comment.	We are pleased with the aftercare program. I hope that the cost will stay low!

Maybe a reduced rate for children that may need to be there for a shorter length of time.	Open during day's school is closed. Overall it is a great program and the staff are very nice.	More Physical Activity DAILY!! More structured or skilled, Dodge Ball is good but would like to see more.
A separate area for quiet reading, games or to continue on unfinished homework. Have homework help available.	My daughter says she would like to play more board games and things like that. (I am satisfied-I think you do a great job.)	More consistent educators, especially for the younger children. Studies show that with consistency children perform better.
I think it is the best one I have had my daughter in since she started school.	I am impressed with the people in charge and the structure	

How close are you to completing our goal of having every family spend 20 hours of volunteering at school?

Actual Responses:

???	-0-	N/A
Yes	Done	Done
none	Over	close
poorly	So So	???????
4 hours	exceeded	half way
very far	Completed	completed
Not close	Not close	Over half
over half	Oooooops !!	Very close
Were there !	half way there	none as of yet
Not Even close	Not even close	not even close
not even close	not very close	Not even close.
Not really sure	half - way there	need to do hours
Not close at all.	I think we did it!!	I think we did it!!
About 1/3 way there.	Very close or beyond.	have completed already
Have completed over 40	have completed over 40	Not sure. Possibly 1/4
Not very close at all.	Oh crud, not close at all.	Not close, job doesn't allow
have not been available to do so	I'm getting there- Approx. 8 hrs.	Not close, need to work on that.
I am currently @ approx. 70 hours	Not close, I wish i could do more	I've completed about 6 hours to date
Unfortunately not even close at all	I am doing the Open House and Carnival	easy for me - only field trips am i able.
Have completed my hours and then some :)	not at 20 hours yet, but will keep trying	I have attended 1/4 due to my work schedule
This has been difficult task for our family	have volunteered to do book fair and carnival	I have not been able to volunteer, wish I could.
I work with the school system and hard to volunteer.	`Not very, Sorry I am doing the Carnival & Open House	Sorry haven't even started, been a rough year personally
During a full school year no problem completing I'm good!	Not close at all. I am a single mom who works full time.	I am very close, ad I think more parents should get involved
Not yet, difficult with our work hours and school ourselves.	We're half way there; I think we have about 9 hours into it.	We have volunteered 7 hours so far and plan to help with the Book Fair
Probably halfway, between book fair volunteering and PTEG involvement.	We had no idea we were supposed to volunteer at all, no one mentioned it.	None I have a sickness so i can't volunteer but would love to in the future.
I think I'm pretty close. I will do more after my kitchen renovation is done.	You can contact me and let me know where I am needed.*****	ZERO ... AS MY HUSBAND AND I ARE 100% DISABLED AND UNABLE TO VOLUNTEER AT THE SCHOOL

I may not have logged all of my hours, but I have invested more than 20 hours to date.	Not very, due to my crazy work schedule, but should be able to do some volunteering soon.	I have not started them yet, my daughter said she doesn't want me to and i haven't been asked.
Not at all - I have requested work to be done from home and haven't been contacted as of yet.	Not sure, I did some before school started and before I had my baby but, not sure where I'm at now.	I work 7 days a week so I haven't had anytime volunteering at your school, but maybe next year could be better.
I believe I have 9 or 10 hours of volunteering. I would have to check with the office to get my exact amount.	My husband and I have both offered our time for various projects, but have not been able to make a connection. We have served no time this school year, but not because we haven't tried.	Not very, after the March bookfair I will be at 6-8 hours. It is hard to volunteer during the day because I work full time. I would be willing to volunteer on weekends if there is ever a need.
I have to admit not very much at all. Not that this is much of an excuse but I am a single parent who works full time, goes to school, runs a household and raises a child. I would like to get more involved but time is always an issue.	Not good, I started a new job this year and cannot obtain time off. I am happy to do week ends and after 5:00. I will accomplish my 20 by the end of the year. I understand there is a field trip and would like to assist as well as the fair.	I have spent 3 hours so far. I am still home schooling right now with my son. I am planning on having him go there in August. It will be easier to volunteer once I am done home schooling. I would like to even see if there are any Job Openings in August.
Unfortunately, it's been a rough year for us, so not very close unless you count me driving kids to and from the soccer field/games. In 6 months, we have had 5 people close to us (3 family members/2 very close friends) pass away which have really taken a toll on us and occupied much of our time. Hoping next year will allow for much more time and involvement.	Oh, I did want to tell you that at the private Montessori school we attended in Louisiana, as part of their accreditation, had to submit forms that parents were required to keep track of. On these forms, the parents logged their hours and had to sign that paper and turn it in - perhaps you might want to do that. As for me personally, I prepared for and gave a talk to the most attentive 5th graders I've ever had the pleasure of lecturing, but must do more by year's end!!	

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

Thanks for your willingness to grow, improve and serve our children to the best of your ability!	We would like to see a more organized instrumental music program. Some really good talent is being wasted...	It would be nice if the students (and parents) had the option to take a Spanish class. It should not be a requirement.
Keep up the great work!! I would highly recommend this school, which I have!! Some of those kids started this year!!!	How can I find out what is needed for voluntary work if my hours do not coincide with the schools. I drop her at 7:00 and p/u at 5:00-5:30.	I know from my experience in a number of schools as a teacher and volunteer that your school is doing a very good job. The entire staff is devoted and it shows!
This is our first year at PPA and we are loving the school. We would like to see the school grow and have more facilities and I am willing to help out if I can.	The morning drop off car circle could use some cones blocking off drivers from coming in through storage company parking lot and then entering car circle in front of those who entered correctly.	The office staff is so warm and welcoming. The teachers and office staff know every child by name. They know their siblings. It's a very warm safe environment. The after school clubs are so wonderful!

<p>We love Pinellas Prep. *** loves the school and the teachers. We enjoy the parents we have met and the extra curricular things we have done so far. We look forward to the next 4+ years in the school.</p>	<p>I would be willing to volunteer for the day people visit the school and the carnival. I got the message on my phone and pressed 1 to say I would volunteer but, I'm not sure if it went through since 1 makes our voicemail replay.</p>	<p>My son is happy with the school and has special respect for the following teachers: Mr. Wickstrom...Mrs. Wickstrom...Mrs. Romaine...Mrs. Mourer...Mrs. Mizzi...Ms. Barber...Mrs. Ensch (she is always there to lend an ear and try to help)</p>
<p>We are proud to attend such a well-administered school. The teachers and Principal are top-notch professionals. It would be nice to have only students and parents who are committed to education and social responsibility. Problem students (and parents) detract from the positive learning environment.</p>	<p>I think that 4th grade should have more field trips scheduled and the dates should be known well in advance so that parents who would like to volunteer would be able to. Unfortunately, since trips are not posted several months in advance. This is the first time in my child's life that I have been unable to chaperone on field trips except for 1. I imagine that others also are in this situation as well.</p>	<p>Overall, *** is very happy attending PPA, she's been a student since 4th grade. Although it was very new at the time and we've seen many teachers come and go, you just don't know only through trial and error, what will work and what won't. It's a learning process. Unfortunately, because of that process the children do not reap the full benefits of an education if the teacher at the time is not qualified to teach. I believe that was part of *** problem. Thank you for the opportunity to express my self in this forum.</p>
<p>The car circle makes me very nervous with children coming in and out of the cars at drop off and pick up. We came from Coachman they had a similar parking area. They had 10 rows of traffic parents would pull up and when all the cars stopped moving the children would be released. Once all the children got in there cars the lines were released 1 line at a time. Next round of cars would pull up and the cycle completes. Sound hectic but it was very safe and it was quick. I would be happy to share this with you anytime. I believe this would improve the pick up process.</p>	<p>I really like your school. I don't have anything negative to say. The only thing that comes to mind is a request for the online Grades to be updated more frequently because if one subject has a "B" at least my son has a chance to turn that into an "A" before the report cards are issued. This happened during the first quarter, when he achieved the Honor Roll because the only "B" he had was in P.E., but online the grade displayed was an "A" until 2 days prior to the grades being changed permanently for the report card, so he was a bit disappointed for not making the Principal's List. Other than that, we're really HAPPY.</p>	
<p>I happen to have children who fairly often turn in late homework for various reasons in a few classes; sometimes they just forget, sometimes there weren't enough worksheets in the bin because other students took multiple copies and were unable to get copies from the teacher, other times they were absent and couldn't make it up by the next day time limit with their other homework, etc. I can't tell you how many excuses they have, some valid, some not. Whatever their reasons for being late this effects their grade, which in several classes doesn't actually reflect their knowledge or ability to apply that knowledge. And as it's becoming more routine, they really don't care. Once they get I believe their grades should be reflective of what they've actually learned. I do believe they need to be more responsible by all means and to get their work in on time and that they need to be more organized. I just wish they could either have a separate grade (for participation/organization/behavior/etc) or better yet some other consequence, like staying after school to clean out/organize their locker and backpacks; do or redo the assignment in question; or writing a paper on why it was late and what they can do to keep it from happening again, etc., so that they will be forced to learn how to change their habits.</p>		