



PINELLAS PREPARATORY ACADEMY

2009 PARENT SURVEY RESULTS

175 Surveys were returned

Results by Percentage –

	Disagree	Neutral	Agree
My child enjoys attending this school.	3%	9%	87%
The teachers go above and beyond my expectations.	2%	18%	80%
Overall, I am satisfied with the school's administration.	1%	8%	91%
Overall, I am satisfied with the academic program being offered at my child's school.	2%	10%	89%
I feel my child is safe while attending school.	0%	2%	98%
My school welcomes and respects my opinions and concerns regarding school issues.	3%	11%	86%
My child's school offers me many opportunities for parental involvement.	0%	4%	96%
I would recommend this school to my friends who have school age children.	2%	5%	94%
My child is being challenged this year to reach his/her potential.	5%	11%	84%
Issues are dealt with in a professional way.	5%	12%	84%
The online homework and grade book have been helpful to my family.	5%	7%	87%
I believe my child benefits from learning another language.	4%	10%	87%
Overall I am satisfied with Pinellas Preparatory Academy.	2%	6%	92%

Results by Response–

	1	2	3	4	5
My child enjoys attending this school.	1	5	16	60	93
The teachers go above and beyond my expectations.	0	4	31	72	68
Overall, I am satisfied with the school's administration.	0	2	14	68	91
Overall, I am satisfied with the academic program being offered at my child's school.	0	3	17	66	88
I feel my child is safe while attending school.	0	0	3	43	128
My school welcomes and respects my opinions and concerns regarding school issues.	1	4	18	59	88
My child's school offers me many opportunities for parental involvement.	0	0	7	46	120
I would recommend this school to my friends who have school age children.	0	3	8	30	131
My child is being challenged this year to reach his/her potential.	1	7	19	43	104
Issues are dealt with in a professional way.	0	8	20	51	94
The online homework and grade book have been helpful to my family.	4	5	13	42	110
I believe my child benefits from learning another language.	1	5	17	31	117
Overall I am satisfied with Pinellas Preparatory Academy.	0	3	11	48	111

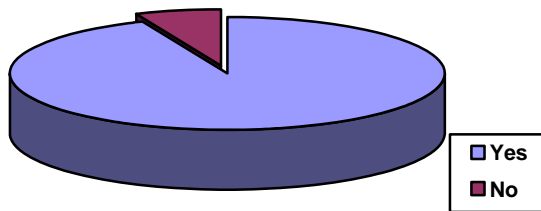
1 = Strongly Disagree, 2 = Disagree, 3 = Neutral, 4 = Agree, 5 = Strongly Agree

Results by Grade –

	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
My child enjoys attending this school.	4.275	4.356	4.434	4.450	4.269
The teachers go above and beyond my expectations.	4.000	4.044	4.264	4.250	4.423
Overall, I am satisfied with the school's administration.	4.350	4.378	4.491	4.500	4.577
Overall, I am satisfied with the academic program being offered at my child's school.	4.425	4.356	4.491	4.205	4.640
I feel my child is safe while attending school.	4.600	4.756	4.755	4.641	4.920
My school welcomes and respects my opinions and concerns regarding school issues.	4.250	4.295	4.451	4.351	4.520
My child's school offers me many opportunities for parental involvement.	4.650	4.545	4.679	4.769	4.800
I would recommend this school to my friends who have school age children.	4.564	4.614	4.808	4.744	4.800
My child is being challenged this year to reach his/her potential.	4.615	4.289	4.453	4.175	4.615
Issues are dealt with in a professional way.	4.231	4.205	4.547	4.333	4.385
The online homework and grade book have been helpful to my family.	4.667	4.341	4.396	4.425	4.231
I believe my child benefits from learning another language.	4.462	4.568	4.647	4.325	4.440
Overall I am satisfied with Pinellas Preparatory Academy.	4.400	4.545	4.717	4.487	4.615

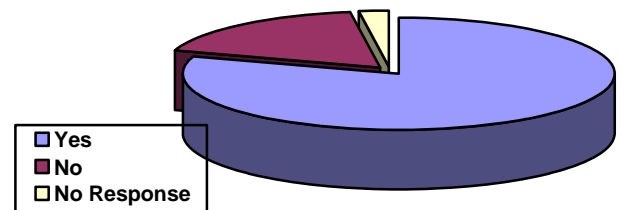
Averages	4.422	4.407	4.549	4.435	4.557
Number of Surveys Returned	40	45	53	40	26

Do you check to see if your child has completed his or her homework every night?



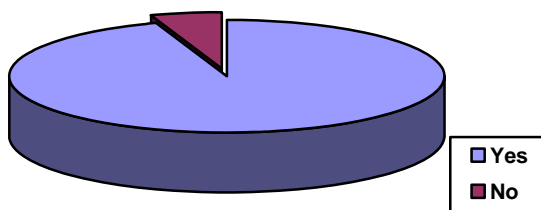
Yes – 164 • No – 11

Do you feel all children should be required to take a foreign language?



Yes – 140 • No – 31 • No Response – 4

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



Yes – 166 • No – 9

On average, how many minutes does your child spend doing homework each night?

Grade	Average
4th	69.7
5th	61.5
6th	78.2
7th	56.1
8th	76.0
Grand Total	68.3

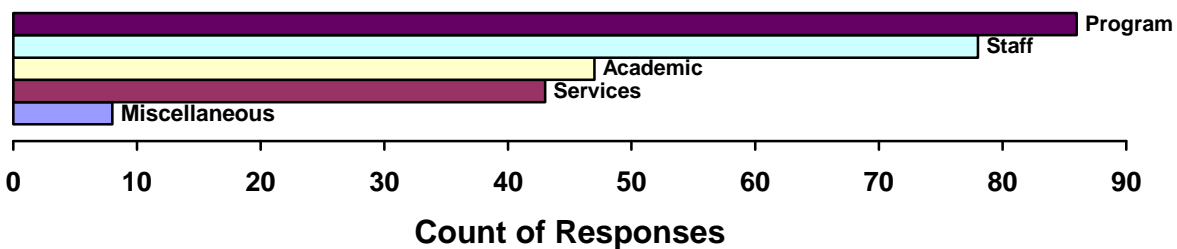
On a scale of 1-10, how would you rank the academic performance of PPA?

(1 = poorest, 10=highest)

Grade	Average
4 th	8.16
5th	8.36
6th	8.45
7th	8.23
8th	8.68
Grand Total	8.36

What are PPA's biggest strengths?

Parents were asked to write what they thought the biggest challenges facing PPA were. The results broke down into 10 different categories:



Summary of responses:

Program (86)

- School and class size (42)
- School safety (14)
- General environment and atmosphere (13)
- Discipline (10)
- Clubs (4)
- Sense of community (1)
- Grade level (4th-8th) (1)
- School hours (1)

Academics (47)

- Individualized attention (10)
- Learning style/methods (9)
- Art and music programs (9)
- PE and athletics (5)
- Foreign language (4)
- Gifted Program (3)
- Field trips (3)
- Saxon Math (2)
- Honors program (1)
- Character Education (1)

Services (43)

- Communication (30)
- Grade Book Wizard (9)
- Before and After Care (2)
- New lunch program (1)
- Fund raisers (1)

Miscellaneous (8)

- Volunteering and parent involvement (6)
- Clean building (1)
- Effective use of resources (1)

Staff (78)

- Staff (58)
- Administration (20)

Actual Responses:

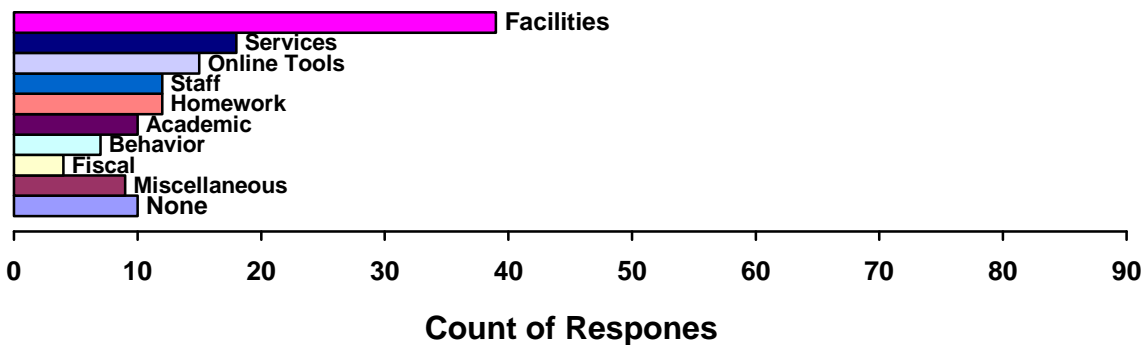
Small communication	Mr.Fuller	Communication
Smaller class sizes	School discipline	Creative learning.
Mr. Fuller and the staff.	Academic Curriculum	The honor's program.
Academics, smaller class sizes	Keeping our children safe	The classroom environment.
Friendly teachers and admin people	Communication, grade book wizard	have great teachers and principle
Safety, small size, teachers who care!!	Small classes, great communication	teachers e-mails are very helpful.
The principal and assitant and office staff	Online grades and homework assignments.	The school is small. My child feels safe.
The teachers & the office staff are very kind.	AVAILABILITY OF TEACHER/PARENT COMMUNICATION	Its Higher standard of learning and behavior
Friendliness of staff/security for the students	Good communication between parents and teachers	Individual attention - small school environment
Smaller classes and alot of very helpful teachers.	good communications and connected. safe school.	The teachers and online HW and grades are the best
	The teachers go that extra mile to get things done.	teacher, office support staff, and parent volunteers

Ms Mourer and Ms Mulkey, they are standout teachers!!	looking for alternative teaching methods and strengths	Communication with parents Quality education Caring staff
Small class sizes for more direct attention with children.	the sense of community and commitment by teachers and staff	Challenging students to do the best they can be academically.
The biggest strength is the academic and value structure.	I believe the parents involvement is a big strength in general.	Emotionally mature student setting. Friendly / Helpful Teachers.
friendly atmosphere communication discipline variety of course/clubs	Principals involvement, Discipline expectations, Academic expectations	Giving the student's more opportunities to achieve a higher education.
The Principal, I can really see he loves his mission and the teachers.	challenging the students friendly atmosphere quick response from emails	I really like the amount of communication between the staff and parents.
the staff, the structure, the drive for everyone to be the best they can be	They are a small, helpful school that genuinely wants the children to succeed.	Small classroom size and communication with parents regarding pupil's progress
The staff is very involved and concerned when it comes to my children's education	small size commitment of staff and teachers flexibility of curriculum gifted program	The academic and classroom setting/challenges pushes the student to strive more.
Small school, great gifted staff, great front office staff, good teachers in general	small classes, overall feeling of a small school that cares for each individual child	small class size. teachers are very involved with the kids and truly care about them.
small school environment great admin support love weekly email so i know what to expect	Being able to provide our children with a reasonable disciplined environment for growth.	Smaller school environment, Administration/Faculty, Saxon Math, Creative Arts Programs,
Small school and class size; flexibility of curriculum; commitment of teachers and staff.	For the most part, I believe the teachers and staff at PPA truly care about the children.	Small classroom sizes, Those teachers who go over and beyond, Office Staff/Administration.
Since it is a smaller school, everyone knows everyone, so kids learn in a safe environment.	That they push children to do their best yet it doesn't make them feel like they are pressured.	Many hands on projects and interdisciplinary assignments. Small classes. Sports opportunities.
The staff and respect for the children. Teachers are great communicators and highly professional.	Smallness and ability for all staff and teachers to get to know the students on an individual level.	Some of the teachers are phenomenal. The field trips are great. The after school clubs are wonderful.
The teacher's respond very quickly to e-mail or any other problems or concerns you have with your child.	Extra curricular, art, music, and some outstanding teachers (not all, but that is expected at any school).	I love the online grades, and other categories, I like that you can communicate with the teachers via e-mail.
approachable teachers and staff Open doors for service opportunities safe class size high behavior standards	I like that PPA has a small student body. The children get the academic attention needed for them to succeed.	The involvement of PPA in the development of my child, not only educational but in developing my son's character.
small class size allowing teachers to give one-on-one time with students as needed, sending home better report cards.	Great Communication. Strong Leadership. Excellent curriculum. Opportunities given to students to show leadership.	small school size, great curriculum and teachers, everyone seems to really work together to make it a superior school.
An active approach to learning that encourages "hands on" participation, quality teachers and a wide range of curriculum.	The teachers are very involved with the students I hope as my child enters High School, hope he gets half that attention	Closeness... in people, not distance. All the faculty and students seem to be able to communicate openly with one another.
A great smaller school. It is clean. Great teachers and staff. Glad they have a great art and music program. Great field trips.	I like that the faculty is involved and cares about my child's educational success but how they grow as healthy individuals too.	great teachers a principal that is very involved and a challenging curriculum. The music dept. is amazing, wonderful front desk help.
challenging students according to their own level. Safe environment. Small class sizes. Teachers, staff members and parents who care	Allowing teacher creativity to benefit student achievement. Communication is excellent! There is a "family" feeling about the school.	YOU OVERWELMED ME WITH YOUR STANCE ON BULLIES. AND STUDENTS BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS. I WISH THAT WAS TRUE WHEN I WAS A KID.
I like the grade book wizard. Principal appears progressive. I like the safe environment. Recorded messages regarding events is also a plus.	Student population size, parental involvement, curriculum, after school activities, teacher caring, hot lunches are great according to my child	I really enjoy the size of the school. We feel very fortunate to be enrolled at PPA. I am also very happy with the before and after care program.
I believe the biggest strength for PPA are the teachers. There are a few teachers that I feel push the students to strive for better accomplishments!	Offers music, guitar lessons. Foreign language, progress reports sent home to notify how their child is doing. Teachers make learning creative and fun.	I love my child's teachers, no I should say my child loves her teachers!!!! She feels loved and respected and she is not put down, unlike her old school.
The small atmosphere. You have an amazing, welcoming front office staff. I have never been more impressed with their friendliness and willingness to help.	close "family" atmosphere small sizes, good teacher to student ratio, able to control when there is any problems that arise I also like the hours of operation.	Enjoy the small class sizes and extra attention given to my child. Most of the teachers are excellent and show that they love teaching and the children in their class.
The small size of the school/classes. Mr. Fuller is an exceptional principal and the staff has almost always been fantastic with the kids and with their ways of teaching.	The biggest strengths I have seen are caring teachers within a small student population. This allows the kids to grow close together and learn a lot better in their classroom environment!	I love the creativity of the staff. My daughter is being challenged more this year but not overwhelmed. You've found the right balance. I feel like my daughter isn't lost in the system.

<p>Hands on curriculum as well as a challenging curriculum. The teachers do a fantastic job of inspiring the children and giving them fun and positive learning experiences that will stay with them forever!</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A caring qualified staff that has worked hard to help with my child's particular issues and strengths. 2. PPA's ability to stretch limited resources to help the children get a well rounded experience. 	<p>small class size and safe environment. quite good overall academics and very good music, art, Spanish and PE. The projects assigned are very hands on and creative and really reinforce the material being learned.</p>
<p>The Teachers and administration and the fact that they really want these students to have the best education that they can get. In fact anyone who works at this school puts in 110%. No matter what kind of work they do.</p>	<p>The teachers. My child has Ms. Huneke and Ms. Cumberworth. they are both very helpful to both myself and my child. They take the time to make sure she understands what she is being taught. I also love that you use Saxon math.</p>	<p>PPA's largest strength is its formal agreement to teach equally for creativity and the love of learning as it does for the test. When it reaches these most golden standards, PPA will become one of the best schools in America.</p>
<p>Small class sizes, giving teachers the ability to pay attention to individual students. Communication between myself and teachers has been very good! I have their email addresses, and have used them often with a quick response!</p>	<p>Teachers treat students as individuals and do their best to meet individual needs. Accountability is encouraged as well as respect for and proper treatment of others. The school administration is as committed to excellence as I have ever seen anywhere.</p>	<p>Curriculum different from other public schools, learning foreign languages, good parent teacher communication, discipline, banned bullying from the school, extracurricular activities, fund raising program, online homework and grades, good principal parents communication</p>
<p>It is a small enough institution that any issues (good or bad) can be dealt with quickly and completely, due to the familiarity of the staff with the students. The GradeBook Wizard, when used properly, is a fantastic tool to keep informed and involved with a student's education.</p>	<p>Overall mix of academics, arts, and physical learning to build the whole child, safety and security of the students while at school and during school sponsored activities, responsiveness of teachers and administration, levels of discipline and accountability required of the students</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grade Book Wizard - with teachers that use it and keep it up to date. 2. Love the small school atmosphere. 3. Music program. 4. Art program. 5. Mr. Fuller 6. LOVE teachers that email me regarding progress or problems. That way anything positive or negative can be dealt with immediately.
<p>Their curriculum is fantastic and the hands on approach makes learning more enjoyable for the children. I think the projects assigned and the teamwork that is expected in the classroom are vital to keeping the attention of the children. My child continues to enjoy her experiences at PPA.</p>	<p>Very positive attitudes from Mr. Fuller down to every teacher she has had in the last two years there !!! Communication between e-mails is a huge plus !!! Grade book is great to check weekly assignments and grades !!! Overall it is the Best school Alyssa could be in . Thankyou very much !!!</p>	<p>Class size is smaller than most public schools Teachers really want the children to succeed and don't give up on the ones that don't give it their all. Teachers seem to know all children that attend even the ones not in their grade or classroom. They e-mail and respond back to any questions I have when my son misses an assignment .</p>
<p>Dedication and caring of Administration and Teachers shows. Neighborhood/family/ sense of community atmosphere. Child just not another face. Always looking out for what is best for the children and size/type of school allows for changes to be made if necessary and not go through a lot of "red tape." School as a whole thinks "outside the box."</p>	<p>Overall I feel that Pinellas Prep is a very good school, and as with any situation in life, i.e. I can love my church, hospital, doctor, social group etc.... but may not always agree with every action, activity or rule governing the the institution. So, again, my overall feeling on PPA is a definite good feeling, especially compared to mainstream public education.</p>	<p>Being a smaller school helps everyone to know each of the children. The behavior expectations make me feel safer knowing my child is well supervised in the learning environment. I think having 4-8 helps the younger children transition into middle school easier and the older students still have to set examples for the younger ones so there is less gimicking going on.</p>
<p>Smaller size school. Small class sizes. Teachers that recognize all students are different. No buses to school means less lazy parents with kids at this school. Parents likely care about education if they send their child to this school. The nature of the program also makes it easier to remove a child who is dangerous or excessively disruptive from the school.</p>	<p>The academic's at PPA are truly the best for the students who attend. PPA students after graduating from PPA will be on the right start and attitude to know they can achieve anything if they put their mind to it and work hard. The staff and teachers are the best at PPA. I've noticed that they truly care about each individual student, they work closely with your child to be sure they bring out the best in our children.</p>	<p>For the most part, I feel that this school has come a long way, it has many wonderful teachers and is always looking for ways to improve and actually following through with them, your front office staff which is your front line, is wonderful! I feel at ease with the middle school environment and hope that the no tolerance policy is being enforced. Your field trips are above and beyond even our private schools. Instant emails for missing assignments is great!!!</p>
<p>A very safe and comfortable learning environment. The teachers, front office, Mr. Fuller and Mr. B really care about each and every child and their success. I think Ms. Donna knows the name of every child and most of their guardians!! This matters to the students and their families. Most of the teachers have high expectations of their students. At PPA the staff listen to the parents and their needs and truly make the attempt address our concerns. WOW. Hurray for all the new sports!! It improves our children's health, builds confidence, and strengthens our school spirit!!! Thank you Mrs. Romaine! The Gifted program is wonderful.</p>	<p>My son attended private school prior to PPA, as I thought (naively) that if I was paying for my son's education, it must be better. However, now in our 2nd year at PPA, the challenging academic curriculum and attention of teachers to children's needs, and closeness and accessibility of all the staff, provides me with the satisfaction that my son is getting a good education in a loving safe secure school, that has that "private school" atmosphere. I also am thrilled that the curriculum includes recess and PE everyday, music, art, and foreign language. The availability of early morning care and after care helps working parents, and the multitude of after school clubs, lets the children explore interests. Parental involvement is encouraged through many volunteer opportunities.</p>	

What are PPA's biggest difficulties?

Parents were asked to write what they thought the biggest challenges facing PPA were. The results broke down into 10 different categories:



Summary of responses:

Facilities (39)

- PE Field / Facility (17)
- Car Circle / Parking Lot (11)
- Location / Traffic (8)
- General Facility (2)
- Small classrooms (1)

Services (18)

- Lack of transportation (6)
- Need more grade levels (4)
- Lunch program (3)
- More tutoring (2)
- ESE accommodations (1)
- Before & After Care (1)
- Paperwork doesn't arrive home (1)

Online Tools (15)

- GBW consistency and length of time to post (11)
- Online science textbook/Lack of actual book (2)
- Too much reliance on email/online tools (1)
- Not enough online tools (1)

Homework (12)

- Too much homework (6)
- Homework is not assigned consistently (3)
- Late homework policy too strict (2)
- Not enough homework (1)

Staff (12)

- Concerns with teachers (most were specific teacher concerns) (8)
- Not enough communication (3)
- Teacher training inadequate (1)

Academic (10)

- Lack of Computer Classes (2)
- Not every who wanted to take foreign language could (1)
- Need more developed music program (1)
- Not challenging enough (1)
- Need more hands on (1)
- Need more reading (1)
- Math program (1)
- Need more technology (1)
- Not enough creativity (1)

Behavior (7)

- Behavior policy is too strict (3)
- Behavior policy not strict enough (2)
- Not using Glasser's theories (1)
- Cliques (1)

Fiscal Issues (4)

- Not able to raise money effectively (2)
- Small budget (1)
- Too much fundraising (1)

Miscellaneous (9)

- Parent involvement (2)
- Follow through (1)
- Organization (1)
- Lack of "Fun Activity" (1)
- Structure (1)
- Timing for scheduling parent / teacher meetings (1)
- Difficult to volunteer if working (1)
- Differential treatment of boys vs girls (1)

None (10)

Actual Responses:

don't know	Not enough HW	Lunch program
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Don't see any	PE field size	None recognized
Transportation.	The parking lot.	haven't noticed any
No bus transportation	Can't say at this time	I am not sure as of yet.
not having a gym, track.	Some teachers communication	no buses for sports practices.
Cannot say that there are any!	CAR CIRCLE AND PARKING IN GENERAL	NEED MORE GRADES 1-12 GREAT SCHOOL
Consistency with ESE accomadations.	Teacher's handling of class matters.	Aftercare still needs some refinement.
Car circle and outside activities area.	Lack of transport system for its students	No computer class - drop off and pick up
access to and fro/m due to traffic in area	To have a bigger facility for the students.	Other than the car circle I haven't found any.
small classe sizes, czaring staff and teachers	Not enough green space for an active PE program.	A little more money for the budget would be nice.
Way too much homework. 2 hours for a 4th grader??	Paperwork no always coming home with the students.	being open minded and veiwing children as children.
Not every child is able to take a foreign language.	Finding assignments on gradebook wizard consistantly	minimal outdoor environment only goes to eight grade
compeating with the larger schools and some advantages	Following through when their are concerns and Car line.	never have had any problems in our 5 years of attendance.
Minimal outdoor facilities; only goes through eighth grade.	location isn't great even though the building is wonderful.	Reporting grades in a timely manner through gradebook wizard.
Communication, organization and consistency with homework amounts.	no buses. my car keeps breaking down lately so it has been difficult.	The student drop off/pick up.. but there's not much to do about that.
Sometimes to much homework, and not enough fun activities duuring school.	I am honestly not involved enough to see what challenges the school faces.	Location on very busy street corner. Lack of full size gym separate from dinning room.
corresponding by email, especially, when families do not have internet access in the home.	It was the car circle- I like the new process... no one gets out of the car until asked to.	Restricted facility for more athletics and lack of a computer/technology lab and curriculum
The over-dramatic discipline of minor problems. Not enough physical education for children.	Need field for PE and to have the entire building as a school. Develop athletic and music programs.	I have another child at another school, so I feel like I am fundraisered (probably not a word) to death.
Not having the grades posted quick enough were a missing assignment can be turned in late for some credit.	busy location on teh corner of belcher and ulmerton is challenging. but carline seems to be doing a lot better.	some classes do not update gradebook often enough forme to disclipline my child for inadequate preogress/grades
I think l't would be great if you had extra help after school for kids that are having a difficult time learning.	There seems to be teachers that are not experienced and they are not necessarily preparing students for upper grades.	have not really come across one. hard to carpool with middle schoolers.Elementary if pick up person only has elem. kids
Access to the building / parking lot off of Ulmerton and Belcher and lack of exterior space for activities for the kids.	no physical ed field area, standardize the methodology for handing out homework. a bit more oversite of the curriculum	challenging all students to their potential. being more "hands on", more follow through with teachers/students. more structure
Could have more room for sports and could use personal busses for field trips and sports. Could have bigger music and art rooms.	not having high school ;(It seems that if there are any issues they are addressed and handled appropriately. Staff is solution oriented.	i would like to see more stress placed or reading books and book reports, I rarely see my 6th grader reading abook that is required of her.
When changing a teacher from one academic subject to another please make sure that they have the training to teach that subject accordngly.	I do not think that elementary school students should have homework. I do not think that middle school students should have as much homework as is required.	Outdoor activities and options are necessarily limited by lack of space. It's difficult to imagine a better classroom environment given 22 students per class.
Harassing behavior, teasing and general nastiness not dealt with strongly enough. Lunch program has gotten better, but having to bring money each day is cumbersome.	About the only negative I would say (and it has improved a lot) is the coordination of homework so that they do not get homework in a number of subjects the same night.	It some areas its a 50/50, a spanish teacher that has extremely broken english, is a catch 22., and some of the newer teachers behavior is more juvenile than some students.
The area for PE and recess is very limited. This makes it challenging for the students to run fast and play hard and get rid of their energy. Not all teachers keep up with GBW	The morning drop off routine, it is so difficult to get in to the school because of the traffic on the main roads. We try our very best to make it in the parking lot by 7:45 am.	Required my daughter to use my computer for her science homework- didn't like this at all. She should be using her textbook for her homework. Tutors?? 25.00 an hour?????? expensive
There is not enough outside playground / PE space, and too many kids are in this small space at one time. The parking lot is a bit dangerous, mainly during drop off and pick up times.	Keeping parents involved. Trying to find a time when parents can meet with the teachers. They all have duties in the AM and PM so it is hard to get with a teacher before or after school.	keeping the gradebook wizard up to date.Sometimes it takes weeks before the grades are updated. We can't effectively keep our children on track, if the grades are not kept up to date on a every other day basis.
I don't feel that new teachers are adequately monitored and supervised. We have two this year who are dreadful. Location isn't so good interms of safe drop off and pickup. The current procedure is much better. Parking is tough.	my child would like a better playground facility,which i know you are working towards. maybe ifsomeone took notes after meetings that involve improvements and sent them homefor people who don't attend someones passion or ideas would be changed.	My child was being picked on by another student & when I reported it I felt as though ***** talked down to me.... not acceptable!!!! Administration & staff should ALWAYS respect the parents as the parents know their children BETTER than anyone.
My child is drowning in homework most nights, even on weekends and holidays. It was promised that there would be more communication amongst the teachers in an attempt to avoid this but that does not seem to be happening. She barely has time to be a kid.	Focusing too much on negative behaviour. Referrals and COA's seem to be used as a "hit" on the students and generally over very petty issues and often times it seems that the administration goes out of their way to "LOOK" for things to write referrals or COA's about.	Most of the teachers at PPA are awesome, however, my daughter has one this year that I find difficult to communicate with, and who is very inconsistent and doesn't give enough feedback as to what is required or expected. As a result, my daughter does not enjoy part of her day.
Not every child is given the opportunity to	The biggest difficulty, in my opinion, is finding	Raising money, better fund raisers need to be

<p>learn another language. That was one of the biggest reasons we chose PPA and our child was put into Culture. Not that that matters because the gifted children miss Culture. I think every child should have the opportunity to learn another language.</p>	<p>the right math program to tailor to each child's needs. I feel Saxon may not be the best program, as it doesn't have enough day to day repetition within the newest lesson. This allows kids to fall behind faster if they did not catch it the first time.</p>	<p>presented, and trying to volunteer for the school is hard when you are working, not all of things after school or on the weekends the carnival is a great thing, for everyone. Also, the morning car line, it is very hard to get your child on time no matter what time you get there sometimes the traffic is unreal.</p>
<p>I think all schools have the money problems. I would love to see this school have a computer for every student. With all of the knowledge everyone has here, I can't even imagine how far these kids could go. I would also like to have the space for a full cafeteria and not have to rely on another school to prepare our food. I guess just space in general is a problem.</p>	<p>PPA contractually is supposed to help the love of learning and creativity by controlling any and all behavior problems by using William Glasser's system. As of yet, Glasser's system is not, nor has it ever been trained in or used clearly this is wrong, and a terrible weakness, as benignly controlling behavior will lead to loving learning, creativity, and equally so very high test scores in all areas.</p>	<p>the ***** teacher No outside athletic facility Creativity isn't stressed as outlined and expected...in the 5th grade science and math especially. obviously I'm not happy with the *****. There's a lack of respect, creativity, and communications. No accountability for the student regarding their planner, and getting assignments written in so that we can check it. I'd like to know DAILY WHAT'S GOING ON.</p>
<p>I haven't check the homework area or grade book area on the website since last year so things might have changed but in the past several teachers didn't utilize it completely so when my child was absent for several days I often couldn't find any home work for him to complete prior to him returning back to school. I do love this year however that all the teachers e-mail me when he missed an assignment, has a low grade or extra credit to complete.</p>	<p>I think there should be more emphasis on acceptance amongst the students. The cliques and stereotyping are very disappointing. My child has literally changed her style from a moderate amount of punkiness to somewhat "run of the mill" teenage wear (aeropostale/old navy) mid year in order to avoid being accused of being "EMO" or something ridiculous like that. She was in no way "Gothic" but because her clothes tended to be black with hot pink, she felt the stereotyping take place.</p>	<p>I feel that PPA biggest difficulties are parent involvement, I understand it is difficult for parents who work and have other obligations like myself. I work 6-7 days a week atleast 10 hour days so its hard. I feel we need to try to figure out a way to be able to have each of the families at PPA try to make some effort to contribute in helping our school be a success. Also the other difficulties are raising money for our school which I gave some ideas for example raffles that can help in raising funds for the school.</p>
<p>I do NOT feel that all of the teachers are prepared or inspired to actually address the students individual needs. I do NOT think that PPA recognizes that all of their students are internet equipped one teacher actually refused to give my child a text book for her class saying instead that the reading for her lesson plan was available through the internet. Not all parents have the ability to spend hours at the library accessing the internet. I gave PPA a straight A student and now am hoping just to graduate my student and move on. I think PPA is great for kids who do not require special motivating techniques...</p>	<p>1. Grade Book Wizard - teachers that have communication issues do not use it to it's fullest extent. 2. Grade Book Wizard - most teachers are very good about updating grades and assignments in the beginning of a semester, but toward the end of the semester they do not update very often. Therefore, our son has received a lot of "surprise" grades on report cards. 3. An actual hot lunch program would be a great improvement. 4. Late homework policy is much too stringent. Sometimes several classes assign homework on the same night, and slow writers have a lot of problems getting the work done. 5. Car circle routine has improved, but it's still not quite right.</p>	<p>My son, feels that the treatment of male students is different than that of female students. As I have discussed this with a few other students, male and female, they agree. Drop off and pick up has made me not want to get in the line. We typically try to send lunch in with ***** , and sometimes pick up a lunch from Chickfil-a, due to the fact that he does not like the schools offering, and had a teacher say to him, "why do you always eat fastfood". First off is it any of her business? Next, would it had been better if we had not brought him in anything. My wife and I have a very busy schedule along with two business' ministry and our children which total five (even though they are all not at home) adds up to a busy schedule.</p>
<p>i have said and keep saying that the teachers dont do the grade book wizard like they should. i understand that there are alot of students in the school, but it takes way too long for the teachers to get to this. last year i complained about this and it didnt change. last year my one of my kids had grades that didnt show up for a month and by the time the teacher did put it in it was too late to try and make it up before the end of the grading period. this year its the same problem. the teachers should atleast go to the gradebook wizard and let parents know the day something is not turned in so the parent has the time to get with their child to see whats going on. both of my kids have had a problem with turning in their homework this year and if we knew sooner than when it was a week late they would have better grades</p>	<p>I love Grade Book Wizard but the site is only updated once a week or sometimes 2 to 3 weeks at a time. This is a great tool but sometimes my son has gone to school without doing an assignment because he forgot and was not in grade book wizard. Also, test grades are not updated frequently and when the grades are received they are totally different to what i expected. Another area is the discrepancy between the parent/student handbook we received at the beginning of the year. It said that if a student does not turn in his homework, he has another opportunity to do so the next day at a lower grade, however if the homework was not on gradebookwizard and he completes it the next day, the grade remains an F 0% unlike what was said at the beginning of the school year. Other than this issue, I am very blessed that my son goes to PPA.</p>	<p>1. The gradebookwizard tool is not used consistently or to its potential. This is the biggest disappointments of PPA. Because of the inconsistencies of its use the gradebookwizard is nothing more than a slow inconsistent way to see my son's performance. To clarify - gradebookwizard is a good tool that is being poorly utilized. Ideally it would be a wonderful tool for teacher/parent accurate just-in-time performance information of the students. 2. Homework clarity/consistency. from a parents perspective I do not have a proactive way to verify my child's daily homework requirements. My child is going through a procrastination stage and although the teachers have processes in place they are not consistently applied and they are different from each other. This is has allowed my son to go unchecked by me concerning about half of his missed work until the teacher updates gradebookwizard, which can be the same day as long as two weeks later. 3. Not enough resources on line... class books and assignments.</p>

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

Actual Responses:

no idea	not sure	Walkathon
Food fair	don't know	Flea Market
Don't know.	Vegas Night!	Cookie dough,
no suggestions	You all did it :)	Entertainment Book
Candy bar sales.	Entertainment books	The same as this year.
How about an auction?	Do not like fundraisers.	Already doing a great job!
The cookie dough fundraiser	i will have to think about it.	My favorite is the book store.
Helping less fortunate families	entertainment books, walk-a-thon	They have been doing a great job.
We always enjoy the cookie dough!	maybe have a fun fair for the kids.	I liked to buy out of the fundraisers.
candy bars, cookies seem to sell the best.	Skate night(Astro skate) Chuck E Cheese night	Candy grams (halloween, christmas, valentines)
book sale, entertainment books, honey baked ham	A fundraiser for the school library/computer lab	I think you do a good job at the fundraisers now.
Innisbrook? PTEG does a great job w/much variety:)	The Spring fair is great !! Maybe huge yard sale .	Fundraisers that are affordable for all income levels.
children's artwork items technology focused fundraiser	cookies,flower seeds and plants,cookware,dinners cooked.	Sally Foster Gift Wrap = School store at Christmas was cute
CANDY BARS WORLD'S BEST CHOCOLATE...I COULD SELL BOXES AT WORK	The cookie fundraiser. Would you consider a candle fundraiser?	The cookies are always a hit when I sell them for her here at work
It would be helpful to have gradebook wizard updated more frequently	Less expensive not sure what but the single parents have a hard time	Spirit Cups, Carnations at Valentines Day Spring Fair, Auction, Pumpkin Patch
I think there is a good variety already - there are certainly alot of them.	All of the fundraisers have been exciting this year, keep up the good work!	A silent basket auction would be nice around, x-mas or valentines day or easter.
not a big fan of fundraisers especially in these times. do understandthe need however.	Times are tough. Please cut back on fundraising efforts. I do like the Scholastic book sales.	i wish parents could just donate \$25.00 per student per year and forego the fundraiser sales
Entertainment Book, Walk a thon, Pizza Days, Vending Machines with toxic food substances...just kidding	Art Stamps, garage sales, car washes...MORE MEDIA ATTENTION and community involvement would boost the schools name.	I opted for the buyout. I appreciated that opportunity. I would participate in Krisy Kreme FUNd raiser if offered.
The cookie dough was good, and I'm really looking forward to the items featuring our children's artwork! Calendars also are a great idea..	I really loved the entertainment book fundraiser, and I found that the response to the cookie dough fundraiser was great and it was easy to sell.	I FEEL ANY FUNDRAISER THAT BENEFITS THE CHILDREN EITHER ACADEMICLY,SPORTS,ARTS OR CLUBS IS BENEFICIAL TO THE CHILDS GROWTH. THERFORE IT HAS MY SUPPORT.
They have done an excellent job with the ideas they have put forth this year. I would say stay with those that were most profitable and enjoyable and capitalize on them.	Netting for the playfield area and shading for the front area where the children wait to be picked up. Raise money for a new designed playfield area that doesn't include metal fences and grass.	I'd rather you gave an "opt out" choice and ask the parents to donate \$50 instead or something along those lines. With the economy in shambles, my coworkers and employees are struggling as it is.
It is difficult to capture the interests of all of the families involved with PPA, due to the diversity. Perhaps the sale of more PPA logoed materials - different styled shirts, cups, cool hats for the kids, etc.	I would offer an opportunity through are business, Verticals By Noon, any parents, family, grandparents, etc.... who would purchase window treatments from our company, we would return 10% of the purchase to PPA.	Spring Fair, Auction, cookie dough I really like to option to pay all at once at the first of the year and then not worry about the fund raisers. Although we did not do that, I still think it worked for many parents.
The Spring Fair is great. I've found, as a teacher, before I founded PPA, setting up learning centers, using the best cutting edge hands on education materials, that students love, get parents to give money to buy more for the learning centers.	less fundraiser!! Parents like myself have 4 other children to do fundraisers for their schools as well as for sports and PPA does WAY too many. If you did less fundraisers and picked the ones that raise the most \$, more parents would participate.	I enjoy the activities for children but do not like to sell stuff as other schools do the same and people are tired of buying cookies and catalog stuff. Ideas for fundraisers could be pizza night, carwashing, parents night out, movie night, etc.
I like your drop off and pick up policy-however if parents are never in the school it is hard to see notjust your childstrachersbut other personal. I'm not sure how you get parentsmore involved if they can't feel the surroundings the sameway the students and facility do.	crazy hat day each person pays a fee and gets their hand stamped so that the teachers know that they'd paid. Winners are selected according to originality, creativity, and the hat that was most favored by the students and teachers.you can have a panel of judges or let everyone vote. it's lots of fun!You can do the same with hair,shoes, etc.	Just would like to see PTEG be more creative with type of fundraisers. Many of us parents feel that just about every 5-7 weeks we have to hit up everyone we know for money and it's just way too much. It becomes embarassing for us parents and in turn makes it so we don't even participate in a lot of them because of that embarassment. More family function- and togetherness-type fundraisers would be much more beneficial as opposed to: buy cookie dough, now buy an entertainment book, now buy this, that and the other.

<p>Keep the Walk a thon, Spring Fair, Dances, Art Show, How about family fun nights at places like Treasure Island Fun Center, Twedts Bowling... where families pay to play on a specific day and a portion of the proceeds come back to PPA Offer to host a local business trade show at PPA, where parents that own businesses can showcase their products and services... they can pay PPA a fee to be a vendor, vendors can provide giveaways to attendees, bigger products to raffle, free demonstrations during the event, guest speakers... I would participate. Maybe it could be combined with a Career Day / event for the students, similar to The Great American Teach IN.</p>	<p>I believe that fundraisers can be a hit or miss, there are alot of families that may not want to ask friends or family for money for the fundraisers. I feel that we need to come up with some different and creative idea's to raise money for the school. Possibly by raffles once a month throughout the school. Like Movie night a few passes to the show with a gift card for snacks, or gift card to blockbuster, or to local restaurants or theme parks. People are more willing to spend a few dollars or more on a chance to win something that may be fun for them or on the entire family rather than trying to have people buy things from fundraisers that are not always on someone's wish list. People seem to be excited for drawings/raffles. Also it would be a great idea to periodically announce it over the intercom to get the kids involved in helping to raise money for PPA.</p>	<p>The local book that has stores and restuarants in in that only cost \$10. The entertainment book. GIRL SCOUT COOKIES. Get with a girl scout troupe and make sure it is legally okay first but ask to sell the cookies and mark the price up another .25 cents. You pay the girl scouts the full price for their cookies and keep the .25 cents per box for the school. I have roughly 9 people in my office right now that purchase between 2-20 boxes each. They all said for the convenience of not missing out on the cookie season because they never run into the stands outside the stores, having it delivered to the job by me instead of seeking them out and knowing the extra .25 cents a box went to my kids school would be worth paying the extra money alone. I purchase 10 boxes each year myself. Right there you would have \$2.50 full profit from me alone. No cost what so ever because it is all being taken care of from the girl scout troupe. Like I said, legally I don't know if your able to upsell girl scout cookies but I can't believe the girl scout committee would have a problem with it since they are still getting all of their money up front and they are selling more cookies...Send home the flyer telling your parents what your doing and why the additional .25 cents per box is there, send home order forms with the marked up price, ask for the check in full prior to the due date then send your order in total to the girl scout troupe. EVERYONE LOVES THE COOKIES.</p>
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What changes do you think we could make to improve the school?

n/a	Not sure.	love the school
Computer classes	Add high school.	Expand music class
Reduced class size	Adding a cafeteria.	Add a new grade level
More parking avability	add high school program	More positive discipline.
Better teacher involvement.	drama classes,plays,musicals	Doing an excellant job as is
Retain teachers from year to year.	regular parent teacher confrences.	challenge students more academically.
It seems to be running quite well !!	would like to see afterschool basketball	Spanish needs to be longer and more often.
I can't think of any within the schools means.	Larger sports field, indoor multi-purpose gymnasium	Provide school transportation for the needy students.
Need more PE time for the children. PE Clas everyday!!	I think your doing a fine job and just continue forward.	laptops for each classroom. Purchase the building for expansion.
have all teachers required to update gradebook wizzard consistently	Better lunch program, offer more sports opportunity to 4th graders	I AM NEW TO THE SCHOOL AND WOULD NEED MORE TIME TO COMMENT ON THIS.
Buy the storage place next door if there ever becomes an opportunity!	I would like to see more student goal sheets, and standardized test scores	The school has improved dramatically since our 7th grader started in 4th grade.
I beleive th school is doing a wonderful job. My daughter couldn't be happier.	Playground/PE field (easier said than done) Gradebook Wizzard updated by teachers	P.E. facilities. A positive attractor would be having more of an outdoor area for P.E.
BEING ABLE TO EXPAND INTO THE STORAGE FACILITY NEXT DOOR.AND ADD MORE SMALL CLASSROOMS.	open up cafeteria and bring in hot lunches instead of buying lunch from another school.	different spanish program, watching movies are other non-related tasks are not sufficient
Everything is great you now have hot food delivered each day to your school this is great.	I think more careful consideration of teacher placement is the only think I would recommend.	I think having a staff planning together. Also, having the staff trained on available material.
consider sending home information on paper to families who do not have internet access in the home	Mentoring program for younger children. Counseling services to be available at least once a week.	i like this school i just wish that icould do more myself,but with my health its hard. great school
Hold kids more accountable for teasing and harassment. Especially 8th graders towards younger kids.	some teachers need to be more academically prepared and challenging for students who enjoy these things.	Maybe a larger campus with more outside areas for the children and to better accomodate school functions.
I believe the school is doing a great job with what you have, if I think of anything else to add to this ? I will forward a note to you.	I would like to see a larger variety of reading books in your library. **** is an avid reader, but has a hard time finding books to read.	See homework comment (but this has improved a lot over the past year) and a few more clubs (such as computer club and perhaps a science club).
make the lobby area inviting and warmbefore you get to the front desk. but it's not such a big	have the start time start at 8:15 due to the car circle and the traffic on Belcher.	If it's feasable, maybe giving the children a few extra minutes before lunch to visit lockers- to

deal. It would however make a nicer impression.	No matter what time I leave, I sit in traffic on Belcher.	give them a chance to exchange books half way through the day..?
More physical education at school. Forth graders being able to get into the clubs and sports teams. Better communication between parents and teachers through grade book wizard.	consistant use of gradebook wizzard-daily for all teachers. It's an excellent tool and we appreciate those teachers that update it daily to check details of homework assignments.	Have a better schedule for the gifted students: I would like to see more of a rotation; skip phys ed on some days instead of spanish or writing so students get equal time in each.
make sure teachers are qualified to teach certain subjects (spanish)3 year spaninh with a certain teacher was very unproductive for my older daughter who is now bored to 9th grade.	Have parent-student conferences instead of student led conferences for elementary students. We need more input from the teachers, as the students's perspective is, obviously, a bit biased.	Perhaps more encompassing guidance and recruiting for the selective programs available in Pinellas County High Schools (magnet and career school preparation and contacts at the high schools).
Signs at entrances of parking lot denoting this is a school. This may stop people from passing through/taking short cut to McDonald's in the mornings and help drivers cross or get out on Belcher.	Maybe to be mandatory to have nice hand writing, I know maybe is only a small number of students with horrible hand writing like my son, but since he says is not mandatory to improve it he doesn't make an effort about it.	I really think you need to pay more attention to the students and less attention to FCAT and other standerzied test scores. My child was removed from the honors program due to "lack of motivation" and is now so bored he's failing.
More trainings for staff to assist children with variety of learning styles. More interesting projects for children. PTEG to accept feedback from parent versus officers taking over and dictating their ideas only from previous years.	We are extremely happy with all aspects of the school, its structure, rules, discipline tactics, academics and extra curricular activities. It has been an awesome experience and we only wish there was such an offering at the high school level.	Car circle, maybe make it a car line, up the side of the play ground area. I know you had an incident that brought about the new operation of the car line, but there has to be a better way. But I do appreciate that **** can have a walkers pass.
Concerning homework my child, as I answered previously, can get no homework on some days and hours of homework on other days. I think the team of teachers in each grade should work together as not to overload the students on any particular day.	Consistent and effective usage of gradebookwizard by all faculty. With the goal of empowering the parent to be more involved in a timely manner to teach good habits to their students. Including at least posting all assignments and timely recording of grades.	The biggest improvement for your school would be to relocate to a closing school to give the kids an athletic field and more room to have PE, and play after school sports. It would also improve the parking lot issues and traffic trying to get into the parking lot.
Continue to display students' work throughtout the school. Communicate local scholarship opportunities in the school newsletter, example Kohl's has one for ages 6-18, I found out about it through a public school. Maybe there are some geared toward the Arts... just a thought.	My child and I are both unimpressed with the Culture class. They have only learned about Peru and Columbia so far this year. Most of this coming from watching WAY to many movies. I would like another language added instead. Or just have both teachers teach Spanish if another language cannot be taught.	1. Have a traffic engineer do a study to see how car circle can be improved. 2. If you are able to get more building space, make it an actual gym. I've heard horror stories about kids slamming into bleachers during P.E. 3. The library has improved greatly, but more books are always a plus. 4. No homework on weekends.
Wish List--> Field for PE, better music program (require or encourage students to play an instrument)and improve lunch program. Teachers have been great overall but need to employ consistent discipline procedures. Not lax one moment and strick the next. This confuses the students on what is acceptable behavior.	Better communication with the parents. Send home flyers about school dances and upcoming events. The website rarely gives enough information, usually just the date. Why does it seem that teachers and others do not respond to emails? I have found that it takes a phone call to get answers, when my emails have gone unanswered.	1) Replacing Spanish as the foreign language. We believe there should be a different language offered (i.e. Japanese, Latin, Sign Language) 2) We have seen uniforms as positive in other schools, perhaps it would be a good discussion for PPA. 3) More consistent updating of the assignments and homework grades on the website.
oneof the biggestevents around our old school was the jingle mingle at christmas. It was always a huge turn out because the students had a talent showfor the entertainment. Santa and Mrs.Claus were therefor the young kids. in ppa's case for siblings no hugelines like malls or at fair.vendors paid for the table space. also raffles.	Overall, I'm happy with the fantastic education my child receives at PPA....The only complaint I can think of is that the summer camp I was looking forward to last year was only planned for a few weeks so I didn't have my daughter go. I still would have had to pay the church she normally attends summers at to hold her spot if she'd gone.	more materials- textbooks free of charge- tutors BETTER art planning- "projects". This year is the 1st year for my kids- and they brought barely nothing from Art class than their previous school. They have brought many neat art work from there. Just disappointed abt this. all was about for contests, fire dept, etc. I would like some from my kids.
After school teachers should have time to go over things with a student if they do not understand something that they learned. Also, they need to have more after care clubs for 4th graders not too many to choose from. I would like to see big brother and big sister program. Car line for sure, its a mess and no matter what you do its the same every morning.	Hire teachers who have a proven track record of teaching creatively and who actually want to. My child used to love science, and excelled in it until coming here. This year in **** class there's only been a few hands on creativity in that class. I spoke to her about it, and she admitted failure in this. That's nice, but nothing has changed still.	I feel strongly that the school needs to work on rewarding good behaviour. As a suggestion you should try tipping the "behavioral" scales by focusing more on good behaviour. Last year an article on a study done at Harvard regarding positive and negative behaviour was posted online; the group in the study that was constantly punished suffered worse behaviour as a result.
working with small groups of students, especially reading and math, hire more teacher aids, bring more volunteers, daily updating of online grades and assignments, helping parents keep in track with student daily school activities, encourage teachers to update grades and assignments by the end of the school day, that way parents would have chance to be more involved with homeworks, projects, and missing assignments, it would help improve grades and academic progress of students	Better organization - Student assignments are frequently lost and have to be redone. I know because I check my child's homework. And when missing assignments ARE found (in the teachers possession), no extra credit is granted Teacher attendance - Some teachers seem to have substitutes OFTEN. The subs do not teach the normal schedule and when the teacher returns the students are expected to work harder and are unfairly put under more pressure(sometimes missing recess) as a result.	Train every teacher. By requiring every teacher to be certified in gifted. By taking the five core gifted courses, I ask: How can teachers be creative, if the yaren ot first extensively trained in creativity? Plus: buy books/booklets on how to be creative. A creative library ... I am ersonally donating, along with this survey, some of my booklets on creativity, to start a library for teachers on creativity. therer are literally THOUSANDS, scores of such, that can have teachers becoming 6,000x more creative teachers, the very heart of PPA.

Better lunches, I know that the school system offers lunches but they really aren't appitizing to most childre. You could also make additional money for the school by offering your own lunches. I know it would take volunteers (which I don't know if you have enough for day time hours) but offer something different every day. Buy or rent(until you see if it is a big enough hit to purchase one) a hot dog steamer and sell hot dogs for \$1.00 each during lunch time. The profit per hot dog would be .37 cents. That is with me calculating the cost with expensive beef hot dogs and the expensive hot dog rolls. Another idea is asking the kids two days prior if they want pizza. Offer it for a \$1.00 a slice, tell them the money has to be in the day prior and you give them a ticket. Order the pizza for lunch time. You have done this in the past, I guess only you could evalute the difficulty in it because it always sounds easy on paper. Offer Mcdonalds happy meals such as the nuggets. Charge full price but ask Mcdonalds to mark your price to them down so you make a profit for the school. If my kids got fries and nuggets with no drink I would pay full price, maybe mcdonalds would take the price of the drink off your bill to them. Grilled ham and cheese sandwich takes more work but that would be a heck of a profit. I know I could pay for my kid to have one of those at lunch time. Any ways the lunch is the only improvement I think you need to make.

We are considering trying to schedule parent nights with topics for presentations and discussions. If you would like to attend these events, what type of topics would you like to see addressed:

n/a	N/A	None
no idea	various	not sure
not sure	not sure	Excellent!
don't know	not interested-	Student performance.
Behavior and academics	safety on the internet	Yes. Please see above.
Bullying, peer pressure	probably not interested.	Project oriented learning.
Escape School, All Pro Dads	talents show, trevia or play.	Student's ecademic and behavior
How to handle the teenage years.	dealing with child and their attitudes.	How parents can help with Math homework,
Ways to motivate children and or teens.	would like to attend-no specific discussions	What is happening at present and future plans.
academic issues, may be make it more challenging	I WOULD ATTEND ANY EVENT THAT MY SCHEDULE ALLOWS.	With our other obligations I do not have an opinion.
Would attend, but can't think of any topics at this time.	Any topic related to parent involvement and student progress	How parents can help teachers improve behavior in the classroom.
None, I'm too tired to come back to school after working all day.	Most likely if they I were notified in advace via electronic media.	Can't think of any in particular right now but would certainly attend.
Great idea, but probably would not attend. My day is busy enough as it is.	I think having topics covered should include: safety, strangers, peer pressures	Parenting classes to know how to deal with pre teens and kids with divorced parents
yes,any changes directions for the future of ppa parent suggestions guest speakers.	Great idea !! Fundraisers I worry about the budget reading all the state and federal news	Sure we would attend if not at 4pm. If it starts at 6- thats fine with us. Can't think of any topics yet.
Heading to High School Communicating with kids on social issues Homework Help - what are the best choices	Artwork definately! She never brings anything home.. maybe a gallery night every grading period or semester?	internet safety homework help for the parents...LOL health & fitness - getting kids off computers, video games
Quick reviews or syllabuses on the material to be covered and how my child is doing academically and socially.	understanding changes of the middle school years boosting and maintaining a teen's confidence enhancing parent/teacher communications	I would like to see each child's performance shown to their parent and the opportunity for the parents to address any concerns regarding them.
Internet safety How to deal with dramatic divas before they get out of hand! Actually just topics dealing with the problems of teens and preteens.	Social Bullying Dealing with Middle School children Love and Logic presentation and discussion How to effectively help your child with their studies	Raising money for our school that will then in return help different departments in the school to reach there maximum potential. Also for our school to run efficiently.
How to nights would be great; keep students interested in school, deal with being a kid today, help students with thier homework (specific subjects), help students with goals, etc.	Communication through Grade book wizard, prompt reporting of assignments and grades. I have to meet with teachers to make sure that what is reported on Grade book wizard is correct.	this was called parent enrichment at our last school. It was offered first inthe morning right after drop off and then inthe evenings. The topics were great-parent participation was not.
Yes, I would attend. More focus on preparation for High School placement, and affiliions with other schools, including local private high schools, whereby PPA can "market" students based on their interests and/or talent.	What really goes on in our children's school? Can the teachers fill us in with out sugar coating it? How do all the grades interact? What kind of issues are going on? How can we help our kids? How can we help the teachers?	One thing i did as a teacher that more than all else made me a better teacher every year was to keep a notebook on all that I did well, and poorly too. Then, over the summer, I'd refine both teh good and bad too. It really works.
It is so hard because so many families both work and are involved i n so many things. I don't know how successful it would be. Good topics would be: How to get my teenager to open up, how to be effective teachers at home, how can we get our children to want to learn.	Safety of the children, after school tutoring, what children are learning, what new and exciting changes are coming ahead for the school, and how we can improve on putting in 20 hrs of volunteering time and what happens if you do not meet the expectation. Field trips. ect	Financial Literacy - I can customize parent workshops to help parents with ways to teach children financial basics, ways to save for college, identity theft/financial fraud consumer beware, retirement planning etc.As a parent, I would attend presentations on FIRST AID, Stress Management, or parenting classes geared toward Middle School children

<p>1. A small class on exactly what styles/philosophies are employed in the PPA classroom. This would be an activity based course where the parents and teachers would participate together to reach an a solid understanding of PPA.</p> <p>2. A class on what PPA offers to prepare the children for high school. Like high school credits (if any) summer school for students that want to catch up, small class on what Pinellas County offers in the form of high school programs.</p>	<p>If we should be worried that our children could lose their spot at your school with all the talk of changes to the choice program...</p> <p>If spanish is actually required by law. My first son attended spanish throughout his school term with you and recieved high grades but long and short didn't walk away really being about to speak spanish. I did write down that I stongly agree that a second language is good but only if the child really wants to learn it, if it is going to be taught longer than 30 minutes a day and if you can show results the child will walk away after a year actually being able to speak or understand at least a small portion of it. At this point, it's not really educational but it would help them out more to be at least learning sentences or short answers to respond back to someone. I am not so sure learning the spelling, correct writing, etc... is as important right now to them than actually learning how to communicate at least a little.</p> <p>Asking the city to put up signage reading "DO NOT BLOCK EXIT" going out onto Belcher road. Nothing makes me crazier than when the traffic backs up from the light on ulmerton and belcher and the cars block us from being able to exit left onto belcher, are they idiots...Does being able to move up ten feet and stop us from proceeding with our day really make them happy. I have thought of making my own signage and putting it out there every time I try to get out and the cars block me so they can be closer to the red light but I couldn't come up with any thing to put on the sign other than sarcasim about stupid people.</p>
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Do you have suggestions for how we could increase parent involvement at Pinellas Prep?

No	n/a	not sure
not sure	Communication.	Not at present
NOT AT THIS TIME.	Email or phone message.	Parent nights might help
I wish I had more time!!!	More teachers involvement	Have more 'volunteer days'
Doing a great job already!	have more after work nights	mandatory meetings 2-3times a year.
Put a higher price on the "buy out".	Better reporting through grade book wizard.	Make them feel more welcome and appreciated.
Have projects available to be done from home.	I think what you are doing is working already	Parent/student outing -off campus for working families
pinellas prep has wonderful opportunities to get involved	You could make it mandatory, somewhat like the Fundamentals.	Maybe more e-mails on where parents are needed, days, times etc.
Have food! It helps if you are working and don't have time to cook.	Offer free food and giveaways it always worked for me when I did PTA.	For parents with small children, provide child care during PTEG meetings.
I have offered to help via the volunteer coordinator but received no response	Create online meeting or chat room instead of comming to the meeting at school.	have them after school 3-4 occasionally. evenings are not always good for everyone.
No, I think in my case and many other parents is lack of time, no that we don't want to	I think having Homeroom Parents really help the teachers to delegate and involve the parents.	E-mail blasts about specific events at least one month in advance with flexible sign-up commitments.
Maybe a list of jobs that are needed to be performed sent out so that parents can plan their time ahead of time.	email the parents when there are meetings. I do not receive any paper work or notices when there is a meeting, open house.	educational weekend trips involving money raising before-hand such as: car washes, selling of items donated from school families.
send out more requests for help and volunteers. Remind parents that their help is needed. Maybe some after work hour opportunities	A lot of families have 2 parents who have to work so it makes it very hard- make chaperones exempt from paying to go on field trips,etc.	I feel that you do a great job with this. I'm sad to say that because of the distance between home and school,it is hard to come to many events.
No opinion, yet when the school needs or has needed window treatments, I have tried to contribute to the school by doing all of my work at my cost.	-homework pass can be used as token for involvement -plan field trips several months in advance for those parents with fixed schedule to obtain time off	Publish opportunities on the website or gradebook wizard. I know they are posted in the school but it's hard to get in or at arrival/dismissal times.
maybe if the teachers attended the PTEG meetings(at least one each time) this will show that teachers care and the parents will be more enthuse to be involved.	Give parents homework passes when they attend a meeting. After all, parents usually help with homework and I'm sure they'd like a night off from homework as well.	A calender sent to parents that includes inexpensive, predictable, monthly, family-oriented, social activities. Could even include fundraising opportunites
Have more parent-student activities; there is a yearly recycling regatta (could tie in with after school science club), doing charity runs (could tie into health club), etc.	That is a difficult one being that some many of the children live far from the school. When parents get home and have dinner with the kids, there isn't much time to attend a school function.	Being new to teh school this may be avail but at home and school assoc. run by the parents. Room momsand school directory with names,phone numbers,and siblingsso parents can interact with one another.
I would say flyers handed out in car circle would help to spread the word and possibly doing some PTA events that include the students. Parents always seem to make time for it when their children are involved.	Father daughter dance, mother and daughter craft day, mother and son dance, or mom and daughter which ever. Lunch with your parent, breakfast with parent. Grandparents day. There are so many things that you can do.	Do family nights, and offer help to struggling single parent and foster families to be able to attend. Also start a business directory so that parents can network with other parents in business and help each other in this economy.
Honestly, since most of the parents do not live in the immediate area, maybe a program right after school. A good program along with a good meal will go a long way since there is not much left for the parent to do once they get home.	Family skate night... A movie night... I think it's challenging because PPA is not a community school. People live pretty far from the school and find it hard to pop in for a couple of hours to help or to come back in the evenings for events.	Make the voluntary hours mandatory. If each family does not meet the requirements, then they have to pay a set dollar amount in lieu of volunteering. At our child's prior school, each family met its assistance hours or it paid a \$200.00 fee to the PTA.

It is really difficult because 1..the children don't really want the parents around at this age, and 2..very often parents are working and it's hard to find time to participate in anything extra. For me, the desire is there, but the time and energy are lacking.	Think of ways that parents can help without having to spend all the hours volunteering at the school... I would be willing to take projects home (things I can do while the kids are sleeping) that could then be dropped off. Ex: Create Posters for upcoming events, etc.	That's a hard ? many families I talk with are struggling on so many different levels it is so hard to ask for participation but if they can't come to the school possibly there are things that can be done at home. Possibly Grandparents may want to get involved to help there grandchildren school.
I don't know because I have my own problems being involved because I work and have so many things going on. Maybe a sign up sheet with a list of the things that need to be done and send them home with a deadline to be returned with who will be willing to do what, everyone has to choose something.	Let each class plan a class party for the parents Have a few open class days each month where the kids are encouraged to have their parents come in. Separate involvement by grade level - I would be more likely to participate in something with other parents who have kids in my childs classes or grade	Seasonal family BBQs, fundraiser nights at restaurants, and the like. Better organized PTEG meetings and more desire to hear from parents would increase PTEG attendance and involvement. Ask parents more often of their opinions and ideas and really show them that the school cares about what they have to say and that they are genuinely being heard.
Send regular emails of what is needed for the school and all classes on an ongoing basis or special projects. Even though I might not be able to attend my child's field trip I might be able to for another class, etc. Or if computers/equipment need repair someone might be able to pick them up over the weekend and return them on Monday. I would like to do more but have other obligations during the school day.	No, I don't. I don't get involved much because I am a single mom, working about 12 hours a day at my job then another hour or two at home. After the works done at home I am making supper, doing laundry, helping with homework, etc...I don't have time to be involved so I don't know anything that could get me more involved other than me bringing the fund raisers to work and asking my associates if they would like to buy something.	You do mention volunteering in the newsletter, which is good. But if teachers have specific projects they need help on, they could send a flyer home with the children or post the request on Grade Book Wizard. That way, parents would feel more connected with their child's teachers. This is especially good for projects that parents could do at home instead of coming into the school. Anyone that works will have difficulty adjusting their schedules.
1) Have great food for the parents, then 2) let parents go in groups to discuss and put on paper, what they like and don't like about PPA. 3) Town Hall Meetings with freedom to talk openly works too. 4) Buy "wii" software as prizes (a lot) so parents can have something to go home with to excite their children. Perhaps a raffle set up weeks before, can collect enough b=money to buy such software. Parents are a lot of power these days. \$5 raffles sound like a good price.	Here is the thing, I love Pam B. and I think she has done so much for the school. However, I have not found that I am able to volunteer in my own children's classes at all. I have asked my kids' teachers if they need help, but they said that all requests for help go through Pam. Volunteering in my childrens' classes in the past has really helped me see what is going on in the class, and also lets me see if issues, such as not paying attention, are happening. It gives me an insight as to the teacher's style. I learn a lot by being in the classroom. Sometimes I find out that my kids are really not listening well, and it clears up a lot for me.	

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

Done	Done	done
Done	75.%	Done
close	close	done.
1/2 way	Far away	Not very
Not close	completed	not close
Completed	Not close	not close
not close	Not close.	completed.
9.5 hours.	very close	one quarter
pretty close	Not so close	33% complete
4 hours away	I did it all	have over 20
Over half way	I do not know	over and above
not even close	haven't started.	We already have.
3/4 of way there	Completed already	not close at all.
Already completed	Not close enough!	Shamefully behind!
About 4 hours left.	2.5 hours completed.	Maybe half way done.
I believe very close.	Haven't even started.	I am over my 20 hours.
Not close due to work.	Very close if not over.	Have completed this goal.
Already have over 20 hours	Haven't been able to yet.	Right now about 390hrs over
Completed or close if not.	This year, very far from my goal	i am very close in not completed
We are probably close to complete	I think I'm there or over by now.	at least 10 hours so far delivered
I am 7 hours closer to this goal.	After the fair, about 10 hours away.	we have our hours done and then some
We have already completed our hours.	not close enough but i will get it done	not very... I think I only have 4 hrs in

Not at all. My work doesn't allow me to.	I have completed my 20 hours of volunteering.	not close after spring fair should be closer.
Our family has done 19 hours so far this year.	Not very however we have signed up for the Fair.	I have only been able to be there one afternoon.
Very close we are all helping with Spring fair 12.5 hours I have to plan ahead because of working	I have over 200 hours so my 20 hours are complete	not very close this year due to new work schedule.
I fulfilled it, but I am looking forward to more time.	I have about 60+ and still enjoy helping out more.	My wife volunteers and is probably over that already.
We have spent time volunteering and believe we have met the twenty hours.	Unknown. We have spent some time but haven't kept track of it.	My wife has been doing this, I do not know how many hours she has.
I believe I have completed my 20 hours but if not I am sure that I am close.	I will be volunteering for the Spring Fair, but still have many hours left.	not close I wasn't aware that I the parent was required to volunteer 20 hrs.
i currently need 15 hours .as a working parent, i try to get earlymaoning hours.	I should have 10+ hours completed and I am scheduled to work at the carnival	I am doing a field trip Friday and open house whihs will put me about 12 hours.
i'M ONLY A QUARTER OF THE WAY THERE, HOWEVER AFTER THE SPRING FAIR I SHOULD REACH THE GOAL.	It is difficult for me, I haven't been able to assist yet due to my work schedule.	I have already done 20 plus hrs and will continue to volunteer as much as possible.
So far I've only been able to do one field trip this year, but 2 family members attended to help.	I have voluntered for dances, car washes, and in transportation for extra curricular activities.	Half way. I could have been complete my 20 hours but due to the whether, field trip was cancel.
we came in after the year began, and I wasnt aware of these hours, I will definitely try to get on it	Already almost complete, unless PTEG meeting attendance counts, then I have completed my 20 hours.	I'm not close at all. I do plan on volunteering now that I've finished my classes for the semester.
I have about 10 hours, I have not signed into the computer other than a field trip. I did not know to do it.	not close at all, and feeling pretty bad about it, hope to get better before the end of the school year	These are very tough financial times. Soem parents work 2-3 jobs and simply literally don't have thet ime.
my husband and i helped in the book fair in the beginning of the yea,but have not been able to do any other hours yet.	I Would like to get more involved but I work at another school at this time making if very difficult to volunteer.	*** and i spent the hole day the first day with clean up and tv ect. Don't remember how many hours we put together.
It is very hard for us to get any volunteering done during the week. My husband and I both work long hours. Any suggestions for us?	probably have met goal..chaperone on field trips,participate in classroom partes, great american teach in, upcoming spring fair.	probably half way, anotherway we got parents to do their hours was to change for them.Not sure you can do that in public schools.
Close. I work 50 hours a week I donate my time as often as I am able. After hours and weekends are best. I am taking 2 days off to assist with field trips.	Did not know of the goal of 20 hours. Went on one field trip--- so I guess I have about 6 hours. Will work harder to reach this goal.	not close at all. Too hard being a single parent and being able to volunteer at school. Wish I could, really do but have to work to support mt kids
I would be more able to give my time from home on weeknights. Send home any such work with my daughter please, I would like the opportunity to fulfill my volunteer time.	Not close enough, being a single mother of three and working 50 hours a week. I hardly have time to the necessary things at home with my kids much less anything else.	Not close at all.. I plan to chaperone the Science Center trip this friday, and work with the spring fair. My schedule is tight and demanding.. but I do want to help out!
I have helped in volunteering for the Bake Sale, and I'm trying to coordinate our work schedule for my husband and myself to be able to help in the school carnival if possible ?	far from it, this year has been hard, have 3 kids two diff. schools, 60 hrs wek job that has crazy hours. I do understand the importance and look forward to be able to help.	My son will only be in school for the second half of 8th grade, but I will be volunteering to help the baseball team, and should take care of a proportionate number of hours.
In some single parent homes like mine that would be virtually impossible. So sadly, I am apparently failing you. My daughters teacher sends home things I can do in the evenings to help out. I am not failing them.	Not very. I wish I could do more but between sports, work and helping with homework...I just haven't been able to this year, but I'm rescheduling things for next year so maybe I can help more.	I'm honestly not. My daughter is heavily involved in competitive sports and I work full time. She has practice 3 nights a week, Saturday mornings, and competitions once a month over the weekends.
We contributed some hours of volunteering, but still not close to twenty, workdays are very busy for both of us, and only way to volunteer is to take some days off, it would be helpful if there was a chance to volunteer on weekends	not very close. I can't volunteer as much as I can. I work full time - I do not have the flexibility to volunteer as much as I would like to. It's pretty difficult to volunteer - I wish I could do more but can't.	barely none or maybe lucky 1-2 hrs! almost all are during the day- We both worked during the day and get off work around 3-5pm . My husband works nights (2nd job). we did attend Student Led Conference (does this count?)
	We contributed some hours of volunteering, but still not close to twenty, workdays are very busy for both of us, and only way to volunteer is to take some days off, it would be helpful if there was a chance to volunteer on weekends	Not close at all, its very hard to do this if you are a working parent that works from 8 to 5pm, there are not too many things after 6pm and taking off of work sometimes is hard during the day to put in your hours to volunteer, I have spoken to many parents and they say the same thing. Its great for a parent that stays home, they can volunteer all day long.

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

none	not sure	None at this time.
None that I can think of..	We are very excited and pleased with PPA !!	That's about it, Thanks and sorry this is late!
Overall, you doing a fantastic job. We are very pleased.	Please keep the children safe and keep up the great work. Thanks	Overall, PPA is awesome like any other school there is some need for improvement.
My family don't have concerns. We are happy that our children have attended at PPA.	Just the reporting on Grade book wizard and the homework reporting as well. Thanks	explain to students that eating right and eating breakfast helps you throughout the day.
Traffic cutting through the parking lot in the mornings and children walking from McDonalds.	I have no other concerns but i would like to thank you taking care of my most precious child!	The fencing around the playfield is still dangerous and frequently causes injuries to students.

Sometimes I don't feel ***** is with her job. Almost annoyed. Maybe it's just my perception.	I'd like one on one time with teachers scheduled on a regular basis, not student led all the time.	I am very happy to see the change in the lunch program. I wish we could pay for more than one day at a time.
making sure kids are well hydrated in teh hot summer days and allowed to use restroom as necessary without anxiety.	PPA is a great school with great people. The qauality of students overall is far better than most public middle schools	Not a concern, but my child and I really do like the school. Your staff is great and has exceeded my family's expectations in every way.
it would be nice to see the halls and classrooms painted to reflect cheerfulness and warmth. Again it seems not enough emphasis is placed on reading although we stress it at home.	My biggest concern is with ***** , I feel that her heart is in the right place and she is likeable. I do feel her expectatios are too high in some areas and in others they are lacking.	I love PPA and am glad my daughter is here. I have seen a significant difference in her basic understanding of academics. I am glad she has opportunities to express herself creatively at PPA.
I want to make sure my kids are learning- in the same process as the public school (close to). Do not want my kids to be behind. And want to make sure the teachers challenge my kids everyday.	It's administration, faculty and PPA in general seems to me to have momentum in the right direction and I believe will get even better at least in the foreseeable future. Keep up the good work.	again, this concern may be one of newness-but i hate tha fact that i don't know the protocal of anything,when i ask everyoneis veryfriendly but wish there was a way to easily know how to know your system.
My daughter received an F for forgetting to have her agenda signed. I feel that was a little excessive. I also think that all final copies of required essays should be able to be typed instead of handwritten.	Thank you so much for providing a school where my child is shining. I wish we would have know about you sooner so he could have benefited from starting in the fourth grade. I highly recommend PPA to everyone!!	We are very appreciative for everything we have gotten from Pinellas Prep in the short time we have been here. No negatives..only positives, and I never hesitate to tell others about the school and our positive experiences.
Have question. Who is PPA funded by? Is it the state? just like public schools? and if so, are you in jeapordy of closing? or enlarging your numbers? I really like the idea of a small school, especially for the middle school age.	I filled out the survey but we have only been in the school for 1 week. I do not believe it is considered accurate. I like the school thus far. Unfortunately we have not had enough time to really critique each criteria. Although, we are pleased so far.	i think homework needs to be on a schedule,because i'm tired of having plans and find outmychild hasso much work to do that night we have to change things. One night no homeworkand the next night every teacherhas sent omething home and he has to sit there for 3 hours.
1) Teachers desperately need tarining in creativity and Glasser's techniques. both compliment each other. 2) Set up a teacher's library with a few thousand dollars of creativity booklets, appropriate for each grade adn subject levels. Let teachers borrow them on a library system.	It's difficult to balance my child's athletic obligations with the homework assigned. I completely feel that sports and extracurricular activities keep kids out of trouble and in shape. It's a shame that my daughter has to have such a balancing act because she is very dedicated to her teams.	I have been participating in activites to earn my 20 hour volunteer requirement. However, there is no where to sign in. When I asked how this is kept track I was told by the office to keep track myself. I am, but I think that there should be somewhere that we can sign in so there is documented proof.
It would be wonderful if Pinellas County could help cars exit onto Ulmerton & Belcher with "Do Not Block the Intersection" signs at the PPA exits, or, ideally, like some churches get on Sundays, a police officer urging cars to yield when the main lights turn red to let stressed-out parents out of the parking lots to get to work.	This year my child and many other students are having a hard time with a new teacher. We have reports/homework that go missing, grades are dropping in this one class and my child complains of yelling in the class at other students. It doesn't seem very professional to me and we didn't encounter this problem with any teacher last year.	Thank you for remaining an alternative to the crowded Middle Schools in Pinellas County. Just like any other school, Pinellas Prep has good teachers and bad. Some are very good communicators with parents, and some are not. However, overall PPA has been a very good experience for our family. We will continue to recommend the school to friends.
Actually tonight are the student led conferences ... I have gone to them in the past and do not gain anything. I would prefer that papers are sent home throughout the semester so progress can be continuously watched. On a positive note, I think the changes you made in the car circle for drop-off and pick-up are working out great ... students and staff are much safer.	You should find a better way to address the LOST AND FOUND department, to avoid possible misunderstandings and humiliating situations in the future, in which students feel that they can just help themselves to the items left there. The fact alone that the items will be donated to charity gives the children (in my opinion) a feeling of lack of care and concern for their belongings, like they are not important. It just seems a bit unfriendly and I would like to see the school act in a more nurturing way.	I absolutely do not think that a teacher's religious/political views belong in the classroom and feel these should NEVER be heard! Teaching children about the various religious Holidays does not fall into this category. I feel this is necessary. However, I just do not want to know, or have my child know, a teacher's opinion on creation/Darwinism, etc., or who they think should be our President or if they like our President, etc. I feel this is totally and completely unacceptable and inappropriate. If ANY controversial topics are desired to be discussed by a teacher, parental permission needs to be obtained BEFORE it happens! Please reduce homework load!
The only other concern I have is the fact that when I am waiting at the car circle it would be better and safer just to have the man in the middle of the road with the whistle waiving at us when it is time to go. Having him and the other teacher waiving at us is too difficult to watch. I have been waived on by the teacher and then the man is holding his hand up for me to wait because he is letting more cars pull up into the line. We need one person waiving us on because sooner or later an accident will happen because they think they know what the other is doing but the teachers back is turned to the man who is also directing the in coming traffic. We are not stupid parents, we can figure out to stare at the man in front and wait for his single, we don't need two people doing it...Just a thought because I have seen miscommunication between the two more than twice and once is all it takes to have an accident if the parent wasn't looking at the man too.		